

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

Dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, 1906
Serving Virginia Commonwealth University
Twinning with St. Paul's, Carissade, Haiti

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques
Rector

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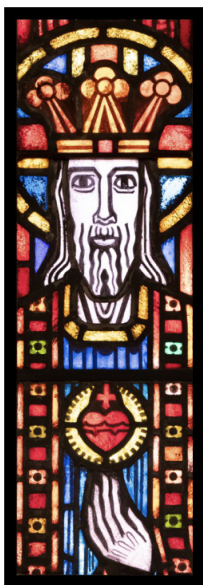
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

First Holy Communion Sunday, May 5 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to the children of the parish receiving their First Holy Communion.

The Eucharist is called “Holy Communion” when it is received because this sacrament unites the recipient to Christ and the Church: “Holy Communion augments our union with Christ. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: ‘He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him [Jn 6:57]’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1391).

O Sacrum Convivium

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.

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QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



Valid until June 30, 2024

When parking in the VCU Deck (801 W. Main St.):

1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
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, May 4	Fifth Week of Easter
10:00 am	First Holy Communion retreat
4:00 pm	Confessions
	Sixth Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm	Mass (+Laura-Camille Harris)
Sunday, May 5	Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Mass (+Allen Goolsby West)
	Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	First Holy Communion Mass (+Iris Rios)
12:15 pm	Social Justice Committee meeting
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, May 6	Sixth Week of Easter
12:00 N	No Mass
Tuesday, May 7	Sixth Week of Easter
12:00 N	Mass (+collective month's mind)
Wednesday, May 8	Sixth Week of Easter
7:30 am	Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds)
12:00 N	Mass (+Clifford Baham)
6:00 pm	Adult Confirmation session Adoration and confessions
Thursday, May 9	Sixth Week of Easter
12:00 N	Funeral Mass (+LaRue Epps)
Friday, May 10	St. John of Avila
12:00 N	Funeral Mass (+Marian Mahon)

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2023–2024

	April 27–28	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$17,000	\$743,048
Weekly amount received	<u>\$15,290</u>	<u>\$828,402</u>
	-\$1,710	\$85,374

For the first two weekends of last month (April 7, 14), collections were below the weekly goal of \$17,000. Last week (April 21), \$21,000 was collected, thanks to two gifts totaling \$11,000. The parish seeks to collect \$17,000 each week to pay for normal operating expenses (e.g., payroll, insurance, utilities, liturgical supplies).

Business Manager

I am pleased to announce that Robin Thomas has been hired as the Cathedral's new business manager. Robin has a significant administrative and operational background as well as past diocesan experience. She joins the Cathedral staff after working at Lynnhaven School in Richmond and, before that, Peninsula Catholic High School in Newport News. Robin will take up her new position on June 3. I would also like to thank Lisa Hearl, the parish bookkeeper, who has ably served as the interim business manager since December.

—Fr. Tony

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (May): For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Inquirers: Jason Austin, Hong Chi, Lawrence Creech, James Gropp, Bradford Morrison; catechumen: Menelik Glover; full communion: Jill Kraiss, Reed Lutow, Karen Rubins, Faith Skibins, Maria Soringalvarro, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Nina LaPres, Izamar Martinez, Louis Moelchert III, Brande Morrison, Angelica O'Neill.

YOUNG ADULTS

May 8	Adoration and confessions 6:00 pm Cathedral
May 11	YA Service Project 9:00 am – 12:00 N Cathedral
August 2–3	Ridge Retreat St. Michael's Catholic Church
October 18–20	YA Retreat Kill Devil Hills, NC

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

Diaconate Ordination

May 18 | 10:30 am

Parishioners are invited to attend the ordination of Andrew Clark, Samuel Hill, and Matthew Kelly, who will become transitional deacons.

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

Grant Opportunity

May 31 deadline

Each year, a portion of the Poor and Needy funds donated by parishioners is used to fund small grants to local organizations providing services to the poor and needy. Grant applications are invited from local agencies that serve the needs of the poor. Applications are reviewed and recommendations for award amounts from available funds are made by the Social Justice Committee for review and approval by Fr. Tony. Approved awards are made in late June each year. Information regarding application for grants can be found on the parish website (<https://www.richmondcathedral.org/get-involved-service/>).

Save the Date

June 9 | 12:30 pm | Cathedral

Mark your calendars for the annual parish picnic. There will be food, fellowship, music, a raffle, and, most importantly, you.

WORSHIP

Notes from the Choir Loft

Sunday's Motet

Since its publication in 1860, *Panis Angelicus* by French composer César Franck (1822–1890) has become the best-known setting of the text written by St. Thomas Aquinas (ca. 1200). The music's immediate appeal could be attributed to its tight classical form, constructed by repeating a beautiful, simply-written theme. The motet was originally conceived as a tenor solo for use during the elevation of the host at Mass. Now, it is the soundtrack accompanying the First Holy Communion of many children.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

These are the basics of how a pipe organ works: An electrically-powered blower (which used to be manually pumped by bellows) supplies wind to an air reservoir. When a "stop" is drawn (so called because it stops the flow of air from the reservoir), a rank (or row) of pipes (one pipe for each key on a keyboard) is supplied with wind from the air reservoir. When an organist plays the manual (the keyboard) or foot pedals (a keyboard for the feet), the corresponding pipe plays for each depressed key, sounding the notes in a given rank of pipes, which can sound like flutes, strings, oboes, trumpets, or any combination of instruments.

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.

Mary's Month

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month includes the feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), which commemorates her apparition to the Portuguese shepherd children (1917), and the feast of the Visitation (May 31).

Throughout this month, parishioners are encouraged to place flowers on the Mary altar, where vases are available.

The *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven) antiphon will be sung before all Masses during May:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace."

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (1887–1968)

SERVICE

Mary's Choice RVA Baby Bottle Campaign

May Service Project

Mary's Choice provides a stable and supportive home for women in need who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Residents of Mary's Choice participate in a program with onsite counseling, mentoring and education in the areas of nutrition, parenting, job training and financial literacy. The staff and volunteers of Mary's Choice walk alongside mothers in need to give them hope for their future and support to choose life for themselves and their children.

Our ministry has so far served 20 women, and 16 children have been given the gift of life. We eagerly await the arrival of 4 more babies in the coming months. We would be so grateful for your support for these moms and their children. To donate, please return your baby bottle to the Cathedral with your donation inside during the month of May or use the QR code. Checks should be made payable to Mary's Choice RVA. Thank you.



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 that 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 crrobb28@gmail.com.

New Service Project

May 23 | 4:00–6:00 pm | Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House at 2330 Monument Avenue is a "home-away-from-home" for families with children receiving care at area hospitals. Meals are prepared to help out families. Eight volunteers are needed to plan and prepare 15 dinners for the RMHC resident families. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/SJCRMHC>. For questions, please email Christine Burroughs (cmurroughs@clarityconnect.com).

Livestreaming Volunteers

The Cathedral parish livestreams the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to help. Training and equipment are happily provided. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to conduct the livestreaming of the 9:00 am Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

Middle and High School Teens Trip

June 13 | 3:00–10:00 pm | Kings Dominion, Doswell

Let's celebrate the end of the year. We will meet at St. Paul's Catholic Church, enjoy the park until 9:30 pm and return to St. Paul's for pick-up. The cost is \$50 per person. Sign up today: <https://bit.ly/KDLetsgo>

High School Work Camp

June 24–28 | All Saints School, Richmond

Be a peer mentor to a student with limited or interrupted formal education. Teens from the Cathedral will join other teens in working one-on-one with students. Mentors do not teach, but encourage and support the students. Each day will start at 8:30 am and peer mentors are encouraged to stay for lunch. Please email Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcahedral.org) for registration link and full schedule.

Vacation Bible School

July 9–12 | 8:45 am – 12:45 pm

<https://bit.ly/VBSSaints>

Cathedral parishioners have priority registration (see above) now through May 15. Children ages 4 to rising 5th grade are welcome.

The theme this year is "Summer with the Saints: Our Friends in Glory". We will learn about a new saint each day; enjoy crafts, snacks, music, and outdoor games; and do special service projects. We will also attend daily Mass. \$25 per student. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechetical Corner

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9:00 am Mass. Children hear the readings for Sunday and discuss what they heard in a relaxed and encouraging environment. For more information, please 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).

Receiving Holy Communion

The National Eucharistic Revival seeks to help American Catholics deepen their devotion to the Eucharist. Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation but are not obligated to receive Holy Communion (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1247).

The Church urges the faithful to receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible, if they are properly disposed (Instruction on Eucharistic Worship, *Eucharisticum mysterium*, no. 37). The proper disposition includes fasting from food and drink (except for water and medicine) for one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist (canon 919 §1). A person aware of having committed a grave (mortal) sin must first confess his or her sins in the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion (canon 916).

Month's Mind

The venerable practice of having a Mass offered one month after a person's death is known as the month's mind (as in, "calling to mind after a month"). This custom, which originated in medieval England, honors the deceased and provides comfort to his or her family and friends. Praying of the dead is a spiritual work of mercy.

Each month at the Cathedral, a collective month's mind is celebrated for parishioners and their relatives and friends who have died in the preceding month. Parishioners are encouraged to offer an individual month's mind for their loved ones.

Adult Confirmation Session

May 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).



DIOCÈSE DE HINCHE

Our Twin Parish

Saint Paul's
Carissade, Haiti



Consistency in Service

- 450 Elementary school children educated annually
- 150 Patients treated in the public health clinic weekly
- 16 Students in the high school scholarship program
- Water wells, animal husbandry, microfinance & facilities



Our committee wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the ongoing support for our twin parish in Carissade, Haiti. The news coverage has shown the dire circumstances in Port au Prince, and raised concerns for us all. That city has endured armed gangs, kidnappings, and a failed government. The suffering comes on the back of the Covid-19 pandemic, related food shortages, the Les Cayes earthquake in which 1,941 people died, disruptions of aid from Tropical Storm Grace, and the presidential assassination of Jovenel Moïse.

Consistency in the face of extreme adversity! 74 miles away in Carissade, our twinning relationship remains a story of hope through the Spirit of service. Through real-time updates from Father Pierre Dieunot, we see images and hear the stories of how our assistance translates into real impact for our sisters and brothers. Through grace and fortitude, our work with Fr. Pierre continues, consistently.

If you'd like to join our Whatsapp group for real-time updates from Father Pierre, and to learn about our work to finish replacing the school's roof, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

- Dale Fickett, Chairman of the Haiti Committee
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