

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6, 2025

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Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
Rector

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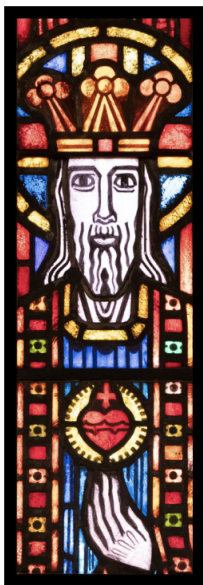
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)

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

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, April 9 | 6:00 pm

Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions for the parish's Lenten penance service. (Eucharistic adoration will take place as normal during the penance service.)

“The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship.’ ...For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation ‘is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1468).

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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 5 4:00 pm	St. Vincent Ferrer Confessions
5:00 pm	5th Sunday of Lent Mass
Sunday, April 6 9:00 am	5th Sunday of Lent Mass (+Allen West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Irene Kasper)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, April 7 12:00 N	St. John Baptist de la Salle No Mass
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday, April 8 12:00 N	5th Week of Lent Mass
6:00 pm	Monthly holy hour OCIA
Wednesday, April 9 7:30 am	5th Week of Lent Lauds
12:00 N	Mass
6:00 pm	Lenten penance service
7:00 pm	Bible study
Thursday, April 10 12:00 N	5th Week of Lent Mass (+Ronald Cestaro: month's mind)
Friday, April 11	St. Stanislaus Office closed
12:00 N	Mass (+John Butler Jr.: month's mind)
5:00 pm	Confessions [No soup supper]
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (April): For the use of the new technologies: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Vocations: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11). Jesus' words remind us of God's mercy and His invitation to a fresh start. In every vocation, we're called to accept His forgiveness and step forward with a renewed commitment to love and serve. This Lent, reflect on how you are nurturing a heart open to love as you journey toward Easter.

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Daniel Humphrey, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Steven Taylor; Elect: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker; Candidates for Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly, Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Grayson Hanneagan, Ashley Jefferson, Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Brielle O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Stacie Stockton, Avery Witherow; Candidates for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

April 9 Lenten penance service | 6:00 pm | Cathedral
Bible study | 7:00 pm | Cathedral

For more information: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults/>

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	March 22–23	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$721,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$15,768</u>	<u>\$674,617</u>
	-\$2,732	-\$46,883

The Cathedral spends over \$36,000 each year to keep electricity flowing through the building. That breaks down to roughly \$4.00 an hour to maintain this historical edifice. Weekly contributions of \$18,500 are needed to maintain our operational costs for utilities, in addition to insurance, and payroll. Your support is appreciated.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

This annual collection is ongoing. The Cathedral's goal during this Jubilee Year is \$58,940 (out of a total diocesan target of \$4,676,409). The parish receives back 20% of the funds received up to the goal (\$11,788), and 50% of the funds above the goal. Last year, the Cathedral received back \$33,051. Use the QR code to donate. Thank you for your consideration.



Baptism

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Congratulations to Graham Joseph McCarthy, who was baptized last Saturday.

This first sacrament is the foundation of being a Christian. Baptism, according to the literal meaning of the term, 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 (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1213–1214, 1262–1263, 1265, 1267).

St Jude: the Most Popular Saint in Mexico

April 8 | 4:00–5:30 pm | VCU Stem Bldg (817 W. Franklin St, rm. 110)

Professor Andrew Chestnut explains how the Patron Saint of Lost Causes, St. Jude, went from obscurity on the Mexican religious landscape to become the rock star of Catholic saints in the country. His popularity is such in the country with the second largest Catholic population on the planet that he is the only saint in the world with not only an annual but a monthly feast day.

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

“The Church’s Preaching Shines Everywhere”: A Holy Hour in Commemoration of St. Mark **April 8 | 6:00–7:00 pm**

Each month, a holy hour takes place that includes Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist, Scripture readings, sacred music, silent prayer, and benediction. The holy hour is a way to deepen one’s love and appreciation for the Eucharist, which is Christ himself.

The April holy hour will focus on St. Mark the Evangelist, whose feast day is celebrated this month (April 25). St. Mark was a colleague of both St. Peter and St. Paul. According to tradition, he was the author of the Gospel that bears his name and the first bishop of Alexandria (Egypt). He is symbolically depicted as a winged lion (note his image beneath the Cathedral dome).

The life and ministry of St. Mark exemplify the principle enunciated by St. Irenaeus of Lyons (ca. 130–202 AD), whose treatise is read on St. Mark’s feast day: “Just as God’s creature, the sun, is one and the same the world over, so also does the Church’s preaching shine everywhere to enlighten all men who want to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

Passiontide

Today, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters a two-week period informally known as Passiontide, which lasts through Holy Saturday (April 19). During this time, the readings and prayers of Mass turn toward the Passion of the Lord.

Notes from the Choir Loft

Ave Verum Corpus (published in 1605) remains one of composer William Byrd’s (ca. 1540–1623) beloved pieces. The piece crystallizes Byrd’s uniqueness: perfectly controlled writing, clear structure, the unexpected, fervor, and a gripping conviction characteristic of a Catholic recusant in Protestant England.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign **Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality**

Last week on *Lætare* Sunday, the new organ featured an unusual stop: the *rossignol* (French: nightingale). Along with rose-colored vesture and more activity from the organ, the *rossignol* signaled the midpoint of the Lenten journey and more spring-like weather. The effect of singing birds is achieved by immersing four pipes in three inches of water.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“The humility of Jesus can be seen in the crib, in the exile to Egypt, in the hidden life, in the inability to make people understand Him, in the desertion of His apostles, in the hatred of His persecutors, in all the terrible suffering and death of His Passion, and now in His permanent state of humility in the tabernacle, where He has reduced Himself to such a small particle of bread that the priest can hold Him with two fingers. The more we empty ourselves, the more room we give God to fill us.”

—St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997)

SERVICE

April Service Project **Commonwealth Catholic Charities Refugee Program** The Cathedral will collect the following items during April:

- broom with dustpan
- kitchen utensils
- clear shower curtain
- lightbulbs
- 18-piece dinnerware set
- 40-piece silverware set
- dishwashing soap
- non-stick cookware (pots and pans)
- towels (bath, hand, and kitchen)
- liquid handsoap
- toothbrushes
- stainless steel mixing bowls
- 7-piece bedset (full/queen)
- deodorant (men and women)
- shampoo and conditioner

Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule or the parish hall foyer in the designated bins. You can also order from Amazon and have your donations delivered straight to Commonwealth Catholic Charities: <https://amzn.to/4cj3X9>.

Chrism Mass Volunteers

April 14 | 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. Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation and distribution of oils. If you would like to help, please contact Father Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

Ongoing Service Project

April 16 | 12:30–3:30 pm | FeedMore, 8020 Villa Park Dr., 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: <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, contact Richard Robbins (crobb28@gmail.com).

Rosary Ministry

Monday–Friday | 3:00 pm | St. Mary’s Hospital, Richmond

The Rosary Ministry at St. Mary’s Hospital needs volunteers. Rosary Ministry volunteers pray the rosary on weekdays throughout the year, with a particular need on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The rosary is prayed in the chapel, usually by two volunteers, while being televised through closed circuit TV, directly to the patients’ rooms, so they can pray along.

Parking at the hospital is free and convenient. For more information, please contact Mike O’Toole: (804) 908-3721, otoolemj@verizon.net.

Livestream Volunteers

The Cathedral parish livestreams the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and other special occasions. 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

First Holy Communion

Every Catholic remembers receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This sacrament contains the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and strengthens our union with him.

First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in 2nd grade. Please pray for the students preparing to receive their first Holy Communion: Anna, Dylan, Evangelista (Eva), George, James, John (Jack), John Travis (JT), Kathleen, Leo, Solei, Thomas, Varick, and Wyeth.

Questions about First Holy Communion preparation can be directed to Joy Weir (jweir@richmonddiocese.org).

Confirmation

Confirmation is a gift of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out his or her faith. Ten teenagers in the parish are preparing for this sacrament: Ada (Birdie), Albert, Connor, Dominic, Eileen (Ellie), Graziella, Isabella, Jacob, Liam, and William.

These confirmands are praying the prayer to the Holy Spirit each day leading up to their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Parishioners are invited to pray with them:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right
and always to rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Easter Sunday Children's Choir

The Cathedral children's choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Students from 2nd through 8th grades are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please email Amy Hruska (aghruska@verizon.net).

Rehearsals take place on designated Sunday mornings in the parish office conference room. Choristers must attend all rehearsals.

- April 6 10:05–10:55 am
- April 13 10:05–10:55 am
- April 19 11:00 am – 12:00 N
- April 20 (Easter Sunday): 8:00 am call time

Last Week in Catechesis

The True Vine atrium (1st – 3rd grade) visited the restored baptismal font. The students then applied this visit to the classroom, where they explored the rite of baptism and learned that this sacrament makes a person into a child of God.

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

"We should indeed prepare ourselves consciously and soberly for the moment when our lives will be judged, but we must always do this from the standpoint of hope, the theological virtue that sustains our lives and shields them from groundless fear. The judgment of God, who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8, 16), will surely be based on love, and in particular on all that we have done or failed to do with regard to those in need, in whose midst Christ, the Judge himself, is present (cf. Mt 25:31–46). ...In the words of Benedict XVI: 'At the moment of judgment we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy'" (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 22 §1).

The Jubilee Cross will remain in the sanctuary throughout the year so that the faithful can venerate it. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Jubilee prayer that has been placed near the Cross.

Abstinence during Lent

Catholic ages 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 1251–1252). Expectant and nursing mothers, and those who are ill, are dispensed from the obligation of abstinence.

Marriage in the Church

"Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest (or a witness authorized by the Church), the witnesses, and the assembly of the faithful" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1663).

In order for a Catholic to be validly married, he or she must normally be married in the Church; that is, in the presence of a priest or deacon (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1108 §1). Being married in the Church does not require that a Catholic's spouse be or become a Catholic.

I am happy to assist any couple who would like to be married in the Church.

—Fr. Tony

Adult Confirmation

Classes are available for adults seeking Confirmation. This sacrament is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out the Catholic faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1285, 1302–1303).

To register, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmond cathedral.org).

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Wednesdays: April 9 – May 14 | 7:00–8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to take the Good News of Christ 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. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Actsregistration>

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HOLY WEEK 2025

Church closed outside of specific events

**Church open 1 hour prior*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 12–13

Normal weekend Mass schedule

9:30 am Palm Sunday procession (Stuart Circle)

Monday of Holy Week, April 14

6:00 pm Chrism Mass*

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

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15

12:00 N Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16

12:00 N Mass

No 6:00 pm confessions or adoration

Holy Thursday, April 17

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

[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)

Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18

Fasting and abstinence required

10:00 am Confessions

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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

[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)

Adoration of the Holy Cross until 9:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 19

Fasting and abstinence encouraged

10:00 am Lauds (Morning Prayer)

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

8:00 pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*

[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 20

9:00 am Mass of Easter Day*

[Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)

11:00 am Mass of Easter Day*

No 5:00 pm Mass



Eucharist window
(Chigot, 1956)



Crucifixion window
(Chigot, 1956)



Resurrection window
(Chigot, 1956)