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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE APOSTLES SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

June 29, 2025

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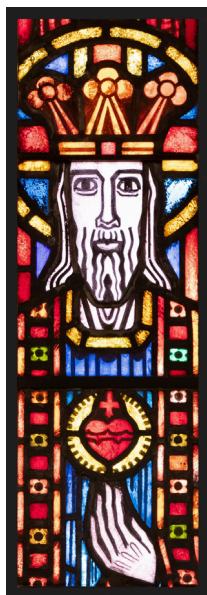
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)

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

Office Closure June 30 – July 4

The church and parish office will be closed next week so that the staff can enjoy some well-deserved time off for the July 4th holiday. There will be no Eucharistic adoration or confessions on Wednesday, July 3. Daily Mass will be canceled aside from the 9:00 am Mass on Friday, July 4.

Independence Day Mass July 4 | 9:00 am

Mass will be offered on the 4th of July to pray for our country, in gratitude for our heritage of freedom. This Mass will include the prayer composed by Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore (1735–1815), the first bishop of the United States, for President George Washington's inauguration in 1791.

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Valid until June 2025

VCU West Main 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, June 28	Immaculate Heart of Mary
2:00 pm	Wedding (John Shobe IV, Abigail Twining)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Sts. Peter and Paul Vigil Mass (+Frank Gerloff)
Sunday, June 29	Sts. Peter and Paul
9:00 am	Mass (+Dorothy Pletch) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Frances McDonough)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, June 30	13th Week in Ordinary Time Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
Tuesday, July 1	St. Junípero Serra Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
Wednesday, July 2	13th Week in Ordinary Time Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	No Adoration or confessions
Thursday, July 3	St. Thomas Church and office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
Friday, July 4	Independence Day Church and office closed
9:00 am	Mass (USA)

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.

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Clay Harris, Daniel Humphrey, Blake Kazenski, Blake Keller, Jeorgia Lamb, Jordan Wilson; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Steven Taylor; Candidates for Full Communion: Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Stacie Stockton; Candidates for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Idania Espinoza, Andrew Farrell, William Roebuck.

YOUNG ADULTS

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

	June 21-22	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$943,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$16,547</u>	<u>\$887,875</u>
	-\$1,953	-\$55,625

Bequest: \$8,697.57

Special collection: Peter's Pence (June 28–29)

The fiscal year will end on June 30. It's not too late for parishioners to help the Cathedral finish in a strong financial position. The parish seeks to collect \$18,500 each week to pay for normal operating expenses (e.g., payroll, insurance, utilities, liturgical supplies). Each contribution makes a difference and is appreciated.

Full Communion

June 29 | 9:00 am Mass

Congratulations to Heinrich Pletch on being received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The rite of reception into full communion includes a profession of faith, the sacrament of Confirmation, and reception of the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington, DC August 15

Pilgrimage to Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC for the Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The pilgrimage will include a late lunch at Park Lane Traven in Fredericksburg.

This pilgrimage is sponsored by the Catholic Golden Age – Our Lady of Peace Chapter in Richmond. The cost is \$60, which does not include lunch at Park Lane Traven on the way home. Reservations and payment must be received by Wednesday July 16. Come join us for this beautiful occasion. Please call Peggy Nitz for complete details at (804) 272-0769.

Diocesan Job Opening Internal Audit Manager

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking a full time Internal Audit Manager for the Office of Finance, in Richmond, Virginia. For the full ad and how to apply, please click <https://bit.ly/4dfR0kq>. For any questions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org

WORSHIP

Ordinary Time

The term Ordinary Time translates the Latin *tempus per annum*: literally, “time through the year.” Ordinary Time is the season of the liturgical year that is not tied to a particular feast or preparation for a feast (Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter).

“Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, thirty-three or thirty-four weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time” (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, no. 43).

Sacred Heart Month

The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of the Jesus, the Cathedral’s ecclesiastical title. The feast of the Sacred Heart falls in June and is typically celebrated on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. However, in the Cathedral’s case it is transferred to the following Sunday because it is the parish’s feast day (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar*, nos. 58–59).

“Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term ‘Sacred Heart of Jesus’ denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind” (*Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, no. 166).

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).

Notes from the Choir Loft

The Cathedral choir is on a well-deserved summer recess through the Labor Day weekend. Thank you to our talented choristers for a fantastic year of sacred music, and kudos on their consistently beautiful work throughout the season.

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

The pipe organ resembles the liturgical assembly that worships God. Just as Christ breathed the Holy Spirit upon the apostles (John 20:22), wind rushes through the pipes to create a harmonious sound of praise. Pope Benedict XVI (r. 2005–2013) observed the instrument’s ability to express “the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation,” going on to say that that “the manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God.”

SERVICE

June 2025 Service Project:

The Virginia Home

The Virginia Home (TVH) is a private nonprofit that provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised, regardless of ability to pay.

If you would like to help, TVH is requesting the following items to be donated:

- Sunscreen (SPF 50 or above and spray cans preferred)
- Sun hats and baseball caps
- Listerine mouthwash (blue, purple or green color/flavor)
- Dove Sensitive Body Wash with pump
- Construction paper/card stock (all different colors)
- Canvas for painting
- Acrylic paint
- Batteries (AA, AAA, CR2032: button batteries)

Items may be dropped off in the bins in the vestibule or parish hall through June 29. So far, 261 items have been collected, including 57 canvases for painting. Thank you for your generosity.

Haiti Update

Fr. Pierre Dieunot, pastor of St. Paul’s in Carissade, continues to face the challenge of covering monthly expenses for the school and the clinic, which includes staff salaries, necessary supplies, and food for the community. Recently, the parish’s vehicle broke down and needed repairs totaling \$1,300. This vital mode of transportation is used to bring supplies to the clinic and food to the community. St. Paul’s is truly lost without the use of this vehicle. The Cathedral is sending over contributions for May totaling \$826. The Carissade community is grateful for the continued support of Cathedral parishioners. Thank you.

Social Justice Committee Grant Awards

Based on the recommendations of the Social Justice Committee, the Cathedral will award \$21,000 from the parish’s poor and needy fund in fiscal year 2026 to the following local organizations that promote human well-being. Each agency completed a grant application that was reviewed by the Social Justice Committee and rector.

Cathedral Catechesis (religious education)	\$1,000
Crossover Healthcare Ministry	\$2,000
Greater Richmond SCAN	\$1,000
Home Again	\$1,000
Mary’s Choice RVA	\$2,500
RISC	\$2,500
Saint Francis–Manchester	\$7,000
SOAR 365	\$1,500
Virginia Home	<u>\$2,500</u>
	\$21,000

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the written word of God in the Scriptures. They are baptized Catholics, have received their First Holy Communion, attend Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation, and, if married, are married in the Catholic Church.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains 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 contact Fr. Tony (tmarquess@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Work and Prayer

July 9 | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm | Cathedral

Rising 9th graders to rising 12th graders are invited to this day of service, fellowship, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and more. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Hsworkandpray>

Epic

August 9 | 11:00 am – 7:00 pm | St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond

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 and 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. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Cathedralepic25>

Congratulations

Congratulations to Connor Mortensen, a rising high school junior that is one of 38 teens across the diocese selected to participate in Discipleship Week, a 4-day in-person experience, with all participants coming together for a retreat for 3 days and concluding as peer leaders at EPIC, the diocesan middle school event. To be selected, a teen must first be recommended by the pastor and youth minister, and then submit an essay and application.

Weekly Catechesis

Registration for catechesis (religious education) this fall is open. Classes are available for children ages 4 years old through rising high school seniors. Weekly classes begin September 7, and all classes meet from 10:05 to 10:55 am (between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses). Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>.

First Penance and First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion normally takes place when a child is seven years old and in second grade. It is preceded by the sacrament of Penance. To receive First Penance and First Holy Communion, a child must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Several preparation sessions are also required. Preparation for First Penance takes place in January and preparation for First Holy Communion takes place in April. Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation is normally received at age fifteen and in tenth grade. To be confirmed, a young person must already be baptized in the Catholic Church and enrolled in catechesis (home, parish, or Catholic school). Preparation sessions (September–May) are also required. Registration: <https://bit.ly/PREK-HSCat>

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

“We are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us. . . . We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope” (*Spes non confundit*, no. 7).

The special Jubilee Year 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.

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).

OCIA

A Journey of Faith

If you are interested in the possibility of becoming Catholic, we invite you to participate in a process called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). In OCIA, you will learn about all the aspects of the Catholic faith, grow in prayer, and reflect on Holy Scripture. 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 email Maria Thorsen, OCIA coordinator (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Reception of the sacrament of Confirmation completes the sacraments of initiation. The sessions focus on the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

To register, please contact Maria Thorsen, OCIA coordinator (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Revelation Bible Study

August 13 – September 17 | 7:00–8:15 pm | Parish Hall

The Acts of the Apostles Bible study has concluded. The next topic will be the Book of Revelation. There will be both adult and young-adult groups meeting. The study guide will be *Revelation: God’s Gift of Hope* by Kevin Perrotta and can be purchased online.