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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 1, 2025

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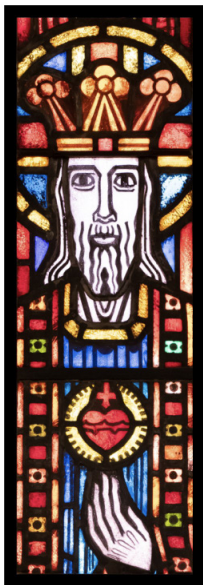
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 1 | 12:00 N – 2:00 pm | Cathedral grounds

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.

Please note that parking will be very limited on Cathedral Pl. and N. Cathedral Pl. because of the picnic.

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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 31 4:00 pm	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Confessions
5:00 pm	Ascension of the Lord Mass (Joy Tunnel)
Sunday, June 1 9:00 am	Ascension of the Lord Mass (+Allen West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Eileen Jaxsens: month's mind)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, June 2 12:00 N	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter No Mass
Tuesday, June 3 12:00 N	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions Mass (Elena Doyle)
Wednesday, June 4 7:30 am	7th Week of Easter Lauds
12:00 N	Mass (+collective month's mind)
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
Thursday, June 5 12:00 N	St. Boniface Church closed No Mass
Friday, June 6 12:00 N	St. Norbert Church closed No Mass

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (June): That the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Vocations: "You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:48-49). Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting you to continue His work within the Church. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to equip you for this journey. 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.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	May 24-25	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$859,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$ 16,545</u>	<u>\$ 824,174</u>
	-\$1,955	-\$45,326

June marks the start of the summer. Contributions often decrease during this time, but the parish's expenses do not. The Cathedral depends on regular, consistent giving to carry out its work. On average, \$18,500 per week is needed to cover operational costs. Even though the days get shorter after the solstice, it would be wonderful for offertory contributions to gradually increase. Thank you for your continued support.

Priesthood Ordination

Saturday, June 7 | 10:30 am

Parishioners are invited to attend the ordination of three new priests.

A cathedral parish has the unique privilege of hosting the most important celebrations in the life of the local Church (diocese). This privilege also carries a special responsibility to pray for those who give their lives in service to the Church.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS

June 4 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/>

WORSHIP

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

"Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (Acts 1:11) ... Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 665–666).

Flowers

Parishioners may purchase flowers to adorn the altar and tabernacle in honor or in memory of a loved one. The presence of flowers in the sanctuary serves to make the celebration of Mass beautiful and reverent. For more information, please contact Robin Thomas, business manager (thomas@richmondcathedral.org).

Eucharistic Adoration

The worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, usually when it is exposed on the altar, is called Eucharistic adoration. This worship of the Eucharist flows from Mass and leads back to it.

"Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist... encourages the acknowledgement of Christ's wonderful presence in and invites us to a union of heart with him that reaches its summit in sacramental Communion" (*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass*, no. 82).

Notes from the Choir Loft

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) composed the festive "O Clap Your Hands" (Psalm 47) in 1920. Originally composed for organ, brass, percussion, and choir, he adapted the work for organ and choir. This popular motet for the Ascension includes a triumphal jubilation as the text "Sing praises unto our King, sing praises" is repeated again and again.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

Of the 4,336 pipes in the Cathedral gallery organ, 1,102 of them are reed pipes. These pipes that sound like an oboe, bassoon, English horn, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and even a person singing the vowel "ah." Two people laboring for four hours are needed to tune just the reed pipes. (Imagine how long it would take to tune the remaining 3,234 pipes!)

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1394).

SERVICE

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.

Ushers

The liturgical ministry of ushers facilitates the reverent and orderly celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105). Scheduling is conveniently done online, and training is provided. Parishioners who would like to serve as ushers are asked to contact Father Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Confirmation

June 8 | 2:00 pm Mass

Please pray the young people of the parish who will soon receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

This sacrament "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).

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>

Work and Prayer

July 9 | Cathedral

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@richmondcathedral.org). Registration: <https://bit.ly/HSworkandpray>

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.

Did You Know?

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.

Baptism

Congratulations to the following children who have been baptized in May and their families:

Caroline Catherine Denas
Lorelei James Ponce de Leon
Mateo Christian Ferrell

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

"When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. ...The Priest raises the host slightly and shows it to each, saying, The Body of Christ. The communicant replies, Amen, and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant. As soon as the communicant receives the host, he or she consumes the whole of it" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, nos. 160 §3, 161).

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

Wednesday: 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>