

The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 21, 2023

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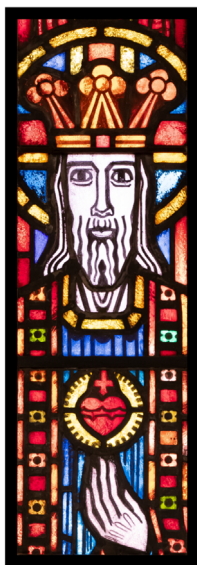
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To register as a parishioner, visit: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:00 N

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Saturday: 4:00–5:00 p.m.

“She Is Indeed Our Mother”: A Holy Hour in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima Tuesday, May 23 | 6:00–7:00 p.m.

The parish's next monthly holy hour will focus on Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day is celebrated on May 13. This feast commemorates the apparition of the Virgin Mary to three Portuguese shepherd children in 1917.

The format of the holy hour will be Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, and will include the Office of Readings from the Liturgy of the Hours. The Office of Readings will feature a sermon by St. Aelred of Rievaulx (1110–1167), an English monk. He declared in that sermon that the Virgin Mary “is indeed our mother, for through her we have been born, not for the world but for God.”

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When parking in the VCU Deck (801 W. Main St.):

1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
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3. Take a photo of the code with your phone
4. When leaving the deck, insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.

PARISH LIFE

Saturday, May 20

- 10:30 a.m. Transitional diaconate ordination
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Sunday, May 21: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (+Marion Voigt) ([Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#))
- 10:05 a.m. Doughnuts on the plaza
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (Carmen Sañez)
- 12:15 p.m. Social Justice speaker series
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (+Vincent Falcone)

Monday, May 22

No Mass

Tuesday, May 23

- 12:00 N Mass (+Bp. Andrew J. Brennan)
- 6:00 p.m. Monthly holy hour
- 7:00 p.m. Volunteer reception

Wednesday, May 24

No Mass

- 7:30 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer) (bit.ly/cshlauds)
- 5:30 p.m. Confessions
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation session

Thursday, May 25

- 12:00 N Mass

Friday, May 26

- 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Virginia Home
- 12:00 N Mass
- 7:30 p.m. The Music of the Renaissance Concert

Saturday, May 27

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (+Jeane Brown)

Sunday, May 28: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Mass (+Margaret Collins) ([Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#))
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (Stone-Tatti Family)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Intercessory Prayers

Sick: Aleen Causieestko, Joan Debiasi, Mary Drexler, Jake Einwechter, Frank Fletcher, Bill Fox, Margaret Huber, Bobby Locke, Madeline Peace, James Raber, Peggy Ross, Lee Wexler, Michele Whitehurst.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Autumn Barrick, Chelsey Cocks, Amy Inman, Hunter Knight, Jill Kraus, Rangle Rivera.

Knights of Columbus Christmas in July Breakfast July 9 | Following 9:00 a.m. Mass | Parish hall

Save the date for the Knights of Columbus "Christmas in July" pancake breakfast.

Cathedral Shop

There are new items available in the gift shop including crucifixes and statues of Mary. Volunteers are also needed to staff the gift shop. Please contact John Dougherty (jd23224@gmail.com)

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year 2022–2023

Regular Offertory	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Amount Budgeted	\$ 13,476	\$ 859,323
<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>\$ 12,584</u>	<u>\$ 883,700</u>
Difference	-\$ 892	\$24,377

We are \$96,479 below last year,
a 10% decrease in Offertory collections.

Cathedral Preservation	\$2,658	\$45,575
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$609	\$43,687
Haiti	\$173	\$21,287
Catholic Campus Ministry	\$60	\$6,667
Religious Education	\$14	\$2,325

Upcoming special and second collections:

May 20: Diocesan Home Missions

YOUNG ADULTS

May 20

Service project | St. Francis Manchester
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 N | 165 W. Clopton St.
Work will consist of transporting soil to raised beds. Contact Kelly Lash (kclash@gmail.com)

May 21

Eucharistic Adoration | St. Bridget Catholic Church
7:00 p.m. | 6006 Three Chopt Rd.

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 25 | Following 11:00 a.m. Mass

Upcoming Concerts

May 26, 7:30 p.m. | June 16, 7:30 p.m.

The Music for a Cathedral Space Concert Series is at the end of its season. Come hear the Cathedral's own *Schola Cantorum* with Forgotten Clefs in their performance of sacred Iberian Renaissance music (May 26) as well as our own director of music's organ recital (June 16).

All details can be found on the Cathedral's concert page at www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts/. Please register today.

2023 Diocesan Appeal

A total of 102 parishioners have donated \$61,445 (100% of our goal). Thank you to everyone that helped us reach our goal. Let's work on surpassing it now! We receive back from the parish share 20% for anything collected up to the goal and 50% for anything collected over the goal.

Scan the QR Code to donate or go to <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>. Please reference The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in the memo line.



WORSHIP

What Does the Ascension Mean?

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Christ’s ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again (Acts 1:11) …Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever” (nos. 665–666).

Volunteer Reception

Tuesday, May 23 | 7:00 p.m.

“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3–5).

In thanksgiving for all parish volunteers, there will be a holy hour followed by a reception in the parish hall. All parish volunteers are invited to attend, and are asked to RSVP at the following link: bit.ly/cshvr2023.

Confirmation

Nine young people in the parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. Please pray for the confirmands.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “By the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (no. 1285).

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“All gather together. Christians come together in one place for the Eucharistic assembly. At its head is Christ himself, the principal agent of the Eucharist. He is high priest of the New Covenant; it is he himself who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration. It is in representing him that the bishop or priest acting in the person of Christ the head (*in persona Christi capitis*) presides over the assembly, speaks after the readings, receives the offerings, and says the Eucharistic Prayer. All have their own active parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way: readers, those who bring up the offerings, those who give communion, and the whole people whose “Amen” manifests their participation.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1348

SERVICE

Mary’s Choice Service Project

Thank you for your generous donations to the Mary’s Choice baby bottle drive. If you have bottles that still need to be turned in, please call the parish office: (804) 359-5651.

May Service Project: The Virginia Home

The Virginia Home (TVH) is a private nonprofit that provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised, regardless of ability to pay. If you would like to help, TVH is requesting the following items to be donated:

- Sunscreen: SPF 50 or SPF 70, lotion or spray
- Sun hats
- Sun visors
- Sunglasses
- Rain ponchos

Items can be dropped off in the bins in the vestibule and parish hall through May 28. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

We need VIRTUS trained adults to help prepare, plan and execute our favorite camp of the year for children: Vacation Bible School. Teen helpers are also welcome to sign up. Every volunteer needs to attend a training session. The camp is July 10–14. The camp will be 9:00 a.m. 12:45 p.m. and the volunteer shift will be 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To sign up, please visit bit.ly/invitedvolunteer.

Lectors

Parishioners are welcome to serve as lectors at Sunday Mass. Lectors must be baptized Catholics, have received their First Holy Communion, attend Mass each Sunday and holy days of obligation, and, if married, be married in the Catholic Church.

The ministry of lector is also open to young people who are at least in the 6th grade, and who are enrolled in a Catholic school or religious education program.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states that lectors should be “people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture” (no. 101).

Those interested in serving as lectors are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

Livestream

The Cathedral parish livestreams the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to help. Training and equipment are happily provided. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to conduct the livestreaming of the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word concludes for the school year this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The children gather at the Mary chapel right before the First Reading, and return following the Universal Prayer. A special thanks to our adult volunteers Susan Puglisi and Sarah Clair, and teen helpers Olivia and Birdie.

High School Work Camp

June 12–15 | Register: bit.ly/RVAHSYG23

High school students join us for service, fellowship, fun and worship on June 12, 13, 14, and 15 at the Cathedral and other city parishes. This is a great chance to work with other teens while serving the needs of others. The camp is just \$30 but the opportunity is priceless. Camp is for rising freshman through rising seniors in high school.

Vacation Bible School 2023: "You're Invited"

July 10–14 | Register: bit.ly/VBSinvited

Children 4 years old through rising 5th grade spend a week with crafts, games, outdoor play, fun, snacks, and Bible stories. We will have a special time in the church each day, including daily prayer. VBS runs from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per camper. Cathedral parishioners have priority registration until May 15. Sign up today.

EPIC

August 19 | Middle-school Students | Register: bit.ly/MSYGEPIE

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for middle-school youth (rising grades 6–8). We will attend as a parish at St. Edward Catholic Church (2700 Dolfield Dr.). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: building community and friendships with other middle-school youth, and encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. Join us, it is going to be EPIC! To register, visit: bit.ly/MSYGEPIE.

Sacrament Corner:

Holy Communion and Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens the grace of Baptism, helping a Catholic to spread the faith by word and deed. Confirmation in the Diocese of Richmond normally takes place at age 15 and sophomore year of high school.

Parents interested in having their child or teen prepare for the Sacrament of Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation are asked to contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechist Corner

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

— www.loyolapress.com

ADULT

Adult Confirmation Session

May 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Office

Adult Confirmation is for Catholics who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. "[The sacrament] is called Confirmation because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace" (*Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 266).

"The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. ...It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 268).

Please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org) for more information.

RCIA Inquiry Sessions

June 7, July 12, August 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Office

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart offers a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); this is an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on Catholic teachings, scripture reflections, faith sharing, and prayer. This spiritual journey is for adults who have not been baptized, those who have been baptized in another faith tradition and adults who were baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion. Please come to a session to inquire about the RCIA process.

Adults who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to the RCIA process. If you are interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Spiritual Pilgrimage with Dcn. Chris Malone

September 27 – October 7, 2023

Join Dcn. Christopher Malone on a spiritual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, Spain, and Portugal to visit our Blessed Virgin Mary's many gorgeous shrines. This is an 11-day tour, September 27–October 7, 2023, for \$4,399, including airfare, 4-star hotels, daily prayers, arrangements for Mass, local tours, breakfast, dinner, and more. Reservations are available now. Spaces are limited. For further information, please contact Alba Kim (804) 298-4035 | tours@albastours.com | albastours.com