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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques
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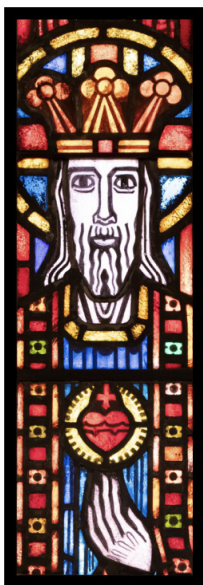
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am–4:00 pm

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



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

Ash Wednesday

February 14 | Masses: 12:00 N, 6:00 pm | No confessions

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The purpose of this holy season is to prepare us, through penance and conversion, to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Catholics ages 14 and above are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 1251–1252). Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast from the normal amount of food (canons 1252–1253; US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Complementary Norm to canon 1253 [1983]). When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, two smaller meals may also be taken, but should not equal a full meal. Expectant and nursing mothers, and those who are ill, are dispensed from the obligation of abstinence and fasting.

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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, February 10	St. Scholastica
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Joseph Scala)
Sunday, February 11	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Mass (+Rev. Msgr. William V. Sullivan) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
10:05 am	Catechesis (PreK–middle school)
11:00 am	Mass (+John Vargo)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, February 12	
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, February 13	
12:00 N	Mass (+Collective month's mind)
6:00 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
7:30 am	Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds)
12:00 N	Mass (+Antonio Salvatore Buffa)
6:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Thursday, February 15	
12:00 N	Mass (Michael Leer)
Friday, February 16	
12:00 N	Mass (Alejandro Lemus)
6:00 pm	Confessions and soup supper
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

Intercessory Prayers

Pope's monthly intention (February): For the terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Sick: Frank Fletcher, Kathy Gideon, Richard Herberle, Margaret Huber, Allison Leighton, Shep Christopher Moran, Madeline Peace, 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, Samuel Hammock, Noah Harvey, Kia Heinrich, 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 Monteiro Ribeiro, Nicholas Simpson, Diyan Sinclair, Rachel Stuppy.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

February 17 Mass | St. Michael, Glen Allen | 5:00 pm
Post-Mass meet-up | Lake House | 6:00–8:00 pm

March 16 Eucharistic Mission | Cathedral | Young Adult Small Group | 10:00 am

Into the Heights Young Adult Day of Lenten Reflection & Hike | Crozet

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	February 3–4	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$540,384
Weekly amount received	\$15,994	<u>\$619,064</u>
		\$78,680

Last week the Cathedral received an unexpected gift of \$100,000, which has generated an operating surplus for the time being (\$79,573). This windfall is a reason for gratitude. Still, the parish needs consistent contributions (an average of \$17,000 weekly) to pay for normal operating expenses (e.g., payroll, utilities, insurance). Several parishioners have recently increased their contributions, and those donations are helping the Cathedral to meet its financial goals.

Urgent Action Needed

Today we urgently renew our call to tell your legislators to stop assisted suicide legislation. Click here (<https://bit.ly/49um39b>) to oppose HB 858. Then circulate this alert to family, friends and others in your communities.

The House assisted suicide bill is heading to the floor as soon as Monday or Tuesday (February 12 or 13). Please respond now to the bishop's statement and call to action.

In prayer and in public, your voices are urgently needed to bring Gospel values to bear on vital decisions being made by those who represent you.

Annual Appeal

February 17–18

This yearly collection funds worthy projects such as seminary education, care for retired priests, campus ministry, the fuel and hunger fund, and St. Francis–Manchester (a residence for the indigent elderly in Richmond). The Cathedral's goal this year is \$57,750 (out of a total diocesan target of \$4,169,230). The parish receives back 20% of the funds received up to the goal (\$11,550), and 50% of the funds above the goal. For last year's appeal, the Cathedral received back \$38,718.

Lost and Found

We currently have the following items in lost and found:

- small "camp scene" water bottle with orange lid
- child's sunglasses (black with white polka dots)
- 4 toy cars (green, red, pink and yellow)
- small orange rubber alligator
- pack of "boogie" wipes
- ball caps (blue "Kaiser Permanente", green "Knockdown Nine", black "Guadalcanal")

Please contact Katherine Leer (kleeer@richmondcathedral.org) if any of these items belong to you. Unclaimed items will be donated on February 29. Thank you.

Rite of Sending

February 10 | 5:00 pm

The Saturday vigil Mass includes the Sending of the Catechumens for Election. By means of this rite, the parish acknowledges and publicly prays for those unbaptized adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil.

The catechumens will be presented to Bishop Knestout next Saturday (February 17) at the Rite of Election, and chosen (elected) for the Easter sacraments.

Adult Confirmation

February 11 | 9:00 am

Congratulations to Nicholas Simpson on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. “It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace” (*Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 266). Furthermore, “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” (no. 268).

Confessions, Supper, Stations of the Cross

February 16 | 6:00–8:00 pm

On the Fridays of Lent, confessions will be heard from 6:00–7:00 pm in the church, while a soup supper is served in the parish hall. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 pm in the church.

Notes from the Choir Loft

Sunday’s Motet

Edward Elgar (1857–1934) unknowingly epitomized social change in Georgian England. Always feeling like the odd one out, Elgar came from a poor family of amateur musicians, was a Catholic in a predominantly Anglican society, and had no formal training in composition, yet billed himself as a composer. With great irony, Elgar was the first composer from England since Henry Purcell (17th c.) to gain international fame; his marches (like the famed “Pomp and Circumstance” performed at graduations) defined British military music (as John Philip Sousa’s did for the USA); and he was knighted by the monarch. His *Ave Verum Corpus* reflects the aesthetic values of Catholicism: noble, simple, and beautiful.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ’s sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1368

February Service Project

Bloom by PRC (Pregnancy Resource Center)

Bloom by PRC Richmond assists women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy with free-of-charge services such as pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and referrals to resources to assist them in making informed choices for their future.

The Seeds of Success (SOS) program at Bloom offers ongoing support of families in the form of mom’s support groups, evidence-based parenting classes for moms and dads, material support, peer support for men and women, and spiritual discussion groups.

You can help by donating items for pregnant mothers and babies during the month of February (see February 4 bulletin for full details).

To learn more about this wonderful ministry, visit <https://www.bloomrichmond.org>.

Please place your donations in the vestibule in the rear of the church or in the parish hall by February 25.

SAVE THE DATE

Virginia March for Life

February 21 | 11:00 am | Virginia State Capitol

<https://vaprolifeday.org>

In-Person Service Project

February 21 | 12:30–3:30 pm | Feedmore

The Cathedral’s Social Justice Committee is committed to helping Feedmore by assembling meals every third Wednesday each month. It is an assembly line, so no special skills are necessary. To sign up or to get more information, please contact Richard Robbins (540-312-8524, crrobb28@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE

40 Days for Life Event

February 22 | 9:00 am | Planned Parenthood, 201 N. Hamilton St., Richmond

Please join Bishop Knestout to pray for life, mothers and unborn children.

Outstanding Young Man/Woman of the Year

Deadline: March 10

The Knights of Columbus of Virginia are seeking to recognize a young man or young woman, grades 9–12 to be considered for this special award. The award criteria will be based on the following:

1. Academic excellence
2. Involvement in civic and religious activities
3. School-related programs
4. Participation in extra-curricular activities
5. Participation with family in any of the above

In addition the Cathedral Council of Knights of Columbus will select the Bernard J. Quinn Council Young Man /Woman of the Year. The criteria is the same. The prize is a check for \$1,500.

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/3OCpzXd>

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Middle School Students (grades 6–8)

February 17 | 5:30–7:30 pm | Bowlero, Richmond

Middle school students are invited for a fun evening of bowling, including dinner and soft drinks. Please sign up today so we can adjust the reservation as needed: <https://bit.ly/MSYGBowl>.

High School Teen Peer Mentoring Service and Experience Opportunity

February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23 | All Saints Catholic School

Volunteering is a unique and fulfilling experience at Tusome. Each season, dozens of teen volunteers from all over Richmond serve as peer mentors to students from all over the world. In 2023, Tusome served 30 students. Our program's capacity to admit students expands as we enlist more volunteers. Learn more and submit your volunteer application at <https://www.tusomepamoja.com>.

Children's Choir prepares for Easter

The Children's Choir will sing at the 9:00 am Easter Sunday Mass. Students from 2nd through 8th grades are welcome. Led by parishioner Amy Hruska (aghruska@verizon.net), preparations will soon begin. Rehearsals will take place in the conference room and choristers must be present for all.

- March 10 10:05–10:55 am
- March 17 10:05–10:55 am
- March 24 10:05–10:55 am
- March 30 11:00 am–12:00 N
- March 31 Call time 8:15 am for the 9:00 am Mass

Soup Supper

March 1 | 6:00–7:00 pm

The PREK-HS students will be sponsoring the soup supper for Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will begin in the church at 7:00 pm. For families that have children ages 3–6, we have a special program in the atrium on the Last Supper. This will be a wonderful opportunity for families that have not attended the soup supper and Stations of the Cross to participate.

Catechetical Corner

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 9:00 am Mass. This is an opportunity for children ages 3–8 to receive instruction on gestures and responses for the liturgy of the word, listen to the readings of the Mass and discuss them in a relaxed setting. The children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you have questions about the Children's Liturgy program, 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, prayer, and liturgy. 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).

RCIA Meals

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

February 12, 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).

SAVE THE DATE

Consecrate the World: Our Eucharistic Mission

March 16 | 10:00am–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 satisfaction of the world from within as a leaven" (Vatican Council II, *Lumen gentium*, no. 31 §2).