

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025

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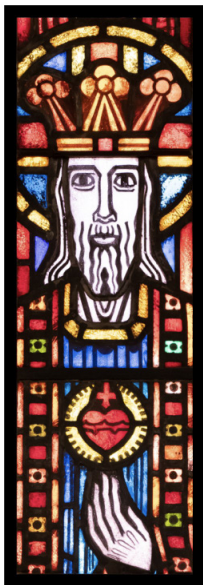
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*Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)*

### 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

### Prayer for Newly Elected Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant, Leo,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;  
grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those over whom he presides  
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.  
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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### QR Code for Parking

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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

<b>Saturday, May 10</b>	<b>St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster</b>
2:00 pm	Wedding (Raymundo Murillo, Leydy Rodriguez)
4:00 pm	Confessions
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
5:00 pm	Mass (+Eileen Jacxsens)
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>
9:00 am	Mass (Kellie O'Brien and family)
	<a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
11:00 am	CCM Baccalaureate Mass (graduates)
5:00 pm	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	<b>Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras</b>
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>
	Office and church closed
12:00 N	Mass (+Lucia Nguyen)
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	<b>St. Matthias</b>
7:30 am	<a href="#">Lauds</a>
	Office and church closed
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>St. Isidore</b>
12:00 N	Mass (+collective month's mind)
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>
12:00 N	Mass (+Bruna Bullock)

## 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:** "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**Sick:** Anita Adam, Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm, Joy Tunnel.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** Inquirers: Idania Espinoza, Clay Harris, Daniel Humphrey, Blake Kazenski, Blake Keller, Georgia Lamb, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Jordan Wilson; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Steven Taylor; Candidates for Full Communion: Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Stacie Stockton; Candidate for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Andrew Farrell, William Roebuck; 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, Brielle O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Avery Witherow; Newly confirmed: Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**May 14** 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](http://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

	May 3-4	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$814,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$15,244</u>	<u>\$781,383</u>
	-\$3,256	-\$32,617

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.

## 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 to learn 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.

**Raffle:** Purchase tickets for a "split-the-pot" cash raffle. Tickets may be purchased four ways: hotlink, QR code (see below), through the business office with a check, or cash the day of the picnic.

For more information, please contact the parish office ([office@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:office@richmondcathedral.org)).



## Catholic Campus Ministry at VCU

As our Catholic Campus Ministry program winds down for the semester, we celebrate a meaningful and grace-filled year! Last week, we honored our seniors for their dedication and valuable contributions to our community. Please keep them in your prayers as they transition to new chapters in their lives, trusting that God's guidance will lead them forward.

This year has been truly inspiring; we witnessed God's work in many ways. We strengthened ecumenical relationships with other Christian groups on campus, fostering unity and collaboration. We had a record-breaking number of students participating in the Summit Campus Ministry Conference this February, deepening their faith and community bonds. Additionally, numerous students experienced profound encounters with the Lord through our weekday small group Bible studies.

As summer approaches, let us pray for rest and renewal for our students, that they may return refreshed and inspired. Thank you for supporting our ministry, and we look forward to building even more paths for students to encounter Christ this fall!

—Chris Spilka,  
VCU Campus Minister

## 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).

### Mary’s Month

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month includes the feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), which commemorates her apparition to the Portuguese shepherd children in 1917, and the feast of the Visitation (May 31).

Throughout this month, parishioners are encouraged to place flowers on the Mary altar, where vases are available.

The *Regina Caeli* (Queen of Heaven) antiphon will be sung before all Masses during May:

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

The Cathedral Choir performs a choral setting of the popular American hymn “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need.” It is arranged by Virgil Thomson (1896–1989), who (along with Aaron Copland) is credited with developing the “American Sound,” an aesthetic evoking American landscapes. A graduate of Harvard University and recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for music, Thomson studied composition in Paris and returned to the United States, influencing other American luminaries such as Ned Rorem, Leonard Bernstein, and John Cage.

### 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

We pray, O Lord,  
that the reverent reception of the  
Sacrament of your Son  
May cleanse us from our old ways  
and transform us into a new creation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

—*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass* (© 2020, ICEL)

## SERVICE

### May Service Project

#### Mary’s Choice RVA Baby Bottle Campaign

[www.maryschoicerva.org](http://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 four 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 this weekend. 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.



### Feedmore Monthly Service Project

May 21 | 12:30–3:30 pm | 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](mailto: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](mailto:otoolemj@verizon.net).

### Sacristans

Sacristans are liturgical ministers whose service helps to ensure a worthy and reverent celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105b). Volunteers are needed to help set up for Mass and clean up afterwards. Duties include arranging the liturgical books, sacred vessels, and other items. Training for the ministry of sacristan is happily provided.

If you would like to serve the Cathedral as a sacristan, please contact Fr. Tony ([tmarques@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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).

### Baptism Information Class

**May 17 | 12:15–12:45 pm | Parish office**

If you are seeking Baptism for your child (ages 7 and under), please attend this session in the parish hall. Following the class, a short tour of children meeting spaces is offered. For more information, contact Joy Weir ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### 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 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

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

### Save the Date: Catholic Fest

**October 11 | The Diamond | 3001 N. Blvd., Richmond**

Join Bishop Knestout and the entire diocese at a one-day festival this Fall. The day will be full of music, food, fun, fellowship, faith, and celebrating Mass as a diocese. Musical acts will include Scythian, The Young Escape, Marie Miller, and local performers from our diocese. Complete with a Kids Zone, vendors, food trucks, and more, you won't want to miss this opportunity for the whole family. Bring your friends, family, youth group, class, ministry, or your whole parish! [Head to the Catholic Fest website.](#)

An extra way to engage teens is by having them apply to share their talent on the small concourse stage. [Find out more here.](#)

### Last Week in Catechesis

Children's Liturgy of the Word (9:00 am Mass) continues through May 18. The children gather at the Mary altar right before the First Reading and exit the church to hear the Word of God and discuss the readings in an engaging lesson with other children ages 3 to 7. The children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

## ADULT

### 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).

### Receiving Holy Communion

Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation but are not obligated to receive Holy Communion (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1247).

The Church encourages the faithful to receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible, if they are properly disposed (Instruction on Eucharistic Worship, *Eucharisticum mysterium*, no. 37). The proper disposition includes fasting from food and drink (except for water and medicine) for one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist (canon 919 §1). A person aware of having committed a grave (mortal) sin must first confess his or her sins in the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion (canon 916).

### 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@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

**Wednesdays: May 14, 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>

### Social Justice Speaker Series

**June 22 | 12:15–1:15 pm | Parish Hall**

Beyond the call of believing Catholic Social Teaching lies the call to “Be-Living” it. Jason Obergfell, a member of the Casa Alma Catholic Worker community in Charlottesville, will share his experiences of attempting to live out Catholic Social Teaching as a lay person. Obergfell served as a Maryknoll Lay Missioner for 8 years in Bolivia, followed by an additional 10 years collaborating with various religious congregations, not-for-profits, and Bolivian professionals. Join us for a light lunch and discussion. Registration: <https://bit.ly/beliving2025>





# *Cathedral Parish Picnic*

**Sunday, June 1  
Cathedral Place**

**The picnic will begin immediately after  
the 11:00 am Mass.**

**Join us for a delightful gathering with hotdogs,  
hamburgers, veggie burgers, an ice cream truck,  
music, games, a cash raffle, and more.**

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:**  
*<https://bit.ly/4m8sE0e>*