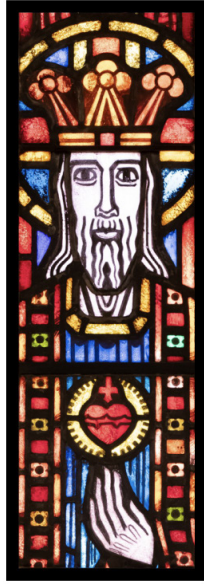


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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2024



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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral

Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

Catechesis

“The definitive aim of catechesis [religious education] 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” (Pope St. John Paul II, *Catechesi tradendae*, 1979, no. 5 §3).

Registration for catechesis (religious education) this fall is open. Classes are available for children ages 4 years old through rising high school seniors. Classes begin September 15, and all classes meet from 10:05 to 10:55 am (between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses).

For information on sacraments, please see the back cover of the bulletin.



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QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



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.

Valid until June 2025

COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 24 4:00 pm	St. Bartholomew Confessions
5:00 pm	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (Richard Atkinson)
Sunday, August 25 9:00 am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Carl Wolf Sr.) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (+Joseph Marques)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, August 26 12:00 N	21st Week of Ordinary Time Church closed No Mass
Tuesday, August 27 12:00 N	St. Monica Mass (+Antonia Evola)
Wednesday, August 28 7:30 am	St. Augustine Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds)
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
Thursday, August 29 12:00 N	Passion of St. John the Baptist Mass (+Ann Bellemore)
Friday, August 30 12:00 N	21st Week of Ordinary Time Mass (+Mario Brigotti) Office closed

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2024–2025

Offertory Collection

	August 16–18	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$129,500
Weekly amount received	\$11,968	\$90,121
Assumption Masses	<u>\$1,359</u>	<u>\$91,480</u>
	-\$5,173	-\$38,020
Bequest	\$5,000	

Financial support of one's parish is part of practicing the Catholic faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2043). This form of giving enables the local Christian community to carry out God's work in the world. Parishioners' return to the routine of school and work is a reminder that routine giving routine giving helps to maintain the parish. The Cathedral needs to collect, on average, \$18,500 each week to cover normal staff, administrative, and ministerial expenses. Every gift is appreciated: cash and checks, monthly electronic giving, and appreciated stock. More information about financial giving is available on the Cathedral website: <https://www.richmondcathedral.org/get-involved-financial-support/>.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (August): For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Vocations (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time): "You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

Sick: Timothy Drew, Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Inquirers: Ahmed Abbas, Lisa Adams, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Hong Chi, Lawrence Creech, Andrew Farrell, Terry Freeman, James Gropp, Ashley Jefferson, Anna Pletch, Hans Smetane, Terry Van Brakle, Wray Walker; Full Communion: Jason Adams, Jason Austin, Reed Lutow, Karen Rubins, Faith Skibins, Maria Soringalvarro, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Nina LaPres, Izamar Martinez, Kathleen O'Neill.

YOUNG ADULTS

- August 28** Confessions and adoration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral
- September 3** Theology on Tap | 6:00–7:00 pm | Strangeways Brewing, 2277 Dabney Rd., Richmond
- September 27** Service project | 6:00–8:30 pm | St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral
- For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

September 14 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Cathedral

The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations for the annual yard sale. If your item(s) is no larger than a small bin, you are welcome to drop these off and leave them on the table in the parish hall. Larger items can be dropped off on Fridays, 9:00 am – 12:00 N. Please contact Jack Judge prior to dropping off furniture or (631-455-7348). Thank you.

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)

One of the more difficult realities of being a new student is finding out where you can fit in. At CCM, we are committed to helping undergraduate students find friends and a community that supports who they are. This week we begin our daily small groups which promote opportunities for students to create a relationship with God through scripture and build fellowship with one another. To get more information and to see our small group listings, please visit cmvcu.org/smallgroup. We never want you to walk alone at VCU so get connected today!

Catholic Graduate Student Organization

Are you a grad student looking to connect with others who share your faith? The Catholic Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) is a welcoming community where you can grow spiritually, make new friends, and find support during your academic journey. We host regular gatherings, discussions, and service events that cater to the unique needs of graduate students. To learn more and get involved, simply send us an email at cgsoatvcusom@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!

WORSHIP

Preparation of the Gifts

At Mass, members of the faithful bring forward the offerings of bread and wine that will become the body and blood of Christ.

"It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. ...Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 73).

The bread and wine represent the sacrifice of people's lives offered in union with the sacrifice of Christ in the Mass, as expressed by the prayers at the Preparation of the Gifts: "the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands... the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands."

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Tuning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

There is a lot of exciting activity surrounding the installation of the Cathedral's new pipe organ. Trade magazines, along with local and international news outlets have written about the new instrument. These articles can be accessed on the Cathedral website: <https://www.richmondcathedral.org/>. Due to overwhelming demand, a second inaugural concert has been added (see details below).

Organ Dedication

Parishioners are invited to the following events that will launch the Cathedral's new gallery pipe organ. Vespers and both concerts will feature Olivier Latry, titular organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris.

LITURGICAL BLESSING

September 15 | 11:00 am Mass | Cathedral

Bishop Knestout will soon bless the new gallery organ, which will then be regularly used at Masses. "Music is of the highest importance in the celebration of the divine mysteries, and in the Latin Church among musical instruments the organ has always held a place of honor.... Because of its close connection with the music and song for liturgical services and popular devotions, an organ should be blessed before being played for the first time in a liturgical celebration" (*Book of Blessings*, no. 1325).

DEDICATORY VESPERS

October 29 | 7:00 pm | Cathedral

There are no tickets or registration for this event. It is free and open to the public.

INAUGURAL CONCERTS

October 30 | 2:00 pm | Cathedral | <https://bit.ly/3yYYyIC>

October 30 | 7:00 pm | Cathedral (SOLD OUT)

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

—Pope St. John Paul II (1920–2005)

SERVICE

All Saints Catholic School

August Service Project

Our school supply collection for All Saints is finishing strong with 131 items, including 538 pencils. Thank you for your generosity. Items can be placed in the bins through August 25.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

September Service Project

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 10th annual Cathedral Knights Coat Drive beginning Sunday, September 1.

Coats can be hung on the coat racks in the vestibule or parish hall foyer, or place your bagged coats at the bottom of the coat racks. The Knights will take the coats weekly for dry-cleaning and then to St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral (8th and Grace Sts.) to benefit their homeless ministry.

All gently used and new coats are welcome and accepted. Men's coats are most needed. Thank you.

Ongoing Service Projects

September 18 | 12:30–3:30 pm | Feedmore

The Social Justice Committee coordinates a monthly service opportunity for Cathedral parishioners on the third Wednesday each month at Feedmore (the June date is an exception). No special skills are required; the work involves standing at tables to assemble meal items, with some light lifting and stooping required. Come and meet fellow parishioners while providing a valuable service. Please sign up by the Monday prior to service date at <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, please contact Richard Robbins (crobb28@gmail.com).

September 26 | 4:00–6:00 pm | Ronald McDonald House

The Social Justice Committee also coordinates meal preparation for families receiving care at area hospitals. We meet and prepare dinner for families staying at the house on Monument Avenue. The kitchen is new with lots of counter space for 8 people to cook a hot meal and make a dessert. For questions and to sign up, please email Christine Burroughs (cmurroug@clarityconnect.com).

Young Adult Service Project

September 27 | 6:00–8:30 pm | St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral

Young adults (ages 18–39) are invited to gather on the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, patron of the Diocese of Richmond, to serve those in need. This service project will involve organizing clothing donated to St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral for that parish's homeless ministry. Following the service project, the group will head over to Capital Ale House for food and fellowship. Registration: <https://bit.ly/YAService927>

Ushers

The liturgical ministry of ushers facilitates the reverent and orderly celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105). Scheduling is done conveniently 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

Empowering God's Children

As caring adults, we are responsible for ensuring the safety of children and young people. The prevention of child sexual abuse requires more than adult awareness, education, and training. It is also imperative to give children and young people tools to keep them safe. These tools include education about boundaries, safe and unsafe behaviors, and healthy relationships.

To empower children and young people in these ways, age-appropriate lessons are taught each fall to students enrolled in catechesis (religious education), from kindergarten to 12th grade. Parents can receive these lessons upon request and can have their children opt out of these classes. For more information, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

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).

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. If you have questions on preparing your child for his or her sacraments, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Youth Confirmation

Confirmation for young people is normally received at age fifteen and in 10th grade. This sacrament is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out the Catholic faith. 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/RE2425>.

ADULT

Becoming a Catholic: OCIA

The official name of the catechumenate is being changed from the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) to the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA). The catechumenate is the process for entering the Catholic Church.

This change in terminology reflects a more accurate translation of the Latin name for the catechumenate (*Ordo initiationis christianae adultorum*). "Order" designates a collection of rites marking the various stages and circumstances of the catechumenate.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults includes four groups of people: unbaptized adults, unbaptized children above the age of seven, those baptized in another Christian denomination, and Catholics who did not receive instruction in the faith and seek the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion.

OCIA Meals

Each OCIA session begins with a meal provided by our parishioners. Sharing a meal together creates a faith community, where people come to learn about the Catholic faith. If you would like to provide a meal, please email Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Receiving Holy Communion

The National Eucharistic Revival seeks to help American Catholics deepen their devotion to the Eucharist. 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 urges 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).

Precepts of the Church

The precepts or obligations of the Catholic Church are "meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2041). The precepts are these: (1) attend Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; (2) confess one's sins at least once a year; (3) receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season; (4) observe days of fasting and abstinence; and (5) assist with the material needs of the Church, according to one's ability; and (6) to observe the marriage laws of the Church (nos. 2042–2043).