

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
Rector

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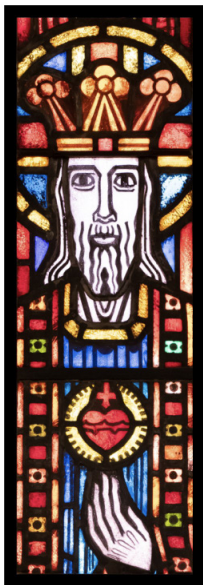
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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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

Memorial Day Mass Monday, May 26 | 9:00 am

Mass will be offered on Memorial Day for those in the armed forces who have given their lives in service to the nation.

In a noble way, participation in this Mass fulfills the spiritual work of mercy of praying for the dead, and honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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QR Code for Parking

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, May 24	5th Week of Easter
2:00 pm	Wedding (Ryan Mecaskey, Emma Gnatowski)
4:00 pm	Confessions
	6th Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm	Mass (Alexander McMurtrie)
Sunday, May 25	6th Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Mass (+Frances McDonough)
	Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Ronald Cestaro)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
	Office closed
9:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, May 27	St. Augustine of Canterbury
12:00 N	Mass (+Rolph Sandkar)
Wednesday, May 28	6th Week of Easter
7:30 am	Lauds
12:00 N	Mass (+Rolph Sankar)
6:30 pm	Benedictine Schools Baccalaureate Mass
Thursday, May 29	St. Paul VI
	Office closed
12:00 N	Mass (+Joan Nolte)
Friday, May 30	6th Week of Easter
12:00 N	Funeral Mass (+Kenneth, Edward Ross)
	Church closed after Funeral Mass

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	May 17–18	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$851,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$12,524</u>	<u>\$807,629</u>
	–\$5,976	–\$43,371

The finance council has approved the \$1.69 million budget for fiscal year 2026. As the cost of services continues to rise each year, the Cathedral staff stretches each dollar to be good stewards of parishioners' contributions. The parish seeks to collect \$18,500 on average to meet operating needs. The Cathedral is grateful for parishioners' generosity.

Special collection: Diocesan Home Mission (May 24–25)

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.

Help is needed before, during, and after the picnic (bit.ly/4m8sE0e).

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 (bit.ly/cake2025).

Purchase tickets for a “split-the-pot” cash raffle. Tickets may be purchased four ways: bit.ly/RaffleTicket2025, 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).

Cash Raffle QR Code



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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

Vocations: “The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you” (John 14:26). How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk 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, Joy Tunnel.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Idania Espinoza, Clay Harris, Daniel Humphrey, Blake Kazenski, Blake Keller, Jeorgia 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; Candidates 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 28	No Confessions or adoration
June 3	Theology on Tap 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, 2277 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/>

Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Congratulations to Jazlyn, Jenesis, and Nolan who received the sacraments of Christian Initiation.

“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).

Lost and Found

The Cathedral maintains a lost and found in the parish office. Please contact Katherine Leer (kleeer@richmondcathedral.org) to obtain an item. Unclaimed items will be donated after thirty days.

WORSHIP

Easter Sacraments

The celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion during the Easter season emphasizes that each sacrament makes present the death and resurrection of Christ.

"The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life. 'The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. the faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1212).

Notes from the Choir Loft

"The Call," composed by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), is one movement from the well-known work "Five Mystical Songs". Taken from the poem "Easter," written by Welsh poet George Herbert (1593–1633), "The Call" is now one of the most recognizable sacred hymns: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life." A poetic triptych, it opens with a reference to John 14:6 before describing Christ as light, feast, and strength. It concludes as a love letter to Christ, recognizing him as joy, love, and heart.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

One of the most visually striking features of the gallery organ are the clusters of horizontal pipes aimed at the apse. These are named *trompette en chamade* (literally, "trumpets to sound a parley"), but the stop's original Spanish name captures its true character: *trompeta de batalla* ("battle trumpet").

The earliest surviving example is found on a 1588 organ built by Gaspar Martín in the cathedral of Huesca, Spain. When Spain ruled the world, the blare of military trumpets was commonplace. Still a novelty today, chamades turned into a status symbol in the centuries that followed, owing to their expense, difficult construction, dedicated winding system, and the challenges of mounting onto an organ case. By contrast, the Cathedral's old organ had only one chamade stop. The new gallery organ has three of them. (One for each person of the Trinity!)

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"It was above all on 'the first day of the week,' Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met 'to break bread.' From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1343).

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 four years. Presently MCRVA has served 37 women, and 33 babies have received the gift of life!

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. This is the last weekend to drop off your filled baby bottle. Thank you for your generosity.



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

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.

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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. Registration: <https://bit.ly/CathedralVBS2025>

Regional White Water Rafting Adventure Teen Retreat July 21–22 | Oak Hill, WV

Join us for a thrilling 48 hours of time in nature! The bus will leave from St. Michael, Glen Allen at 10:00 am on Monday. We will arrive back in Richmond around 10:30 pm on Tuesday. \$180 per person. Cost includes: rafting with professional rafting guides, coach bus transportation, cabin accommodation and campsite fee, and three meals (campfire dinner, light breakfast, and rafting trip lunch). Additional monies should be brought for 2 meal stops there and back. Registration: www.saint-mikes.org/rafting

Infant Baptism

The 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.

Children are baptized within the first weeks of life, if possible. A class is provided to help parents understand the grace and responsibilities of this sacrament. Baptisms are celebrated year-round at the Cathedral and can be conveniently scheduled. For more information, contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Catechesis Service

Did you know that thanks to your generosity, the 4th and 5th grade catechesis students put the corporal works of mercy in action? The Social Justice committee provided a grant through the poor and needy fund to the children of the parish to do service projects throughout the year including maintaining the Cathedral food pantry, lunches for CARITAS, and welcome kits for Real Life.

Upcoming in Catechesis

Catechesis helps children and teens encounter the person of Christ, who accompanies them throughout their lives. The parish’s catechesis program for PREK–HS students runs from September – May and meets between the morning Masses from 10:05 to 10:55 am. Catechetical opportunities for adults are held several times a year while the students are in classes.

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

There is an indulgence associated with the Jubilee Year. 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).

The jubilee indulgence can be gained by venerating the jubilee Cross and reciting the jubilee prayer at the Cathedral, or by carrying out works of mercy for those in need, including the sick and disabled. The usual conditions for an indulgence must also be fulfilled: confessing one’s sins, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the pope’s intention (listed in the bulletin).

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).