

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

Dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, 1906
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2023

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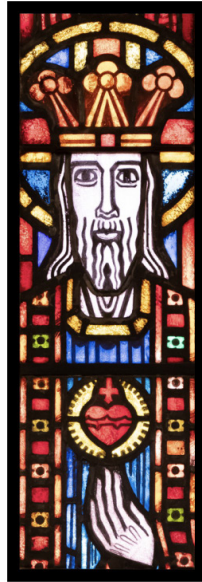
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

Mass on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23 | 9:00 a.m.

Attending Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the perfect way to offer thanks to God. Thanksgiving is an essential feature of the Eucharistic Celebration and gives rise to the name “Eucharist.” According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal—God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification” (no. 1328).

Thanksgiving Day is also, in a sense, the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (November 29, 1906). The consecration of the Cathedral was scheduled on this quintessential American holiday to symbolize the compatibility of the Catholic faith and American society, and the determination of Virginia’s Catholics to participate in it.

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MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 12:00 N

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 4:00–4:45 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 p.m.

QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



Valid until June 30, 2024

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

1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
2. Use this code from this bulletin or:
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.

COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 18

12:00 N Funeral Mass (+Stephen Michael Fleck)
 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass (+Mary Elizabeth Meehan)

Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m. **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Mass (+Cathedral Knights of Columbus)
[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)
 10:05 a.m. Catechesis (PreK–middle school)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (+Mary Agnes Eshman)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Monday, November 20

12:00 N No Mass
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Assembly

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 N **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Mass (+Joan Weir)

Wednesday, November 22

7:30 a.m. **St. Cecilia**
 Lauds ([bit.ly/cshlauds](#))
 12:00 N Mass (legal protection of unborn children)
 6:00 p.m. Adoration and confessions

Thursday, November 23

9:00 a.m. **St. Columban**
 Mass (+Thomas Fortune Ryan)

Friday, November 24

12:00 N **St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**
 No Mass

Saturday, November 25

4:00 p.m. **St. Catherine of Alexandria**
 Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass (+Katherine and Shephard Harder)

Sunday, November 26

9:00 a.m. **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
 Mass (+Elda Elisa Brouwer)
[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)
 10:05 a.m. Catechesis (PreK–middle school)
 11:00 a.m. Mass (+Joseph Marques)
 5:00 p.m. Mass (*pro populo*)

Intercessory Prayers

Pope's monthly intention: We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Sick: John Aune, Joan Debiasi, Mary Drexler, Jake Einwechter, Frank Fletcher, Dennis Halloran, Margaret Huber, Bobby Locke, Shep Christopher Moran, Roger Neathawk, Colleen O'Connor, Madeline Peace, James Raber, Peggy Ross, Elizabeth Storm, Eugene Trani, Lee Wexler, Michele Whitehurst.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Autumn Barrick, Courtney Calloway, Leigha Chaney, Isabel Fedroff, Kendall Fleming, Kishan Gadkar, Menelik Glover, Sean Gottschalk, Samuel Hammock, Noah Harvey, Darren Huany, Tristan James, Jill Krais, George Lane, Louis Moelchert III, Samantha Moulds, Zach Myers, Matthew Nelson, Corina Nuckols, Rachel Nunley, Brian Ornder, Ashley Payne, Maria Quezaba, Gabriela Ribero, Rangle Rivera, Nicholas Simpson, Diyan Sinclair, Rachel Stuppy, Rowland Taylor.

YOUNG ADULTS

For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults.

November 19: Lunch at Papatella after "Rome the Dome" tour

November 28–29: Advent Bible Study begins

January 28: "Four Prayers to Live By" with Fr. Tony

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

Regular Offertory	Last Week	Year-to-Date
Amount Budgeted	\$13,020	\$276,580
<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>\$15,957</u>	<u>\$266,367</u>
Difference	\$2,938	–\$10,213

Second collection

November 19: Cathedral Preservation Fund

Financial Corner

The Cathedral has withdrawn \$117,000 from its endowment fund to pay for normal operating expenses. Fr. Tony made this decision upon the recommendation of the finance council. Even with this withdrawal, the parish is projected to have a cash shortfall of \$43,000 by the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2024). The current situation reflects the trend of falling offertory income over the past five years (since 2018), compounded by rising prices. Parishioners are kindly asked to consider increasing their offertory contributions to help cover this deficit, as expenses have already been significantly reduced.

Farewell

I would like to announce that I will be moving on from my role as business manager of the Cathedral and have decided to embark on a new journey. My last day will be December 8. It has been an incredible experience serving the parish, and I am filled with gratitude for the friendships I have forged during my ten years here. I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Tony, the Cathedral staff, and our volunteers for their exceptional teamwork over the years. As I step into this next chapter of my life, I kindly ask for your prayers and support. I am eager to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. Thank you.

—Tiffany Baham

"Rome the Dome"

November 19 | 12:15 p.m.

Parishioners are invited to participate in a tour of the Cathedral, including the crypt. Several elements of "Rome" are noteworthy in the church and will be explained by Edie Jeter, archivist of the Diocese of Richmond.

Make the Dome Your Home

All who regularly attend Mass at the Cathedral are encouraged to register in the parish—to make your spiritual home here. Once you've "moved in," you'll receive the latest updates about Cathedral events and service opportunities. The next step is just a click away: <https://bit.ly/jointhecathedral>.

Cathedral Shop Stock

New Advent and Christmas items are available for purchase in the Cathedral Shop, along with 2024 Sunday missals. They have also restocked the Cathedral hoodies. Stop in and browse their lovely supply of all things "Cathedral" and more.

WORSHIP

Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming

Sunday, November 19 | 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Two liturgical rites mark a person's formal entrance into the catechumenate—the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—which is the process of instruction for membership in the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (9:00 a.m.) publicly recognizes the aspiration of those who are unbaptized to enter the Catholic Church by receiving the three sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Official candidates for baptism are called catechumens.

The Rite of Welcoming the Candidates (11:00 a.m.) acknowledges the intention of baptized persons who wish to prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. These candidates include persons baptized in another Christian denomination who seek to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, and those baptized as Catholics who did not receive instruction in the faith.

Christ the King

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Collector opening prayer for that Mass indicates the purpose of the celebration: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise."

This petition is drawn from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18–27). As Christians, we believe and hope that Christ, who is Lord of the world and its history, will renew the universe when he comes again at the end of time. In this way, Christ's Second Coming (Parousia) will seal the definitive victory won by his passion, death, and resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 668, 671).

Eucharistic Procession

November 25–26

A Eucharistic procession will take place at all Masses (except the Sunday 9:00 a.m.) to commemorate the 118th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral (November 29, 1906). A Eucharistic procession offers the faithful an opportunity to give public witness to their faith and devotion to the Eucharist, which is Christ himself.

Notes from the Choir Loft: Sunday's Motet

"God Be in My Head": This 16th century Sarum prayer (from Salisbury, England) places God in the center of everyday life at every moment, in every bodily sense. The text implores God to be in one's head and understanding, eyes and looking, mouth and speaking, heart and thinking. Finally, the text asks for God to be at one's end and departing. Famed composer John Rutter (b. 1945), allows the text to shine in this simple, beautiful setting.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

— Saint Angela of Foligno (1248–1309)

SERVICE

November Service Project:

Saint Francis – Manchester

Saint Francis – Manchester is an assisted living community that provides affordable, quality care for seniors with limited financial means. Your support is greatly appreciated. Bins will be available in the church vestibule and parish hall to drop off requested items:

- socks
- gloves
- blankets
- word search/sudoku activity puzzles
- sketch pads of varying sizes
- Fall-theme holiday decor items
- Wal-mart \$10 or \$20 gift cards (**please place in collection basket**)
- scarves
- hats
- markers
- colored pens
- colored pencils
- puzzles of all sizes

Advent Giving Tree

The Cathedral's annual Advent Giving Tree project will soon be underway. If you would like to participate in this project, you will be able to take one or more ornaments from the tree in the church vestibule, and then drop off the requested items under the tree, with the ornament attached. Financial gifts can be dropped off in the collection baskets or at the Cathedral office (please write checks to "Cathedral of the Sacred Heart", with the organization in the memo line.)

Knights of Columbus Raffle

January 28, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available for the second annual Knights of Columbus raffle. Prizes are gift cards of \$500 (first prize), \$250 (second prize), and \$100 (third prize) to a vendor of choice. Tickets are available from any member of the Knights or at the Cathedral Shop. It is not necessary to be present to win.

Altar Servers

The ministry of altar server is open to children and young people who have received their First Holy Communion and who regularly attend Sunday Mass. Parents of children and young people who would like to serve Mass are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

Sacristans

Sacristans are liturgical ministers whose service helps to ensure a worthy and reverent celebration of Mass (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 105b). Volunteers are needed to help set up for Mass and clean up afterwards. Duties include arranging the liturgical books, sacred vessels, and other items. There would be two time slots for sacristans: 45 minutes before Mass for preparation, and 20 minutes afterward to put things away. Parishioners could volunteer for either or both time slots, choosing which weekends they would be available. Scheduling would take place through the parish's online scheduler. Training for the ministry of sacristan is happily provided. If you would like to serve the Cathedral as a sacristan, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Potluck Lunch and Advent Activities

November 26 | 12:30–2:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

After the 11:00 a.m. Mass and Eucharistic Procession, there will be a potluck in the parish hall. Following lunch we will make an Advent card for a homebound parishioner, plant a paperwhite, play a few rounds of Advent Bingo, and have lots of resources for you for the upcoming Advent season.

This is an opportunity for the community to come together to prepare for the coming of the Savior. All ages are welcome. \$5.00 per family. Sign up for the potluck lunch at <https://bit.ly/adventpotluck23>.

Children's Choir Resumes for Christmas

The Cathedral Children's Choir will begin their preparations soon, led by parishioner Amy Hruska (aghruska@verizon.net). Choristers must be present for every rehearsal.

- December 3 10:05–10:55 a.m.
- December 10 10:05–10:55 a.m.
- December 17 10:05–10:55 a.m.
- December 23 10:00–11:00 a.m.
- December 24 3:00 p.m. call for the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Children's Christmas Pageant

Help us tell the story of the birth of Christ and be a part of the blessing of the crèche. Angels and shepherds are needed for the pageant. Ages 4–18 are invited to participate. Register your child or teen to participate today (<https://bit.ly/Cathedralpageant2023>).

Please come to one of the following costume pick-up and brief rehearsals:

- Sunday, December 17 12:15–1:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 18 6:00–6:45 p.m.

Diocesan Youth Conference

February 9–11, 2024 | Richmond Convention Center & Marriott

Register before November 30 and save \$50 per participant. All 8th–12th grade teens from across the diocese are invited to the Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC). DYC is an annual weekend event that gathers hundreds of Catholic teens together in downtown Richmond. Participants will be inspired to live the Gospel through keynote and breakout sessions, a service project, sacramental reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, and Mass with Bishop Knestout. From sacraments to free time activities, DYC is an opportunity for teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them—don't miss out! Register before November 30 and save \$50 per participant. Registration is now open. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechist Corner

Advent begins December 2. It is a season of preparation and a time of reflection. Use the daily *examen* to review your day. Try it with these simple steps from Loyola Press: <https://bit.ly/lpexamen>. Once in the habit of doing the daily *examen*, receive the sacrament of Penance.

ADULT

Advent Bible Study

[Registration](#) is open for small group opportunities for Advent. Come together with other Cathedral parishioners in a small group setting. Groups will meet once a week for four sessions. After you sign up for a small group, we will share details on picking up your book and the specific home address for each host:

- Downtown Group: Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 | 6:30–8:00 p.m.
- West End Group: Tuesdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 | 7:00–8:30 p.m.
- Young Adult Group (ages 18–39): Wednesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Becoming a Catholic: A Journey of Faith

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? The Cathedral 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 denomination, and adults who were baptized Catholic but did not receive instruction in the faith. Please contact Maria Thorsen for more information (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Provide a Meal for an RCIA Session

Each RCIA session begins with a meal provided by our parishioners. Sharing a meal together creates a faith community, where people come to learn about the Catholic faith. If you would like to provide a meal, please use the sign up form (<https://bit.ly/RCIAMeal>) or email Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is for Catholics who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Please contact Maria Thorsen for more information (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing

February 21, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Preslaysa Williams, Catholic campus minister at Hampton University and Norfolk State University.