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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

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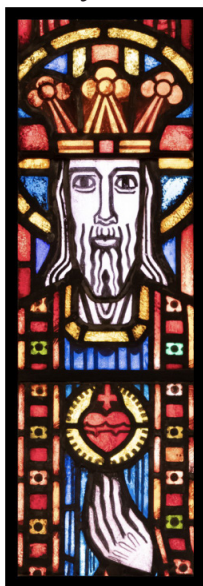
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To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Baptism of the Lord

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River at the hands of St. John the Baptist reveals that he is the Son of God: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). For this reason, the Baptism of the Lord is traditionally reckoned as the second of three epiphanies (manifestations) and is therefore included in the Christmas season. The other epiphanies are the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12), and the changing of water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana (John 2:1–11). Christ's baptism also prefigures his passion, death, and resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1224).

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Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



Valid until June 2025

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, January 11 4:00 pm	Christmas Weekday Confessions
5:00 pm	Baptism of the Lord Mass (+Richard Caunitz)
Sunday, January 12 9:00 am	Baptism of the Lord Mass (+Carol Gadams) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Timothy Harker)
12:15 pm	Social Justice Committee meeting
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, January 13 12:00 N	First Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday, January 14 12:00 N	First Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
Wednesday, January 16 12:00 N	First Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
Thursday, January 17 12:00 N	First Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
Friday, January 18 12:00 N	St. Anthony No Mass

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (January): For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Vocations: "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Sick: Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Madelyn Clark, James Gropp, Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Josh Singh, Stacie Stockton, Steven Taylor, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker; Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly, Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Grayson Hannegan, Ashley Jefferson, Eleana Legree, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Breille O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

January 15 Confessions and adoration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral
Bible Study | 7:00-8:30 pm | Cathedral

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	January 3-4	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$499,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$34,024</u>	<u>\$481,356</u>
	\$15,524	-\$18,144

*includes Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses

Thank you. The Cathedral's Christmas wish came true. Parishioners opened their hearts and increased their giving to reduce the deficit to under \$20,000. The parish is grateful for these gifts and looks forward to the new year.

Confirmation

January 12 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Maddie Wyse 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).

Away from the Parish

January 13-17

I will be away from the parish visiting my mother. Another priest will hear confessions on Wednesday, January 15. If there is an emergency while I'm away, please call the emergency number: (804) 254-0699.

—Fr. Tony

Sick List

In order to maintain an updated list of the sick—both parishioners and non-parishioners—please inform Katherine Leer, office manager, of any changes (kleer@richmondcathedral.org; 359-5651, ext. 100).

Out of respect for privacy, a person who is sick must consent himself or herself to being added to the list. Names on the list will be deleted after one month, unless the sick person, or someone authorized to speak on his or her behalf, indicates that he or she would like to remain on the list.

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 after thirty days.

WORSHIP

Christmas Echo

The *Alma Redemptoris Mater* (Loving Mother of the Redeemer) is one of five antiphons in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary sung according to the various liturgical seasons. This first antiphon is sung from the First Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2). This feast marks the fortieth day after Christmas and commemorates the dedication of the Christ child in the Jerusalem Temple (Luke 2:22–38).

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,

Crèche

The manger scene in the St. Vincent de Paul chapel will remain in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2).

Although the Christmas season ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (this year, January 12), the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord marks the fortieth day after Christmas, when Christ was presented in the Jerusalem Temple (Luke 2:22–38). The presence of the crèche until that time will help us commemorate this event associated with Christ's nativity.

Notes from the Choir Loft

The energetic setting of the traditional Church Slavonic *Bogoróditse Djévo, radujsa* (Rejoice, O Virgin Mary) by Estonian composer Arvo Pärt (b. 1935) was commissioned by King's College Choir (Cambridge, England) and premiered at their famed Lessons and Carols in 1990. Its buoyant vibrancy contrasts with typically lyrical settings found in Latin *Ave Maria* compositions. The brevity of the piece is marked by a singular joy.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

This weekend, the weather forecast for the Church is the Baptism of the Lord with a guarantee of thunderous organ. When the cantor sings the text "The voice of the Father thundered," the organist will depress the *l'orage* (storm) lever. This simple but effective device plays the eight lowest notes of the organ in a cluster, resulting in the sound of rolling thunder. It can also be depressed rhythmically, which mimics the sound of bass drums.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"The Sacrament of the Body of the Lord puts the demons to flight, defends us against the incentives to vice and to concupiscence, cleanses the soul from sin, quiets the anger of God, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will and the affections with the love of God, fills the memory with spiritual sweetness, confirms the entire man in good, frees us from eternal death, multiplies the merits of a good life, leads us to our everlasting home, and re-animates the body to eternal life."

—St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274)

SERVICE

January Service Project

East End Pregnancy Center

The East End Pregnancy Center (EEPC) provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material goods, parenting classes and other resources at no charge to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Currently, their greatest need is for the financial resources to continue to provide the center with licensed medical staff and equipment to bring these services to women to help them make fully informed decisions about their baby and their future. Please consider making a monetary donation or any of the items below:

- Size 5 and 6 diapers
- Diaper wipes
- NIV, *Beautiful Word Coloring Bible* (Hardcover)
Hundreds of Verses to Color
- *Blessings, New Mom: A Women's Devotional: A Year of Prayers and Affirmations for You and Your Baby*

Items should be put in the bins in back of church or in the parish hall by January 26.

To find out more about the EEPC or to donate, please visit richmondisorlife.com. Thank you for your support.

Ongoing Service Projects

January 15 | 12:30–3:30 pm | FeedMore, Henrico

The Cathedral's Social Justice Committee is committed to helping FeedMore by assembling meals one afternoon each month, usually the third Wednesday. No special skills are required; the work involves standing at tables to assemble meal items, with some light lifting and stooping.

Please sign up by the Monday prior to each service date using this link: <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, contact Richard Robbins (crrobb28@gmail.com).

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

The Social Justice Committee coordinates meal preparation for families receiving care at area hospitals. We meet and prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House (2330 Monument Avenue). For questions and to sign up, please email Christine Burroughs (cmburroug@clarityconnect.com).

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 (tmarquas@richmonddiocese.com).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

No Catechesis this Sunday

January 12

All catechetical classes are canceled today: Children's Liturgy of the Word, catechesis, and sacramental preparation.

Baptism Information Class

January 19 | 8:30–8:50 am | Parish hall

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 and a tour of the church.

Baptism is the first sacrament and the foundation of being a Christian. According to the literal meaning of the term, baptism is an "immersion" into the death and resurrection of Christ that shapes all of life: it forgives sins, it makes one son or daughter of God, and it joins one to the Church.

For more information, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

First Penance and First Holy Communion

Sunday, January 19 | 12:15–2:15 pm | Parish Hall

First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in second grade. It is preceded by the sacrament of Penance. To receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, a child must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Several preparation sessions are also required.

Preparation for First Penance takes place in January and preparation for First Holy Communion takes place in April. Registration: <https://bit.ly/RE2425U>.

Poster Contest Winners

Thank you to all the children who participated in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The artwork wonderfully expressed the true meaning of Christmas. The winners for the contest were Emma, Anna, Valerie, Nolan, and Jocelyn. Congratulations!

Annual Scout Mass

March 16 | 3:00 pm | St. John Neumann, Powhatan

The annual scout Mass is March 16 at 3:00 pm with a reception to follow. Registration is now open at <https://ofe.regfox.com/2025-annual-scout-mass>. Order your religious emblems by January 31.

Please contact the diocesan Office for Evangelization (scouting@richmonddiocese.org) for more information.

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

There is an indulgence associated with the Jubilee Year. An indulgence is one way to cleanse the "residue" of sin that remains after sins have been forgiven in the sacrament of Penance: "Every sin... entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory." In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence" (*Spei non confundit*, no. 23 §3).

The jubilee indulgence can be gained by venerating the jubilee Cross and reciting the jubilee prayer at the Cathedral, or by carrying out works of mercy for those in need, including the sick and disabled. The usual conditions for an indulgence must also be fulfilled: confessing one's sins, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the pope's intention (listed in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

How can parishioners be involved? The whole parish represents the Church, and journeys with the members of OCIA. OCIA members are seeking to know Christ: "Reflecting upon the value of the Paschal Mystery and renewing their own conversion lead them by their own example to obey the Holy Spirit more generously". All parishioners play a role in the OCIA ministry through prayer, being a sponsor, and providing a meal for an OCIA session.

If you would like to be a prayer partner, be a sponsor, or provide a meal, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Wednesdays | 7:00–8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. They faced secular forces, internal strife, and hostile crowds, and despite all of this, they brought the kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of men.

Each meeting includes a video presentation, discussion, prayer, and fellowship. A workbook can be purchased but is not required. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Actsregistration>

Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing

February 5 | 6:00–8:30 pm | Cathedral

The Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series honors the memory of Deacon Charles Williams by educating individuals and groups on racial injustice and promoting racial healing and reconciliation. The evening will include a holy hour with confessions available, dinner and a presentation by Tanya LeSane, Director of Religious Education at Holy Rosary Catholic Church here in Richmond.