

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 7, 2024

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Bishop of Richmond

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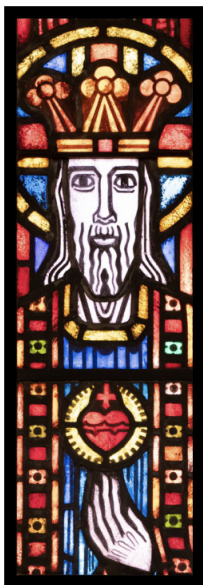
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am–4:00 pm

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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

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is the octave (eighth) day of Easter, in which each day is as important as Easter Sunday itself. Today is also the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Pope St. John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday in the course of canonizing St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. St. Faustina received visions of Christ centered on the theme of divine mercy.

The readings and prayers for today's Mass develop this motif, as indicated in the Collect or opening prayer: "God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own..."

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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

Saturday, April 6	Easter Octave
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Second Sunday of Easter Mass (+Thomas L. Curran)
Sunday, April 7	Second Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Mass (+Allen Goolsby West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Irene Kasper)
12:15 pm	Social Justice Committee meeting
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, April 8	Annunciation of the Lord
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday, April 9	Second Week of Easter
12:00 N	Mass (+Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Ryan)
6:00 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Wednesday, April 10	Second Week of Easter
7:30 am	Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds)
12:00 N	Mass (+Thomas L. Curran)
6:00 pm	Adoration and confessions
7:00 pm	Bible study
Thursday, April 11	St. Stanislaus
12:00 N	Mass (Nicholas Leer)
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus financial seminar
Friday, April 12	Second Week of Easter
12:00 N	Mass (+Antonio Evola)

Weekend Masses, confessions and adoration will be in the church.

Daily Mass will be celebrated in the parish hall.

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, Madeline Peace, Peggy Ross, Elizabeth Storm, Eugene Trani, Michele Whitehurst.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Autumn Barrick, Benedict Bean Jr., Leigha Chaney, Lawrence Creech, Isabel Fedroff, Isabella Glasgow-Cofield, Menelik Glover, Samuel Hammock, Noah Harvey, Kia Heinrich, Jill Krais, Nina LaPres, Reed Lutow, Izamar Martinez, Brad Morrison, Brande Morrison, Louis Moelchert III, Zachary Myers, Angelica O'Neill, Brian Ornder, Ashley Payne, Justice Richardson, Diyan Sinclair, Rachel Stuppy.

YOUNG ADULTS

April 10 Adoration and confessions | 6:00 pm | Cathedral
Bible Study | 7:00–8:15 pm | Cathedral
Register here: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

April 11 Adoration and Arianna's | 5:30–8:30 pm | St. Benedict

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	March 30–31	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$675,480
Weekly amount received	\$22,632	<u>\$765,276</u>
		\$89,796

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.

Confirmation

April 7 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Joanie Price and Justin Smit on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

"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).

Easter Flowers

Parshioners 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).

Catholic Investments for Catholic Families

April 11 | 6:30 pm | parish hall

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.

WORSHIP

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

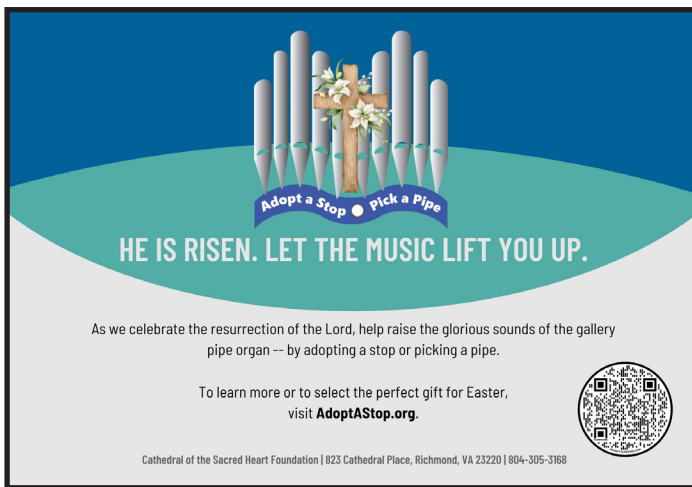
The Cathedral’s new gallery pipe organ arrived on Tuesday (April 2) from Montreal and is being assembled in the choir loft.

Construction will be completed by 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.

For everyone’s safety, only the transept and parish hall ramp doors will be used for entry into the church. (The main entrances will be inaccessible.) There will also be a temporary barricade in the church to isolate the work site.

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.



Notes from the Choir Loft

Sunday’s Motet

Thank you to the Cathedral Choir, *Schola cantorum*, and the Cathedral Children’s Choir with Amy Hruska, director, for their great dedication, hard work, and generosity of spirit. Thank you for enriching our prayer. The choristers are on a well-deserved break until the Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21).

Paschal Candle

The paschal candle is the preeminent liturgical symbol of Christ’s resurrection. (The term “paschal” means “passover,” in the sense that Jesus “passed over” from death to new life, and that, through him, Christians “pass over” from an old life of a sin to a new life of grace.) The paschal candle remains in the sanctuary of the church throughout the fifty days of Easter.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: ‘Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.’”

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1327

SERVICE

Virginia Home Drive

April Service Project

The Virginia Home (TVH) is a private nonprofit organization that provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised, regardless of ability to pay. The Cathedral’s April service project will be a drive to collect the following items for TVH_:

- 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)

Items may be dropped off in the bin in the parish hall by April 28. Thank you for your generosity.

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>

Ongoing Service Project

April 17 | 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 crrobb28@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

Catechesis and Doughnuts

April 7 | 10:05–10:45 am

Join us on the plaza to celebrate the conclusion of the Easter Octave on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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 for a pizza dinner and a presentation by Chris Spilka, VCU campus minister.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/HSrefuge>

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.

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

Children ages four years old are eligible for enrollment in weekly catechesis religious education. 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 four through high school will be held from Sundays from 10:05 am to 10:55 am. Please contact Joy Weir for more information (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Bible Study

Wednesdays: April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 | 7:00–8:15 pm

The theme is 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: <https://bit.ly/Covenant24>

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).

Lay Vocation

Vatican Council II (1962–1965) taught that lay people have their own 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” (*Lumen gentium*, no. 31 §2).

Becoming a Catholic A Journey of Faith

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming 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, 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.

If you are interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).



Easter flower donations

In memory of. . .

Melise Blakeslee: Christian Blakeslee/Carter

Michael and Laura Hild: Donald J. Hild

Jack and Chris Judge: Frank and Florence Mignano

Leigha Chaney: Chuck Omick

Kurt and Kelly Lash: Sally Lash and Don Franzen

Jane Hamilton: Jack and Dorothy Utz

Chantal Ansah: Germaine, Pascal, Jean, Claire Agossou, and Prosper Toviesi

Kevin and Kristi Trevillian: Alberta Winston and "Nanny" Mary Trevillian

Lisa Hearl: August Dennis Pickard, Jeanne Allen, and John Patrick Gilman

Al and Margaret Broaddus: Mary Lynn Applegate

*Frank and Terri Gerloff: Frank and Virginia Gerloff, Donet Gerloff,
and Ann Gerloff Margolis*

Stephanie Mabry: Leszek Nikiel and the Muehlbauer family

Kenneth and Anna Oriole: deceased members of Oriole and Vendetti families

Brian and Stefanie Mooney: Daniel Stefaniak, Bob and Veronica Rich,

John and Louise Harper, and Arthur and Ann Mooney

Jonathan and Laura Walker: Aunt Dodey George

Thom Butcher: Frances Ada Boykin and Ellen Ruth Higgins

Miles Johnson: Jane Johnson

Carl and Pam Wolf: our mothers and our grandparents

Michael and Heather Gingras: Heidi Hinkamp, John Jagoda,

Leroy Sallen, George Gingras, Rita Gingras, Mildred Sallen,

and William Hinkamp

Joe Schilling: Courtney E. Schilling



Easter flower donations continued. . .

*Hal and Anita Purcell: Harold and Virginia Purcell, Frank and Peggy
Balicky, and Cindy Williams*

*Alice Law: Elizabeth W. Williams, Henry F. Williams, and
Raymond Williams*

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John and Joy Weir: Joan Weir and Loretta Dunn

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Griffin and Catherine Surowka

Joe and Jennifer Michael

Michael Davis

Vincent Sawicki

Suzanne Martin

Gerald Scott

Timothy Drew

Robert and Nancy Decker

Anonymous

Mark Skvara

In honor of. . .

Emma Montalvo: our wonderful parish community