

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 13, 2025

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Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
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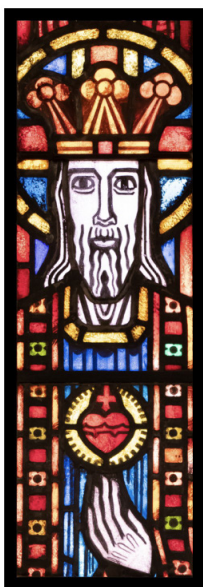
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (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

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday: April 17

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm*
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 pm

Good Friday: April 18

Fasting and abstinence required

Confessions: 10:00–11:00 am

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

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

Adoration of the Holy Cross until 9:00 pm

Holy Saturday: April 19

Fasting and abstinence encouraged

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 10:00 am

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00 pm*

[No 4:00 pm confessions, no 5:00 pm Mass]

Easter Sunday: April 20

Mass of Easter Day: 9:00 am*, 11:00 am

[No 5:00 pm Mass]

*Livestreamed on [Cathedral Facebook Livestream](#)

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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, April 12	5th Week of Lent
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mass (+Donet Gerloff)
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
9:00 am	Mass (+Robert Janeski) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
9:30 am	Stuart Circle Palm Sunday Procession
11:00 am	Mass (+Thomas Curran)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, April 14	Monday of Holy Week
6:00 pm	Church and office closed Chrim Mass https://richmonddiocese.org/livestream/
Tuesday, April 15	Tuesday of Holy Week
12:00 N	Mass (+Eugene and Irene Kasper)
Wednesday, April 16	Wednesday of Holy Week
7:30 am	Lauds
12:00 N	Mass (+Thali Yun: month's mind)
6:00 pm	No confessions and adoration
Thursday, April 17	Holy Thursday
7:00 pm	Office closed Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (priests) Cathedral Facebook Livestream Eucharistic adoration until 9:00 pm
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
10:00–11:00 am	Office closed
3:00 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Cathedral Facebook Livestream Adoration of the Cross until 9:00 pm

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	April 5–6	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$740,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$17,192</u>	<u>\$691,809</u>
	–\$1,308	–\$48,191

Special gifts: \$3,058 (Rectory yard statue) and \$500 (music)

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.



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 Hannegan, 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 23 Confessions and doration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

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

Baptism

Congratulations to Levi August Barnes, John Baptist Papa III, Katherine Ann Schwieder, Aliana Valentina Umipeg, and Arthur Giorgio Walsh who were 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).

Rectory Yard Update

A submerged oil tank was discovered in the rectory back yard during the current renovation. (These tanks are common in older houses.) An environmental company will inspect the unit and determine whether the tank must be excavated and removed or whether it can stay in place. To accommodate a possible excavation, one section of the yard will remain undone until the inspection takes place. Work on the rest of the yard will continue. The reception scheduled for May 4 will be postponed until the renovation project is complete.

—Fr. Tony

WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. As its formal name indicates, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord both commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (blessing of palms) and recalls his passion (Gospel). Jesus' resurrection is also celebrated since every Mass renews the entire paschal mystery: the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Chrism Mass

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.

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

Notes from the Choir Loft

"There Is a Green Hill Far Away" recounts the passion narrative, developing the themes of sacrifice, redemption, and faith popular in Victorian religious poetry. The text is set by Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995), organist of Gloucester Cathedral, England. Its writer, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), was devoted to disadvantaged children, eventually founding a school for the deaf. Deeply influenced by the Oxford movement (of which St. John Henry Newman was its leader), she is also the muse of other popular, religious songs for young people, including the Christmas carol "Once in Royal David's City," and the Easter hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

The first year of the new gallery organ has been filled with many interested musicians wanting to give it a spin, students listening to organ tours, and inaugural concerts. The organ builders have returned a few times to address several problems related to the instrument's acclimation to Richmond weather. So far, many are enthralled by the beautiful and unique sounds the instrument produces, a synthesis of not only various European, national styles (specifically France, Germany, Spain, and Italy), but also from various historical eras (such as the late Renaissance, baroque, classical, romantic, and post-romantic periods), with birds, bells, and thunder to boot!

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words 'until he comes' does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no.1341

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)
- deoderant (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>.

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 (crrobb28@gmail.com).

Corporal Works of Mercy

There are seven corporal works of mercy: (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) sheltering the homeless, (5) visiting the sick, (6) visiting the imprisoned, and (7) burying the dead. "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2447).

Each month, the Cathedral sponsors a service project to carry out the corporal works of mercy. These deeds fulfill Christ's teaching inscribed on the Cathedral's façade: IF YE LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS (John 14:15).

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.

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW will not take place on Palm Sunday (April 13) or Easter Sunday (April 20).

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).

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 Children's Liturgy of the Word 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 13 10:05–10:55 am
- April 19 11:00 am – 12:00 N
- April 20 (Easter Sunday): 8:00 am call time

Save the Dates

Work and Prayer | July 9 | Cathedral

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

This is a day of service, fellowship, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and more for rising 9th grade to 12th grade students. Contact Joy Weir for more information (jweir@richmondccathedral.org).

Epic | August 9 | St. Joseph's Villa

Registration: <https://bit.ly/Cathedralepic25>

Epic is a one-day diocesan event for middle school youth (rising grades 6-8). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: (1) building community & friendships with other Catholic middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass.

Last Week in Catechesis

Students in the Good Shepherd atrium (pre-k – 1st grade) continue to meditate on Jesus' death and resurrection. By learning about seeds and grain, the children hear Jesus saying that death and life are entwined: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24).

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

The Cathedral is a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year, enabling parishioners and visitors to obtain the jubilee indulgence. This indulgence can be gained by attending Mass, participating in Eucharistic adoration, or by carrying out works of mercy for those in need, including the sick and disabled. The usual conditions for an indulgence apply: confessing one's sins, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the pope's intentions (listed in the bulletin).

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" (*Spes non confundit*, no. 23 §3).

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 are properly disposed to receive the Eucharist. In the United States, the Easter Duty must be fulfilled between Palm Sunday (April 13) and Trinity Sunday (June 15).

The obligation to receive the sacrament of Penance is related to the Easter duty: "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).

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@richmondccathedral.org).

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Wednesdays: April 30 – 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

10:00–11:00 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)*

Holy Thursday, April 17 — Easter Sunday, April 20

- Laurel Street (entrance: 805 W. Grace St.)
- West Broad Street (entrance: 1111 W. Broad St.)



- W. Franklin St. from Shafer St. to N. Laurel St.
- S. Cathedral Pl. / Floyd Ave. from N. Laurel St. to N. Harrison St.
- N. Laurel St. from W. Franklin St. to Cathedral Pl.
- Cathedral Pl. and N. Cathedral Pl.

