

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

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Bishop of Richmond

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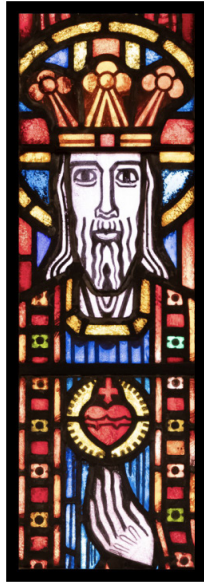
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*Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)*

### 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

## The Sacred Paschal Triduum

### Holy Thursday: March 28

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:\* 7:00 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

### Good Friday: March 29

*Fasting and abstinence required*  
Confessions : 10:00 am  
Stations of the Cross : 3:00 pm  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord:\* 7:00 pm  
Adoration of the Holy Cross until 9:00 pm

### Holy Saturday: March 30

*Fasting and abstinence encouraged*  
Lauds (Morning Prayer): 10:00 am  
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:\* 8:00 pm  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday: March 31

Mass of Easter Day: 9:00 am<sup>†</sup>, 11:00 am  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

<sup>\*</sup>Also livestreamed on [richmonddiocese.org/livestream](https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream)

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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.

# COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, March 23</b> 4:00 pm	<b>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</b> Confessions
5:00 pm	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Mass (+Iris Rios)
<b>Sunday, March 24</b> 9:00 am	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Mass (+Patricia Powers) <a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
9:30 am	Stuart Circle Palm Sunday procession
10:05 am	Catechesis (PreK–middle school)
11:00 am	Mass (+Carol Gadams)
5:00 pm	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Monday, March 25</b> 6:00 pm	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> Chrism Mass <a href="https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/">https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/</a>
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b> 12:00 N 6:00 pm	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> Mass (+Cdl. James Gibbons) Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b> 7:30 am 12:00 N	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> Lauds ( <a href="http://bit.ly/cshlauds">bit.ly/cshlauds</a> ) Mass (+Patricia Daughtery)
<b>Thursday, March 28</b> 7:00 pm	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <a href="https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/">https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/</a> Eucharistic adoration until 9:00 pm
<b>Friday, March 29</b> 10:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Confessions Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord <a href="https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/">https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/</a> Adoration of the Cross until 9:00 pm

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	March 16–17	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$641,706
Weekly amount received	\$26,205	<u>\$718,653</u>
		\$76,947

The Cathedral, like most parishes, benefits from increased giving at Christmas and during Holy Week (Palm Sunday – Easter Sunday). In 2023, Christmas donations were 3% of the parish's total income (\$31,000) and Holy Week was 5% (\$48,000). These statistics demonstrate that, while seasonal gifts are important, sustained giving is crucial. The Cathedral seeks to collect, on average, \$17,000 per week (\$895,000 for the year) to meet its budgeted operating expenses.

## Easter Flowers

Parishioners may make donations to help pay for Easter orchids and lilies. A donation of \$20 will offset the cost of an orchid, which will bloom throughout the fifty days of Easter and beyond.

If you would like to make a donation or dedicate a donation, please write "Easter Flowers" on your check as well as the name(s) on the check or envelope, or include this information with your donation online (<https://bit.ly/49hBZvU>). For more information, please contact our bookkeeper, Lisa Hearl ([lhearl@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:lhearl@richmondcathedral.org)).

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**Pope's monthly intention (March):** For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Sick:** Frank Fletcher, Kathy Gideon, Richard Herberle, Margaret Huber, Allison Leighton, Madeline Peace, Peggy Ross, Elizabeth Storm, Eugene Trani, Lee Wexler, Michele Whitehurst.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Autumn Barrick, Benedict Bean Jr., 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 Krais, George Lane, Nina LaPres, Reed Lutow, Izamar Martinez, Brad Morrison, Brande Morrison, Louis Moelchert III, Samantha Moulds, Zachary Myers, Corina Nuckols, Rachel Nunley, Angelica O'Neill, Brian Ornder, Ashley Payne, Justice Richardson, Diyan Sinclair, Rachel Stuppy.

## YOUNG ADULTS

For more information, visit [evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults](http://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults).

- March 27** Adoration and confessions | Cathedral | 6:00 pm
- April 2** Theology on Tap | Strangeways Brewing | 6:00–8:00 pm
- April 10** Adoration and confessions | Cathedral | 6:00 pm  
Bible Study | Cathedral | 7:00–8:15 pm  
Register here: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

## Full Communion

Congratulations to Mark Nelson, who was received into the Catholic Church through a Catholic profession of faith, the sacrament of Confirmation, and the reception of Holy Communion.

## Confessions, Supper, Stations of the Cross

**March 22 | 6:00–8:00 pm**

On the Fridays of Lent, confessions will be heard from 6:00 to 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.

## Catholic Investments for Catholic Families

**April 11 | Parish Hall | 6:30 pm**

Learn about the Knights of Columbus' faith-based investing at the upcoming financial seminar and social. The event is free but requires registration. [abbatekofc.com/events](http://abbatekofc.com/events)

## WORSHIP

### Chrism Mass

**March 25 | 6:00 pm**

The annual Chrism Mass, at which priests renew their promises made at ordination, and the holy oils are blessed by the bishop, will be celebrated on the Monday of Holy Week.

A cathedral parish has the unique privilege of hosting the most important celebrations in the local Church (diocese). This privilege also carries a special obligation to pray for those who give their lives in service to the Church.

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Holy Thursday, March 28 | 7:00–9:00 pm**

According to the Church's venerable custom, all are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It is on this day that we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 9:00 pm.

### Good Friday

**March 29 | 7:00 pm**

On this day when the Lord's Passion and Death is commemorated, all Catholics ages 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat; all Catholics ages 18–59 are obliged to fast from the normal amount of food. (The Church encourages that the paschal fast and abstinence be continued on Holy Saturday.)

On Good Friday, Confessions will be heard at 10:00 am. It is a noble custom to maintain the 12:00 N – 3:00 pm hours as a time of silence, prayer, and recollection. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:00 pm.

The liturgy of Good Friday—the Church's official worship—is the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, which will take place at 7:00 pm (This liturgy is not a Mass—the Eucharistic Sacrifice is not offered on this day of mourning—but is rather composed of a Liturgy

### Notes from the Choir Loft

#### Sunday's Motet

The poem "Jesus, So Lowly" by Edith Williams expresses the effects of Christ's birth, passion, death, and resurrection, culminating in the paradox of gaining eternal life through mortality. It is set by American composer Harold Fridell (1905–1958), a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York and the composer of the famed hymn, "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether."

## THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2182

## SERVICE

### March Service Project

#### RISC Update

Over 1,700 members of area churches and congregations, including 49 from the Cathedral, gathered for the annual Nehemiah Action on March 19. Four members of Richmond City Council were present and gave their affirmative support for increased funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The City Council members present also pledged their support for including in the 2025 city budget \$2 million in additional funds for repair and replacement of up to 77 of the nearly 1,000 unsafe mobile homes in the city. The five mayoral candidates present were unanimous in agreeing to attend future trainings and roundtables on gun violence prevention, and each pledged their support for adopting the Gun Violence Intervention program. This initiative proved to be tremendously successful in other cities, including Hopewell, where there was a 71% decrease in gun violence in the first six months after it was adopted.

### Walk and Roll 5K

**April 6 | 9:00 am – 12:00 N | Virginia Home**

The 5K Walk 'n Roll is a noncompetitive race-like event. It was created to offer the opportunity for all Virginia Home residents to participate in an inclusive community 5K. It is a family-friendly, dog-friendly, fun event. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities, including being a cheerleader, medal presenter, or a walking buddy. When you register: note you are signing up with the "Cathedral of the Sacred Heart" Group. <https://form.jotform.com/50744307729156>

### 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](mailto:tmarques@richmonddiocese.org)).

# CATECHESIS

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ADULT

### Easter Sunday Children's Choir

Easter rehearsals for the Cathedral Children's Choir have begun. Choristers must be present for every rehearsal. Please contact parishioner Amy Hruska if your child would like to participate ([ahruska@verizon.net](mailto:ahruska@verizon.net)).

- 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

### Regional High School Youth Night: Refuge in His Presence

**April 14 | 6:00–8:05 pm | Campus of Cristo Rey  
Richmond and St. Benedict Catholic Church**

Come together with parishes throughout Richmond. The evening includes pizza dinner with sides and a special talk from our own VCU Campus Minister, Chris Spilka. Register here: <https://bit.ly/HSrefuge>

### Baptism Information Session

**April 21 | Parish office | 10:15–10:45 am**

Parents seeking baptism for their child(ren) ages 0–6, are invited to a short information session in the parish hall. The presentation will cover steps involved in having a child baptized.

### Middle and High School Students

All middle school students are invited to help with our family catechesis event on Sunday, April 7 from 10:05 am to 10:45am on the plaza. Students can help with setup, assisting young children with a craft or activity, and helping clean up after the event. Contact Joy Weir ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Catechist Opportunity

Passing down the faith as a catechist is an important role. If you have considered this as a role that you might like to fill, we have many opportunities in which you can help and a variety of training opportunities as well. Please contact Joy Weir for more information ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Catechetical Corner

Children ages four years old are eligible for enrollment in our weekly catechesis programs. When we baptize our children, we commit to raising them in the faith. Enrollment for 2024–2025 school year will be opening in April. Catechesis for ages 4 through high school is held on Sundays from 10:05 to 10:55 am. Please contact Joy Weir for more information ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Bible Study

**Wednesdays, beginning April 10 | 7:00–8:15 pm**

We will continue studying the covenants. There is no cost to the Bible Study. Please register so that the readings, questions and information on the potluck dinner can be emailed. Join us for confessions and adoration from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Register for Bible study here: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

### 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](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Adult Confirmation

Adult confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Reception of the sacrament of Confirmation completes the sacraments of Christian Initiation. The sessions focus on the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, Penance, and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Maria Thorsen ([mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)).



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## HOLY WEEK

*Church closed outside of specific events*

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 23–24**

*Normal weekend Mass schedule*

9:30 am Palm Sunday procession (Stuart Circle)

### **Monday of Holy Week, March 25**

6:00 pm Chrism Mass

<https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/>

### **Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26**

12:00 N Mass

### **Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27**

12:00 N Mass

6:00 pm Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration

### **Holy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 pm The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

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Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm

### **Good Friday, March 29**

*Fasting and abstinence required*

10:00 am Confessions

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

<https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/>

Adoration of the Holy Cross until 9:00 pm

### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

*Fasting and abstinence encouraged*

10:00 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)

*No 4:00 pm confessions or 5:00 pm Mass*

8:00 pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

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### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31**

9:00 am Mass of Easter Day

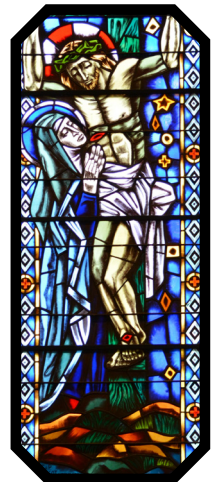
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11:00 am Mass of Easter Day

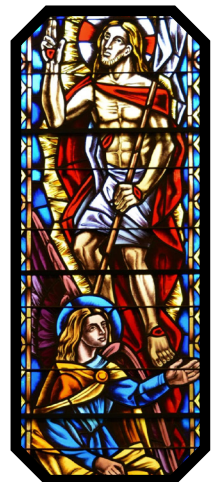
*No 5:00 pm Mass*



*Eucharist window  
(Chigot, 1956)*



*Crucifixion window  
(Chigot, 1956)*



*Resurrection window  
(Chigot, 1956)*