

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2025

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
Rector

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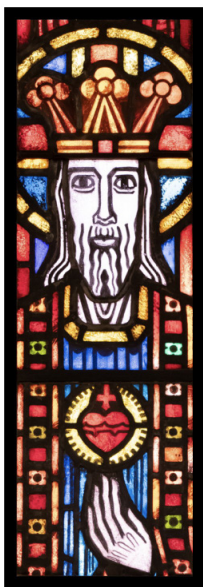
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Parish registration: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



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

First Holy Communion of Children Sunday, May 4 | 11:00 am Mass

Congratulations to the children of the parish receiving their First Holy Communion: Anna, Dylan, Evangelista (Eva), George, James, John (Jack), John Travis (JT), Kathleen, Leo, Solei, Thomas, Varick, and Wyeth.

O Sacrum Convivium

How holy this feast
in which Christ is our food:
his passion is recalled,
grace fills our hearts,
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.

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1. Pull and keep a ticket to enter deck
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3. Take a photo of the code with your phone
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COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 3 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Sts. Phillip and James Wedding (Nikolas Sommer, Madelyn Clark) Confessions
5:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Easter Mass (Anita Adam)
Sunday, May 4 9:00 am	3rd Sunday of Easter Mass (+Allen West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	First Holy Communion Mass (Rev. Msgr. Mark Lane)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, May 5 12:00 N	3rd Week of Easter No Mass
Tuesday, May 6 12:00 N 6:00 pm	3rd Week of Easter Mass (+Clifford Baham) OCIA
Wednesday, May 7 7:30 am 12:00 N 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	3rd Week of Easter Lauds Funeral Mass (+Frances McDonough) Confessions and adoration Bible Study
Thursday, May 8 12:00 N	3rd Week of Easter Mass
Friday, May 9 12:00 N	3rd Week of Easter Mass (+William Eanes II)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (May): For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Vocations: "It is the Lord" (John 21:7)! Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Sick: Anita Adam, 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

May 6	Theology on Tap 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, Dabney Rd., Richmond
May 7	Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Cathedral Bible Study 7:00 pm Cathedral
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 19–20	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$777,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$39,948</u>	<u>\$748,900</u>
	\$21,448	–\$28,100
	April 26–27	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$795,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$17,239</u>	<u>\$766,139</u>
	–\$1,261	–\$29,361

The Cathedral benefits from increased giving during Holy Week (Palm Sunday – Easter Sunday). This year, the parish was blessed to receive 20% more than last year, with over \$57,000 for the two ends. The Cathedral is grateful for parishioners' generosity as it seeks to collect \$18,500, on average, per week (\$962,000 yearly) to meet its operating expenses. Thank you.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

For the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal, the Cathedral has raised \$67,322 of a \$58,940 goal (114%). This amount comes from 130 donors. Thank you for your generosity. There is still time to send in your donation. Contributions can be made through the [Catholic Community Foundation](#) online, or payments can be forwarded to the Cathedral business office. Contact Robin Thomas (business@richmondcathedral.org) for assistance.

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,
look on your peoples prayers
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,
who presided over your Church in charity,
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,
receive from your mercy
the reward of a faithful steward.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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Annual Parish Picnic

June 1 | 12:00 N – 2:00 pm | Cathedral

Join us for food, games, music, and fellowship. Please click on the links below for more information about how to get involved.

Volunteer: Help is needed before, during, and after the picnic.

Cake Walk: Bring a cake to the parish hall between 8:30 am and 12:00 N the day of the picnic. Please label the type of cake and ingredients used.

For more information, please contact Katherine Leer (kleeer@richmondcathedral.org).

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).

Queen of Heaven

The *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven) antiphon is used throughout the Easter season. It is one of five antiphons in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are prayed according to the various liturgical seasons.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
has risen as he said, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

Notes from the Choir Loft

Since its publication in 1860, *Panis Angelicus* by French composer César Franck (1822–1890) has become the best-known setting of the text written by St. Thomas Aquinas (ca. 1200). The music’s immediate appeal could be attributed to its tight classical form, constructed by repeating a beautiful, simply-written theme. It is juxtaposed by a brief setting of another text by Aquinas: O Sacred Banquet.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

Most pipe organs have stops that undulate when two stops are pulled together, causing an ethereal effect. These are mostly known as *celestes* (heavenly). The sound of vibrating strings is made by drawing the *viola de Gambe* (a stop mimicking an early violin) and *voix celestes* (literally, “heavenly voice,” the stop is intentionally out of tune to create the undulating effect). The gallery organ has another set of undulating pipes: the *dulciane* (“little sweetness,” a soft string stop) - the *unda maris* (“wave of the sea,” an intentionally out of tune, soft string stop).

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“The whole Church is united with the offering and intercession of Christ. Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, the Pope is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist, wherein he is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1369

SERVICE

May Service Project

Mary’s Choice RVA Baby Bottle Campaign

www.maryschoicerva.org

MCRVA is a pro-life organization for women who have chosen life for their babies. They provide housing and support services for moms and their babies for up to 4 years. Presently MCRVA has served 37 women, and 33 babies have received the gift of life!

We will distribute baby bottles and QR codes after Masses the weekend of May 10–11. Please support the mission of MCRVA by filling a baby bottle with your donations or by scanning the QR code to donate online. Checks may be made out to Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with MCRVA on the memo line. Please return your donations by the weekend of May 24–25. Thank you for your generosity.



Ongoing Service Project

May 21 | 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).

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The role of an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is to help distribute the Eucharist at Mass, so that the celebration is not unduly prolonged, or to bring the sacrament to the sick.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must be fully initiated and practicing Catholics. This means that they have received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion; that they practice their faith, which includes attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; and, that if married, they be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Parishioners who would like to serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, or to the sick, 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).

Registration:

Vacation Bible School | June 16 | 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

The Cathedral Vacation Bible School is a wonderful week filled with Bible stories, games, snacks, music, crafts, skits, prayer, and daily Mass. Campers are ages 4 to rising 5th-grade students.

The cost is \$25 per camper. Rising 6th graders and up can volunteer at the camp. Priority registration for Cathedral parishioners: <https://bit.ly/CathedralVBS2025>

Last Week in Catechesis

All levels from PREK–HS had their last regular catechesis class on Sunday. Each student received a Pope Francis prayer card and continued to pray for him as a class. In addition, the students focused on the Easter season and Divine Mercy Sunday.

A special thanks to catechists, assistants, and volunteers who help with weekly catechesis: Susie Puglisi, Sarah Clair, Evelyn Anderson, Sara Grey Bliley, Connor Mortensen, Kelly Lash, Mary Kate Aylward, Caroline Tobe, Sienna Schall, Eileen Lapington, Theresa Ornder, Paula Blair, Colleen Ferriera, Emily Fritz, Joanie Price, Michael Spironello, Jack Stonerock, Colleen Forte, Cecelia Toler, Brigid Ludvigsen, Dillon Forte, Emma Krusz, April Ruiz, John Weir, and Michelle Van Meter.

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

“Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 11 §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).

Becoming a Catholic

A Journey of Faith

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process for learning about the Catholic faith. This spiritual journey is for adults who have not been baptized, those who have been baptized in another denomination, and adults who were baptized Catholic but did not receive instruction in the faith. Adults who are open to discerning their personal experience of faith and learning more about the Catholic Church are welcome to OCIA.

If you are interested in discovering more about the Catholic faith, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

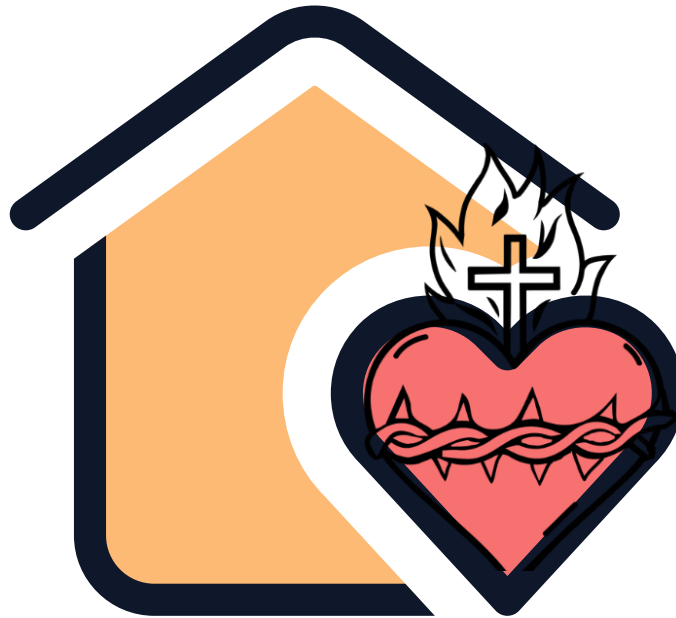
Wednesdays: May 7–21, June 4 | 7:00–8:30 pm | Parish Hall

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>

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School

My Home: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



Music, Skits, Crafts, Service Projects,
Food, Games, Fun, Mass, and more.

June 16 to June 20, 2025

8:45 am to 12:45 pm

Ages 4 to Rising 5th Grade

\$25 PER CAMPER

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