

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques
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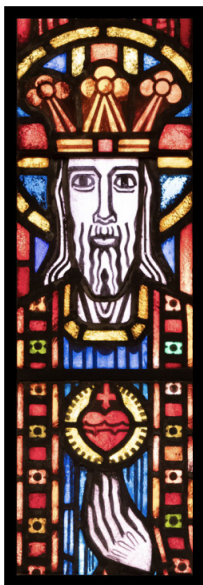
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday since the Church reads from the Good Shepherd Discourse in the Gospel of John (10:1–19, 25–30). There, Christ declares: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11).

The Church also designates the Fourth Sunday of Easter as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Significantly, Vatican Council II emphasized the family’s role in promoting priestly and religious vocations: “The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care a vocation to a sacred state” (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 11).

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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

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 20 4:00 pm	Third Week of Easter Confessions
5:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Sunday, April 21 9:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter Mass (+Richard Lane) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Joseph Poretta)
5:00 pm	Mass (+Peter Hồng đuc Nguyen)
Monday, April 22 12:00 N	Fourth Week of Easter No Mass
Tuesday, April 23 12:00 N 6:00 pm	Fourth Week of Easter Mass (+Rosemary Matthews) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Wednesday, April 24 7:30 am 12:00 N 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fourth Week of Easter Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds) Mass (+Margaret Saunders) Adoration and confessions Bible study
Thursday, April 25 12:00 N	Fourth Week of Easter Mass (+Sebastiano Sparacio)
Friday, April 26 12:00 N	Fourth Week of Easter Mass (Grace Leer)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (April): For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sick: Frank Fletcher, Richard Herberle, Margaret Huber, Allison Leighton, Marian Mahon, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm, Eugene Trani.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Neophytes: Molly Bergen, Kendall Fleming, Kishan Gadkar, Darren Huang, Tristan James, George Lane, Samantha Moulds, Rachel Nunley; reception into full communion: Autumn Barrick, Leigha Chaney, Samuel Hammock, Kia Henrich, Jill Kraus, Reed Lutow, Zachary Myers, Gabriela Monteiro Ribeiro, Mark Nelson, Matthew Nelson, Ashley Payne, Faith Skibins, Rachel Stuppy, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Benedict Bean Jr., Isabel Fedroff, Noah Harvey, Nina LaPres, Izamar Martinez, Louis Moelchert III, Bradford Morrison, Brande Morrison, Angelica O'Neill, Brian Ornder, Justice Richardson; catechumen: Menelik Glover; inquirers: Lawrence Creech, James Gropp.

YOUNG ADULTS

April 24 Adoration and confessions | 6:00 pm | Cathedral
Bible Study | 7:00–8:15 pm | Cathedral
Registration: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

April 28 YA Lunch | April 28 | 1:00–4:00 pm | Amigos
(1808 Staples Mill Rd.)
Join young adults around Richmond for this
monthly lunch meet-up.

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	April 13–14	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$709,254
Weekly amount received	\$12,154	<u>\$792,324</u>
		\$83,070

Attendance at Mass during Holy Week (Palm Sunday – Easter Sunday) increased by 18% over last year (from 3,254 to 3,839 people). Collections over the same period decreased by 2.89% (from \$48,012 to \$46,623). This decrease may have been due to the timing of Easter, i.e., that it fell at the end of the month. These financial contributions make up about 5% of the Cathedral's total collections.

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.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Last weekend, VCU Campus Ministry students took part in a spring retreat at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. They focused on four different kinds of prayer. During the retreat we also hiked, spent our nights stargazing, and had an outdoor Mass with Fr. Tony.

At the end of the retreat, one of our students, Samuel Hammock, was received into the Church. Please pray for him as he continues to grow into the life of our parish family.

Thank you for your continued support of campus ministry.
—Chris Spilka

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

April 21 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Isabel (Izzy) Fedroff on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to give witness to his or her faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1302–1304). The Eucharist is called “Holy Communion” when it is received because this sacrament strengthens a person's union with Christ (nos. 1331, 1391–1392).

Job Opportunity

The parish nursery is open on Sundays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, September through May. Employees are paid hourly and work usually two shifts per month. There is an opening in the nursery. If you are eighteen years or older and are interested, please email Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Lost and Found

The Cathedral maintains a lost and found in the parish office. Please contact Katherine Leer (kleer@richmondcathedral.org) to obtain an item. Unclaimed items will be donated.

WORSHIP

Notes from the Choir Loft

Sunday's Motet

The Cathedral Choir performs a choral setting of the popular American hymn "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need." It is arranged by Virgil Thomson (1896–1989), who (along with Aaron Copland) is credited with developing the "American Sound," an aesthetic evoking American landscapes. A graduate of Harvard University and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for music, Thomson studied composition in Paris and returned to the United States, influencing other American luminaries such as Ned Rorem, Leonard Bernstein, and John Cage.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

The Cathedral's new gallery pipe organ is coming together piece by piece. This week, the builders have gotten some of the stops to play. Special façade pipes (made to order in the Netherlands) will be delivered before the end of the month.

Construction will be completed before Memorial Day (May 27). Then, each of the 4,000+ pipes will be individually adjusted for optimal sound. This process (voicing) will be completed by Labor Day (September 2). There is plenty of seating for Mass.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this once-in-a-lifetime project. The new organ will enliven the worship of God and add even greater majesty to the Cathedral.

Organ Dedication Events

October 29, 30 | 7:00 pm

Parishioners are warmly invited to twin inaugural events of the Cathedral's new gallery pipe organ: Vespers (Evening Prayer) on October 29 and a dedication concert October 30. Both events will feature Olivier Latry, titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Register for the concert by visiting www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts.

O Sacrum Convivium

Throughout this year, children in catechesis (religious education) recite this beautiful prayer before each class. The first communicants of the parish strive to say this prayer daily.

The name "O sacrum convivium" is derived from the first lines of the text. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) may have written this eloquent description of the Eucharist when he composed the prayers for the feast of Corpus Christi.

How holy this feast
in which Christ is our food:
his passion is recalled,
grace fills our hearts,
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.

SERVICE

Virginia Home Drive

April Service Project

We have collected 109 items so far, including 58 toothbrushes. Next weekend is the deadline for these items to be dropped off. Thank you for your generosity.

- Manual toothbrushes (soft)
- Listerine mouthwash (blue or green color/flavor)
- Flossers
- Sensodyne toothpaste
- Stainless steel straws with silicone tips and elbow bend
- Lysol wipes
- Rectangular tissue boxes
- SPF 50 or above sunscreen (spray cans preferred)
- Dove Body Wash with pump (men's or women's)
- Febreze Air Spray (scents: Linen, Sky, or Heavy Duty)

Young Adult Service Project

May 11 | 9:00 am – 12:00 N | Cathedral

Meet up with other young adults in the parish and help weed, mulch, and landscape the Cathedral grounds. Please register so the necessary preparations can be made: <https://bit.ly/YALandscape>

Ongoing Service Project

May 15 | 12:30–3:30 pm | Feedmore

The Social Justice Committee is coordinating a monthly service opportunity for Cathedral parishioners on the third Wednesday each month, at Feedmore. No special skills are required; the work involves standing at tables to assemble meal items, with some light lifting and stooping required. Come and meet fellow parishioners while providing a valuable service. Please sign up by the Monday prior to service date at <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, please email Richard Robbins rrobb28@gmail.com.

Ushers

The liturgical ministry of ushers facilitates the reverent and orderly celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105). Scheduling is done conveniently online and training is provided. Parishioners who would like to serve as ushers are asked to contact Father Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

Baptism Information Session

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

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

High School Work Camp Information Session

May 22, 24 | 7:00 pm | Virtual

Be a peer mentor to a student with limited or interrupted formal education. Teens from Cathedral will join other teens in working one-on-one with a student. Mentors do not teach, but encourage and support the students. Work camp is June 24–28 at All Saints School. Each day will start at 8:30 am and peer mentors are encouraged to stay for lunch. There are two information sessions coming up: April 22 and April 25 at 7:00 pm. Please email Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcahedral.org) for the link.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available for children ages three and older during the 9:00 am Mass. Before the First Reading, catechists and children gather by the Mary chapel, and then listen to the scripture readings in an environment that allows for immediate reflection on the word of God. Children learn the proper postures, gestures, and responses of the Liturgy of the Word.

Catechist Opportunity

Passing down the faith is a vital role in the Church. If you would like to fulfill this role, the Cathedral offers many volunteer and training opportunities. Please contact Joy Weir for more information (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechetical Corner

The Cathedral high school youth group gathered with 150 local teenagers at Cristo Rey Richmond High School last Sunday for a High School Regional Night. The young people spent time meeting other youth, playing games, and praying before the Blessed Sacrament. While spending time in adoration, teens heard from VCU campus minister, Chris Spilka, who spoke about the importance of taking refuge in the Lord. For more info about the Cathedral high school youth group, contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Easter Duty

"All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Eucharist, are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled in paschal time, but for a just cause it may be fulfilled at another time of year" (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 920).

This Easter Duty applies to all who have made their First Holy Communion, and who can receive the Eucharist. In the United States, the Easter Duty must be fulfilled between Palm Sunday (March 24) and Trinity Sunday (May 26). Similarly, "After having reached the age of discretion [approximately age seven], each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year" (canon 989).

Precepts of the Church

The precepts or obligations of the Catholic Church are "meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2041).

The precepts are these: (1) attend Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; (2) confess one's sins at least once a year; (3) receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season; (4) observe days of fasting and abstinence; and (5) assist with the material needs of the Church, according to one's ability; and (6) to observe the marriage laws of the Church (nos. 2042–2043).

Bible Study

Wednesdays: April 24, May 1 | 7:00–8:15 pm

This week we will be looking at the parable of the sower. There is no cost to the Bible study. Please register so that the readings, questions, and information about the potluck dinner can be emailed: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

Interested in Becoming a Catholic? Just Want to Know More?

April 24 | 6:30 pm | Parish hall

The process of becoming a member of the Catholic faith is called RCIA and follows the mission commanded by Jesus Christ: "Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Come to the RCIA inquiry session to learn more.

Adult Confirmation Sessions

April 30, May 2, 8 | 6:00 pm | Parish office

Adult Confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Confirmation is one of the sacraments of Christian Initiation. It is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to give witness to the Catholic faith. The sessions focus on the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Penance, and Confirmation. For more information, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).