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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 20, 2025

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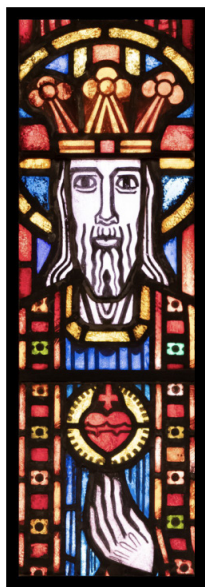
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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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

Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Saturday, April 19 | 8:00 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Congratulations to Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, and Wray Walker who received the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

“The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life. ... ‘The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1212).

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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.



Valid on April 20, 2025

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 19	Holy Saturday
10:00 am	Lauds
8:00 pm	Easter Sunday
	Easter Vigil (neophytes)
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday
9:00 am	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
	Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Tran family)
5:00 pm	No Mass
Monday, April 21	Easter Octave
	Church and office closed
Tuesday, April 22	Easter Octave
	Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
Wednesday, April 23	Easter Octave
7:30 am	Lauds
	Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
Thursday, April 24	Easter Octave
	Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
Friday, April 25	Easter Octave
	Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass

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: "He is not here; He has been raised" (Luke 24:6). The joy of the Resurrection brings new life. Could Christ be calling you to share this joy with others through a vocation in the Church? 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: Daniel Humphrey, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Steven Taylor; Candidates for Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly Jr., 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; Neophytes: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker.

YOUNG ADULTS

April 23	Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Cathedral
April 30	Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Cathedral
	Bible Study 7:00 pm Cathedral
May 4	Theology on Tap 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways
	Brewing, Dabney Rd., Richmond

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	April 12–13	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$758,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$17,143</u>	<u>\$708,952</u>
	-\$1,357	-\$49,548

The Cathedral is on track to spend over \$609,000 (30% of the budget) for payroll and benefits. This amount compensates the rector, staff, and paid choir members. To pay for this operational expense, together with insurance and utilities, the parish seeks to collect \$18,500 per week. Parishioners' continued support to meet this goal 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.



Away

April 21–25

I will be away from the parish next week visiting my mother. There will not be daily Mass during this time. A visiting priest will hear confessions and preside at Eucharistic adoration on Wednesday, April 23. I will return for Saturday confessions and weekday Masses. If there is an emergency while I'm away, please call the emergency number: (804) 254-0699.

—Fr. Tony

St. Francis Annual Benefit Dinner

May 9 | 6:00–10:00 pm

St. Francis - Manchester will host its 4th annual benefit dinner at the Commonwealth Club. This fundraiser supports affordable assisted living care for seniors who have limited financial needs. The evening includes a cocktail hour, a seated dinner, a raffle, and a live auction. Information and tickets: bit.ly/SFM-2025-benefit-dinner

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

Easter Time

Easter is not just one day (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord) but rather a full liturgical season: “The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one ‘great Sunday.’ These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, no. 22).

Notes from the Choir Loft

The Triduum’s solemnity has inspired composers from John Taverner (1490–1545) through Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978) to bring the best of their abilities to these holiest days. For the first time, the Cathedral choir performs the famed Easter motet “Sing Ye to the Lord” by Edward Bairstow (1874–1946).

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

The Cathedral’s *grand orgue* (“great organ,” to distinguish it from the choir and continuo organs) has performed well during its first Holy Week and Easter. All the stops were drawn for the Chrism Mass (including both 32’ ranks!) and all three Easter Masses. Whereas the former instrument could barely be heard when the Cathedral was full, the 67 stops of the new instrument can keep up with the demands of this week.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this paschal Sacrament
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

—*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass*,
no. 220 (© 2020, ICEL)

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 again next week for the final weekend 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/4cjI3X9>.

Ongoing Service Project

April 24 | 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 Ave.). For questions and to sign up, please email Christine Burroughs (cmburroug@clarityconnect.com).

Spiritual Works of Mercy

There are seven spiritual works of mercy: (1) instructing the ignorant, (2) counseling the doubtful, (3) admonishing the sinner, (4) forgiving offenses, (5) comforting the afflicted, (6) bearing wrongs patiently, and (7) praying for the living and 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). 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

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.

Altar Servers

The ministry of altar server is open to children and young people who have received their First Holy Communion and who regularly attend Sunday Mass. Parents of children and young people who would like to serve Mass are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will not take place on 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).

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

Catechesis will resume next week. The treasure of knowing Christ can be discovered at any age. Religious education helps children encounter the person of Christ, who accompanies them throughout their lives.

Catechesis for PreK through 12th grade meets on Sundays from 10:05 to 10:55 am from September to May. Families are warmly encouraged to enroll their children in catechesis. Registration for Fall 2025 will open in May.

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Saint Paul states this succinctly... "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5). ... For our sake, Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit, and made of his humanity the first fruits of our eternal salvation. Christian hope consists precisely in this: that in facing death, which appears to be the end of everything, we have the certainty that, thanks to the grace of Christ imparted to us in Baptism, "life is changed, not ended", forever. Buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death, making it a passage to eternity" (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 20 §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.

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).

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@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>

Thank You



The Cathedral celebrates the resurrection of our Lord with Easter lilies across the altar.
Special thanks to our contributors.

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