

December 3, 2017

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✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ✠

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## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy of Day Obligation

Friday, December 8 | 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm Masses

### *Advent*

*Hope, Peace, Joy, Love*

*Advent is a the way we as church express our hopes. Prophetic visions, prayers and songs help us profoundly. Advent is a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered, which directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is a period of devout prayer and joyful expectations. When we fully enter the Advent liturgies, we become Advent the people in and through whom Christ comes.*

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For a complete list of our ministries, committees and ways to get involved please refer to our Parish Resource Guide on our Website or pick up a copy at the entrance to the church.

# THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

## Saturday, December 2, 2017

10:00 am Advent Family Activities  
 4:00 pm 24-Hour Blessed Adoration ends  
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Louis Kastelberg*

## Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00 am **Mass** † *Allen Goolsby West*  
 10:00 am Childrens Faith Formation  
 10:00 am Childrens Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 am **Mass** † *Agnes & Bob Klein*  
 12:00 pm Middle School Youth Group  
 12:15 pm Adult Speaker - Sr. Bridget Haase  
 5:15 pm **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*  
 6:15 pm Sunday Supper

## Monday, December 4, 2017

12:05 pm **Daily Mass** -- *Alan Denardo*  
 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

## Tuesday, December 5, 2017

12:05 pm **NO Daily Mass**  
 6:00 pm RCIA

## Wednesday, December 6, 2017

7:30 am Morning Prayer  
 12:05 pm **Daily Mass** -- *Paul Buzas*  
 7:00 pm Ignite Night  
 6:30 pm Advent Scripture Reflection

## Thursday, December 7, 2017

12:05 pm **Daily Mass** † *Thomas Delarosa*  
 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, December 8, 2017

### *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:00 pm **Mass**  
 6:00 pm **Mass**

## Saturday, December 9, 2017

9:00 am Knight's of Columbus Santa Breakfast  
 2:00 pm Wedding  
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Edward Callahan*

## Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:00 am **Mass** -- *Jay Call, III*  
 10:00 am Childrens Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 am Faith and Family  
 10:05 am Childrens Faith Formation  
 11:00 am **Mass** † *Liddy Horsey*  
 12:00 pm High School Youth Group  
 5:15 pm **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*  
 6:15 pm Sunday Supper

## Advent Reflection Materials!

**NEW!**

Please help yourselves to the Advent reflection material you will find on the table at the entrance of the church. Spend time every day in prayer to become closer to our Lord understanding His love and mercy for each of us.

## ADVENT

With the dawn of a new Liturgical Year (B) and the beginning of Advent, there are changes to our environment--the vestments are purple, the singing of the Gloria is suspended, etc. As part of these perceivable changes, the music, particularly the Ordinary (i.e. Eucharistic acclamations) also takes on a different tone to reflect the holiness, penitence, and awaiting of Christmas. Marana tha! Come, O Christ the Lord!

# PRAYERS AND PRAISE ✠

**Sick:** Joyce Bruner, Michele Whitehurst, Mary Maynard, Darryl Simms, Ken Soistman, Mark Drexler, Jr., Floyd Roselli, Bobby Locke, Patrick Cooper, Thelma Robinson, Jennifer Tomes, Patrick Stockton, Reed Roberts, Cheryl Hennan, Ann Fincham, Georgia Thompson, Peggy Ross, Debra Brown, Joan & Mike Woody, Ann King, Mary Carroll Jordan, Barbara Munjas, Theresa Drexler Moody, Knox & Preston Kaliebe, Kevin Smith, Diana A., Joan DeBiasi, Maria Morales, John Anderson, Joanie Price, Cindy Cole, John Norment, Frank Flechter, Michael Hollister, Connie Biby, Valerie Booth, Barbara Kersey, Mary Hormachea, Gabriel Peter Norment, Gina Loehr, Eddie Dunn, III, John Kuhn, Sheila Dolan, Dylan Marshall, Jean Serini, Amy Tweedale, Billie Sutherland Moore, Mark Patrick Cotham, Anne Hutchins, and Janine Thompson. Also, please continue to pray for those written in the Book of the Sick and those in our Armed Forces.

**Seminarians:** Rev. Mr. James O'Reilly, Rev. Mr. Nick Redmond, Rev. Mr. John Baab, Joe Kauflin, Alex Jimenez, William Douglas, Julio Reyes, Thomas Lawrence, M. Tochi Iwujji, Kevin Riedel, Philip Decker, John Minnich, Chris Weyer, David Arellano, Benjamin Fleser, Dillon Bruce, Riley Winstead, Armando Herrera, Anthony Ferguson, Kyle O'Connor, Christopher Masla, Cassidy Stinson, Daniel Molochko, Patrick Walsh, Andrew Clark, Gregory Guilfoyle, William Buckley, James Fitzgerald, Samuel Hill, Robert Kincaid.

### Welcome to our new RCIA Community!

Jim Bailey, Mary Katherine Bradley, Robert Bradshaw, Amin Diallo, Jacob Einwechter, Nathan Galloway, Michael Maguire, Allison Nguyen, Mateo Salas Aguilar, Jacob Perry, Grace Pitthardt, Kristie Smith, Tammy Smith, Sidney Schroeder, Dave Noland, Carlie Honsaker.

**Welcome our New Members who joined us in November:** Maria Meza; Bryn Whiteley; Joseph Neil Omick; Carlie Honsaker; Javier & Anna Vasquez; Joran Sequeira; Ladie Bedivere Villardon; Anthony Becker; Sebastian & Lucia Robertson; Justin & Elizabeth Riegler; Charles & Elizabeth Ditsler; Herbert & Evelyn Chappell.

### The Pope's general prayer intention for December is:

**The Elderly:** That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

### How do we use the Preservation second collection?

We keep these funds in a separate account and use them for significant repairs of the facility. We have found that if we stay on top of repairs it prevents the need for major capital projects in the future.

## Commitment Weekend

Thank you for completing a commitment card. To date we have received 198 cards indicating an increased offertory of \$68,336. We hope all members will return a card. Commitment cards are at the entrance to church and can be left in the church mailbox in the small sacristy door.

### Weekly Offerings

For Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/2017

The Cathedral is grateful for last week's collections and year-end gifts.

	Last Week	Year to Date
<b>Regular Offertory</b>		
Amount Budgeted	\$17,356	\$371,570
Amount Received	\$17,359	\$401,389
Difference	\$3	\$29,819
<b>Preservation</b>	\$460	\$31,208
<b>Social Justice</b>		
Poor and Needy	\$1,320	\$17,633
Haiti	\$105	\$2,836

*Next weeks second collection is for the Cathedral Preservation.*

# CHILDREN'S, YOUTH AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## Children's Faith Formation Corner

*"Children and God have a unique bond"*

One of the really wonderful gifts Jesus gave us is a spirit created in the image and likeness of God. We are more a mind and body. We have a spirit, a soul, a heart. We have a place within us created in the Divine image and it is that place we tend.

## Cathedral Children's Choir

The Cathedral is excited to continue a Children's Choir for Christmas and Easter. If you have a daughter or son who is in Grades 1-6 and would like to participate, please fill out the agreement and see the flyer with complete information on the table in the Parish Hall and on the website. The choir will be directed by Mrs. Amy Hruska. If you have any questions email [aghruska@verizon.net](mailto:aghruska@verizon.net). Registration forms are on the website.

## Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

Our Cathedral Gift shop is selling the **Sunday Missal for Young Catholics 2017-2018** - The cost is \$8.00 This missal for young children will help them take part in the Mass on Sundays and important feast days. The missal gives the readings and prayers for each Sunday of the year. Look them over with your family before you go to church. It is an excellent way to prepare for Mass.

## The Children's Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 4 | 6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Please join us for the first rehearsal of the Children's Christmas Pageant. This is a Cathedral tradition at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. All children ages 4 - 10 are welcome to participate.

**NEW!**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Mark Your Calendar!

**Adult Speaker Series - Sr. Bridget Haase presents**

**Walking the Path of Faith -**

**The Power, Providence, and Presence of God**

Sunday, December 3 | 12:15 pm | Parish Hall

Please welcome Sr. Bridget, OSU an author of many books, educator and spiritual director, and often writes the reflections for Living Faith. Sr. Bridget will help us begin the holy season of Advent.

*Please come! Lunch will be served. Nursery is provided.*

Use this website to spend a few minutes a day in prayer during

Advent: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=C](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C)



**R.C.I.A.** is a sacramental formation process for adults seeking full initiation in the Catholic faith. This process is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed consciously and freely seek the living God and enter a way of faith and conversion.

**R.C.I.A.** is a process for adults who are seeking Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**R.C.I.A.** is a process for adults who have been previously Baptized in another faith tradition, adults who have not been Baptized, and for Catholic adults who are seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.

**R.C.I.A.** is a faith community that is on a spiritual journey called by God and receives God's grace.

**R.C.I.A.** community is supported by the parish community through prayer and example.

*RCIA would like to thank Richard Deiter for providing our wonderful dinner this week!!*

Please be part of the RCIA Meal Ministry. We begin every session with dinner. Sharing this meal brings the RCIA group together by breaking bread.

*If you are interested or have any questions please email: Maria Thorsen - [mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)*

## Bible Timeline: A Story of Salvation History

January 10, 17, 31, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 7, 14, 21 | 7:00 pm

Come and learn together. This is a Catholic approach to Scriptures that invites us into transformative encounter with Jesus Christ. If you would like to join this bible study *please come and bring a friend!*

## Advent Scripture and Prayer

Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20 | 6:30 pm | Parish Hall

Join us for an evening of Scripture and Prayer with Deacon Chris Malone and Deacon Charles Williams. We will journey through the season of Advent together using Bishop Robert Barron's Advent reflections on the Sunday readings.

Are you interested in reading a book that will further your understanding of your Catholic faith, Catholic social teachings, Prayer and Spirituality? *Here are a few more suggestions:*

*The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis

*Understanding Catholicism* by Monika Hellwig

*The Inner Voice of Love* by Henri Nouwen

*The Rule of Benedict: What the Rule can*

*Teach us Today* by Laura Swan

**NEW!**

### Cathedral Information

#### Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday; Wednesday - Friday: 12:05 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

If you're interested in becoming Catholic:

Contact Maria Thorsen at [mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org) or 804-212-3888

For Weddings and Funerals: Call Jayne Hushen, Parish Office at 804-212-3892.

For Mass Intentions, call Chris Ferrara in the Parish Office at 804-359-5651.

#### Christian Marriage Formation Program for Engaged Couples:

[www.cdrcmf.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation/](http://www.cdrcmf.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation/)

Infant Baptisms & Confirmations: A Baptism Registration Form is available

online on our website - [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)

Contact Liz Riegler at [eriegler@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:eriegler@richmondcathedral.org) or 770-374-6325

#### Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

11:00 am & 5:15 pm

Nursery is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Sundays for children ages 12 mos. to 3 years. The nursery is on the lower level (take the elevator).

Ordained Ministry and Religious Life: For information about the life and ministry of priests, deacons, and seminarians of men & women in religious life, contact Fr. Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or [www.richmond-diocese.org/vocations](http://www.richmond-diocese.org/vocations)

Self-Guided Tour: When visiting the Cathedral, pick up a Self-Guided Tour pamphlet at the front entrance. To view the tour on our website, visit: [www.richmondcathedral.org/selfguidedtour.pdf](http://www.richmondcathedral.org/selfguidedtour.pdf)

We welcome new members to our parish! You can fill out a registration form found at the back of the church, or email [tbaham@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:tbaham@richmondcathedral.org), or fill out an online registration form on our website: [www.richmondcathedral.org](http://www.richmondcathedral.org)

**During Weekday Masses, Parking Passes Are Not Needed**

**Breakfast with Santa!**

**Last chance to sign up!**

Saturday, Dec. 9 | 9:00 am | Parish Hall

Contact: Jayne Hushen to sign up |

[jhushen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jhushen@richmondcathedral.org) | 212-3892



This free annual event is sponsored by the Cathedral Knights of Columbus happens Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up under the poster at the main entrance of the Cathedral by December 3 or email Jayne Hushen. Be sure to include the ages and genders of the children attending so Santa and his helpers can be prepared! Please join us for a wonderful meal and holiday merriment. Grandparents and all ages are welcome!

**Ignite Night**

December 6 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

All are welcome to a beautiful night of adoration, praise, and reflection! Father Mike Boehling will give us an exciting reflection, followed by adoration with praise and worship led by the Diocesan Band!"

**Advent Giving Tree**

November 25 - December 18

Contact Chris | 359-5651 |

[cferrara@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:cferrara@richmondcathedral.org)

Looking for a great way to share your many blessings with others. Please support the following ministries by taking an ornament from one of the two Advent Giving Trees located at the entrance to church and returning your gift by December 18.



- St. Francis Home
- McGuire Veterans Hospital
- All Saints Catholic School
- Miles Jones Elementary School
- Circle Center Adult Day Services
- The Cathedral - St. Bridget Haiti Committee

**Gift Shop**

Our Christmas ornaments have arrived! We sold out last year so get yours today! The new shipment of Missals are also now in stock - ONLY \$10. Don't forget to do your early Christmas shopping at the Cathedral Gift Shop. The gift shop also needs volunteers. If you are interested volunteering, text Jody Taylor at 571-285-7279 or [vetrock@comcast.net](mailto:vetrock@comcast.net)

*All profits benefit Cathedral ministries.*



**Money Counters Request**

**NEW!**

Contact Tiffany Baham at [tbaham@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:tbaham@richmondcathedral.org)

Money counters are responsible for counting weekly collections and preparing the envelopes for permanent records. There are three teams who rotate by the month. We are in need of some volunteers for the March, June, September, December team. If interested please contact Tiffany Baham at [tbaham@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:tbaham@richmondcathedral.org)

*Life as a Christian Steward*

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything God has given us-and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace...Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise for the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.

**December 3**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

1 Cor 1: 3-9

Mark 13 33-37



**December 10**

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

Prepare for Sunday Mass using an online resource that includes a copy of the readings and much more. To access, go to the parish website and click on "Prepare for Sunday."

**First Sunday of Advent**

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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**Christmas Cards on Sale**

The Cathedral Knights will be offering their Christmas cards for sale in the Vestibule (across from the Gift Shop), after each Mass this weekend. All proceeds are donated to ministries at the Cathedral.

**NEW QR Code Effective 10/15!**

Parking Validation for Saturday & Sunday Mass ONLY



Expires June 30, 2018

When you park in the VCU Deck, you must do one of the following:

- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Scan this code from this bulletin **OR**
- 3 - Pick up a QR Code chit from the basket under the poster in church **OR**
- 4 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone
- 5 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.