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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

April 27, 2025

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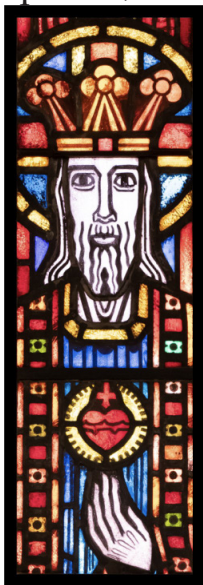
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)

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

Full Communion

April 27 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Benjamin Ackerly Jr., Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Kellie O'Brien, Faith Skibins, and Avery Witherow. They are received into the Catholic Church through a profession of faith, the sacrament of Confirmation, and the reception of the Eucharist.

Confirmation

April 27 | 5:00 pm Mass

Congratulations to Janille Olario and Hans Smetana 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).

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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 26 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Easter Octave Wedding (Michael Alley, Margaret Degnan) Confessions 2nd Sunday of Easter Mass (+Barbara Adam: month's mind)
Sunday, April 27 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Easter Mass (+Ann Voigt) Cathedral Facebook Livestream Mass Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, April 28 12:00 N	St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Montfort No Mass
Tuesday, April 29 12:00 N 6:00 pm	St. Catherine of Siena Mass (+LaRue Epps) OCIA
Wednesday, April 30 7:30 am 12:00 N 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Pius V Lauds Mass Confessions and adoration Bible Study
Thursday, May 1 12:00 N	St. Joseph the Worker Mass (+Patricia Redmond)
Friday, May 2 12:00 N	St. Athanasius 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: "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). If you are seeking peace and purpose in your life, open your heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Let God's mercy guide your steps. "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: Grayson Hannegan, Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Brielle O'Connor, Stacie Stockton; Candidate for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Andrew Farrell; Neophytes: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker; Newly received into Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly Jr., Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Kellie O'Brien, Faith Skibins, Avery Witherow; Newly confirmed: Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

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
August 22–23	Recent Graduate Retreat St. Michael Catholic Church, Glen Allen Registration: www.evangelizerichmond.org
For more information visit: https://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults/	

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	April 20–27	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$777,000
Weekly amount received	<u>TBD</u>	<u>TBD</u>

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.



Sick List

So that a current list of the sick can be maintained, parishioners are kindly asked to inform Katherine Leer, office manager, of any changes (kleeer@richmond cathedral.org).

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.

St. Francis Annual Benefit Dinner May 9 | 6:00–10:00 pm | Commonwealth Club

St. Francis - Manchester will host its 4th annual benefit dinner. 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

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).

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is the octave (eighth) day of Easter, in which each day is as important as Easter Sunday itself. Today is also the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Pope St. John Paul II established Divine Mercy Sunday in canonizing St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. St. Faustina received visions of Christ centered on the theme of divine mercy.

The readings and prayers for today’s Mass develop this motif, as indicated in the Collect (opening prayer): “God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own...”

Notes from the Choir Loft

The Cathedral choir enjoys a well-deserved Easter break and will return to sing the First Holy Communion on May 4 at the 11:00 am Mass.

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 diocesan Chrism Mass (including both 32’ ranks!) and all three Easter liturgies. Whereas the former instrument could barely be heard in a crowded Cathedral church, the 67 stops of the new instrument are able to keep up with the demands of this week.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“All the good that is in me is due to Holy Communion. I owe everything to it. I feel this holy fire has transformed me completely.”

— St. Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938)

SERVICE

April Service Project

Commonwealth Catholic Charities Refugee Program

This is the final weekend for collecting the CCC Refugee Program. Thank you for your generosity. You can continue to order from Amazon: <https://amzn.to/4cj13X9>.

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).

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 (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Catechesis

Catechesis designates religious education. The term is derived from the Greek *eche* (echo), in the sense of the Catholic faith “resounding” by means of instruction. Religious education is available for all ages: children, youth, and adult.

Pope St. John Paul II taught that, “The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity” (*Catechesi tradendae*, no. 5 §3).

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@richmondscathedral.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

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

“Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. ... For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!” (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.

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).

Lay Vocation

Vatican Council II (1962–1965) taught that lay people have their own grand and noble calling—to consecrate human civilization to God through daily life and work: “The laity... seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world... in all of the secular professions and occupations. They live in the ordinary circumstances of family and social life... They are called there by God that... they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven” (*Lumen gentium*, no. 31 §2).

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>