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January 21, 2024

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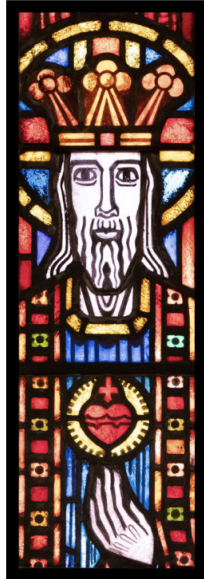
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

MASSES

Tuesday–Friday: 12:00 N

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Saturday: 4:00–4:45 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

“Each Day He Aimed Ever Higher”: A Holy Hour in Commemoration of St. Paul Tuesday, January 23 | 6:00–7:00 pm

Each month, the parish observes a holy hour that includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, sacred music, silent prayer, and benediction. The holy hour is a way to deepen one’s love and appreciation for the Eucharist, which is Christ himself.

This month’s holy hour will focus on St. Paul, whose conversion is celebrated on January 25. According to St. John Chrysostom (ca. 347–407 AD), “Each day [Paul] aimed ever higher... The most important thing of all to him... was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ.”

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COMMUNITY

Saturday, January 20	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
4:00 pm	Confessions
	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Mass (Julian and DeAnn Malcolm)
Sunday, January 21	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Mass (+Thomas and Elena Curran)
	Cathedral Facebook Livestream
10:05 am	Catechesis (PreK–middle school)
11:00 am	Mass (+Sandra Fleming)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Assembly meeting
Tuesday, January 23	St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
12:00 N	Mass (+Antonio Evola)
6:00 pm	Monthly holy hour
6:00 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesday, January 24	St. Francis de Sales
7:30 am	Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds)
12:00 N	Mass (+Tricia Anne Cassella)
6:00 pm	Adoration and confessions
Thursday, January 25	Conversion of St. Paul
12:00 N	Mass (+Sebastiano Sparacio)
Friday, January 26	Sts. Timothy and Titus
12:00 N	Mass (+Clarence Leo Bullock)

Intercessory Prayers

Pope's monthly intention (January): For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Sick: Joan Debiasi, Mary Drexler, Jake Einwechter, Frank Fletcher, Kathy Gideon, Richard Herberle, Cathy High, Margaret Huber, Bobby Locke, Shep Christopher Moran, 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, Benedict Bean, Molly Bergen, Leigha Chaney, Lawrence Creech, Isabel Fedroff, Kendall Fleming, Kishan Gadkar, Isabella Glasgow-Cofield, Menelik Glover, Sean Gottschalk, Samuel Hammock, Noah Harvey, Darren Huany, Tristan James, Jill Kraiss, George Lane, Nina LaPres, Reed Lutow, Chip Moelchert, Samantha Moulds, Zach Myers, Mark Nelson, Matthew Nelson, Corina Nuckols, Rachel Nunley, Brian Ornder, Ashley Payne, Maria Quezaba, Gabriela Ribero, Nicholas Simpson, Diyan Sinclair, Rachel Stuppy.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

January 23	Monthly holy hour 6:00 pm
January 24	Pizza & Wine and "Four Prayers to Live By"
	Adoration and confession: 6:00–7:00 pm
	Pizza & Wine in the Parish Hall: 7:00–7:30 pm
	Presentation: 7:30–8:00 pm
	\$10 per person, \$15 per couple
	Registration: https://bit.ly/YAfourprayers

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	January 13–14	Year-to-Date
Amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$489,723
Amount received	\$18,134	<u>\$452,106</u>
		–\$37,617

Owing to a robust Christmas collection and other contributions, the parish has reduced its deficit by half, from \$75,125 to \$37,617. The Cathedral seeks to collect an average of \$17,000 per week in order to meet its budgeted expenses (\$895,000 total for the fiscal year). These expenses are normal operating costs (e.g., payroll, utilities, insurance). They are separate from other expenditures such as the new pipe organ, rectory renovation, and charitable giving.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22

This day of penance marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (1973), the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States. The *Dobbs v. Jackson* case (2022) overturned *Roe*, leaving it to individual states to regulate abortion.

To mark the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Catholics are obligated to undertake some form of penance in reparation for sins against human dignity, particularly abortion. Penance can include fasting, abstaining from eating meat, performing works of charity, and/or spending extra time in prayer.

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

January 28 | 6:00 pm | Parish Hall

The Cathedral Knights annual spaghetti dinner is just a week away. Dinner consists of homemade spaghetti (meat and meatless sauces available), salad, bread, dessert, and a drink: \$5/CCM student, \$8/individual, \$20/family.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception

January 31 | 6:00 pm | Church and Parish Hall

"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 the following link:

<https://bit.ly/cathedralvolunteer>.

Pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr. Patrick Golden May 13–23

There are still a few spots available for this tour to Italy, which includes seeing the Eternal City, Rome, the Cradle of the Renaissance, Florence, and the City of Canals, Venice. For more information contact Alba Kim (804/298-4035, tours@albatours.com, or albatours.com).

WORSHIP

Sunday of the Word of God

January 21

Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. The purpose of devoting one Sunday to the written word of God is to help the Church encounter the risen Lord more profoundly, because Christ is present when the Scriptures are proclaimed as Mass:

"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'" (*Aperuit illis*, no. 1).

Collecting Palms

Palms that were blessed last year on Palm Sunday are now being collected in preparation for the beginning of Lent. After the palms are burnt, the ashes are imposed on the forehead on Ash Wednesday (February 14). Please deposit the palms in the baskets that have been placed at the entrance to the church.

The connection between Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday highlights an important truth: we undertake penance knowing that Christ has already conquered sin by his passion, death, and resurrection. The Lord's victory is meant to be ours as well.

Lauds (Morning Prayer)

Wednesdays | 7:30 am | Zoom: bit.ly/cshlauds

Pray the church's beautiful Morning Prayer with fellow parishioners. This prayer lasts 20 minutes and is a great way to start the day. Make it a weekly habit in 2024 or just attend as you are able.

Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

Later this month, flooring work will commence in the choir loft. The Cathedral's third and final organ is on track for delivery on April 1. In addition to the choir and continuo organs hand crafted by the same firm, the gallery instrument will be the magnum opus of Juget-Sinclair Organ Builders of Montréal, Quebec, Canada. It will be fully functional by September, once voicing is complete (the process by which every, single, individual pipe is made to sound at its full potential is called "voicing").

Please help the Cathedral Foundation fund this instrument: adopt a stop or pick a pipe! To learn more or to select the perfect gift for yourself or a loved one, visit AdoptAStop.org.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence."

— St. Francis de Sales (1567–1622)

SERVICE

January Service Project

Homeless Ministry

This month's service project benefits the homeless ministry at Peter's Pro-Cathedral. Non-perishable, non-outdated food items are being collected through January 28. The following items are most needed:

- Canned meat (tuna, chicken)
- Pasta & spaghetti sauce
- Dry cereal
- Oatmeal
- Hearty soups
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Canned beans

Thanks to those who have already donated. We collected 22 bags and several cases of food over the weekend.

Social Justice Speaker Series

Nuclear Disarmament: Wise Words for our World

January 28 | 12:30 pm | Parish Hall

Deacon Chris Barrett, M.Div, Notre Dame, contemplative activist, former peace education center director, and concerned grandfather, will speak on the state of the international nuclear arms race, on biblical bases and Church teachings on the morality of it, and on ways committed Catholics can be peacemakers during the week of the third anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entering into force.

The Hamas — Israel War: A Path Toward Peace

January 31 | 7:00 pm | Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville

Join former USCCB Director of International Justice and Peace Director Stephen Colecchi for an unbiased and neutral discussion on the moral questions raised by the current war. He will examine how Israelis and Palestinians might achieve security and peace for both peoples. Please register in advance (<https://bit.ly/48D8KTC>).

SAVE THE DATE

Virginia March for Life

February 21 | 11:00 am | Virginia State Capitol

<https://vaprolifeday.org>

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 (tmarquess@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

High School Youth Group

January 28 | 2:00–4:00 pm | Parish Hall

High school students (9th–12th grades) join with other young people from neighboring parishes to deepen their understanding of the person of Christ and grow in his likeness in a welcoming environment. It's a respite in a teen's busy week. All high school students are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

July 8–12 | Vacation Bible School

It is the best week of summer with games, crafts, snacks, music, skits, bible stories and more. Volunteers are needed for planning, decorating and the week itself. For more information, contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

First Holy Communion

Every Catholic remembers receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This sacrament contains the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and strengthens our union with him. First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in second grade or older. It is preceded by the sacrament of Penance. To receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, a child must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Several preparation sessions are also required. Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechetical Corner

In the coming weeks, children ages 6–8 are in the True Vine Atrium, which is part of the Catechesis of the good shepherd. In the coming weeks, atrium will be focusing on the Sacrament of Baptism, the parts of the Mass, and basic prayers.

If you would like to register your child or have questions about programs for children and youth, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

ADULT

Becoming a Catholic

A Journey of Faith

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Cathedral offers a process called 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 did not receive instruction in the faith. 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).

Speaker on the Eucharist as Fulfillment

January 30 | 7:00–9:00 pm | St. Benedict Church, Richmond

Join Dr. Ximena DeBroeck, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, and discover how salvation history in the Old Testament is fulfilled in the incarnation, passion and resurrection of Jesus, calling us to deeper conviction of the real presence of the Eucharist and to imitate Christ as disciples.

Adult Confirmation

January 31, February 7, 15 | 6:00 pm | Parish Office

Adult confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. You may attend the upcoming sessions or schedule individual sessions.

To register for these sessions please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing

February 21 | 6:00–8:30 pm

Registration is now open for the Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing event, February 21. This event continues the legacy of Deacon Williams by providing education about racism and Black Catholic history in the Diocese of Richmond. The speaker is Preslaysa Williams, actor, author and Catholic Campus Minister of Hampton University and Norfolk State University, two historically Black universities.

Consecrate the World: Our Eucharistic Mission

March 16 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The focus of this parish-wide mission will be lay people's grand and noble calling—to consecrate human civilization to God through daily life and work: "The laity... seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world... in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life... They are called there by God that... they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven" (Vatican Council II, *Lumen gentium*, no. 31 §2).