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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2024

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques Rector

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To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 pm

Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive September Service Project

"For I was... naked and you clothed me" (Matthew 25:35–36). Clothing the naked is one of the seven corporal works of mercy. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. ... Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God" (no. 2447).

The tenth annual coat drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is an opportunity to carry out a corporal work of mercy. Coats can be hung on the coat racks in the vestibule or parish hall foyer or bagged and placed at the bottom of the coat racks. The Knights will pick up the coats weekly, have them dry-cleaned, and then take them to St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral (8th and Grace Sts.) to benefit their homeless ministry. All gently used and new coats are accepted. Men's coats are most needed.

The coat drive and other corporal works of mercy fulfill Christ's teaching inscribed on the Cathedral's façade: IF YE LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS (John 14:15).

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QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.

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- . 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

When parking in the VCU Deck (801 W. Main St.):

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

21st Week of Ordinary Time Saturday, August 31

4:00 pm Confessions

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass (+Sharon Clapp)

Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass (+Allen West)

Cathedral Facebook Livestream

Mass (+Mario and Maria Brigotti) 11:00 am

5:00 pm Mass (pro populo)

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Office and church closed

Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great 12:00 N Funeral Mass (+John Wright)

Wednesday, September 4 22nd Week of Ordinary Time

7:30 am Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds) 12:00 N Mass (+collective month's mind)

Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Thursday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

12:00 N Mass

Friday, September 6 22nd Week of Ordinary Time 12:00 N Mass (+Antonio Buffa)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (September): For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Vocations (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time): "Keep the commandments of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 10:13). Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become 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

Theology on Tap | 6:00–7:00 pm | Strangeways September 3

Brewing, 2277 Dabney Rd., Richmond

September 4 Confessions and adoration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

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

For more information, visit evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Offertory Collection

August 31-September 1 Year-to-Date Weekly amount budgeted \$148,000 \$18,500 Weekly amount received \$104,202 \$14,081

-\$4,419

-\$43,798

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/.

Labor Day September 2

The church and office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Father Tony and the staff wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Gift Shop

September 7-8

The Cathedral gift shop will return to the vestibule of the church after Labor Day. Handsome new cabinets are already in place. The proceeds from the gift shop support parish ministries.

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).

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM)

One of the blessings that our students have here at VCU is participating in divine worship in a special way at the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. Students serve as ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and as lectors. They also participate in the student choir that rehearses weekly and sings at several Masses throughout the year. If you are a VCU student interested in any of these opportunities, please email Chris Spilka, campus minister (cspilka@richmonddiocese.org).

WORSHIP

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Tuning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

"All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures—their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 41). God's beauty is reflected in the Cathedral's sacred art and architecture, which have inspired countless souls for over 100 years. Soon, the manifold sounds of the new gallery organ will reflect not only the range of human emotion, but also God's tenderness and majesty.

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

Grant us, we pray, Lord God, to celebrate with worthy praises the Lamb who was slain for us so that we may be worthy to contemplate him when he is revealed in glory. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass, no. 225 (© 2020, ICEL)

SERVICE

All Saints Catholic School Wrap-up

Our school supply collection for All Saints Catholic School finished with 190 items, including 722 pencils and 79 boxes of crayons. Thank you for your generosity.

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 (crrobb28@gmail.com).

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

The Social Justice Committee coordinates meal preparation for familes receiving care at area hospitals. We meet and prepare dinner for families staying at the house (2330 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 (cmburroug@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

Livestreaming Volunteers

The Cathedral parish livestreams the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed to help. Training and equipment are happily provided. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to conduct the livestreaming of the 9:00 am Sunday Mass, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Baptism Information Session

September 15 | 12:15-12:45 am | Parish hall

Parents seeking baptism for their child(ren) ages 0–6 are invited to a short information session in the parish hall. The presentation will review the steps involved in having a child baptized and a tour of the church.

Baptism is the first sacrament and the foundation of being a Christian. According to the literal meaning of the term, baptism 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.

For more information, please contact Joy Weir (<u>jweir@richmondcathedral.org</u>).

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.

Catechetical Corner

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). Registration: https://bit.ly/RE2425.

ADULT

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. Sessions focus on Catholic teachings, scripture reflections, faith sharing, prayer, and worship. 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).

Catechumenate Meals: OCIA Supper

Why do the catechumenate sessions begin with a meal? "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayers" (Acts 2:42–47).

Beginning each Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) session with a meal reminds us that we are people of the Eucharist. As a parish community, we care for those who are discerning to become members of the Catholic Church. Please consider providing a meal for an OCIA session, which takes place Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Please email Maria Thorsen (<u>mthorsen@richmondcathedral.</u> org) or scan this code and sign up.

Marriage in the Church

"Since marriage establishes the couple in a public state of life in the Church, it is fitting that its celebration be public, in the framework of a liturgical celebration, before the priest (or a witness authorized by the Church), the witnesses, and the assembly of the faithful" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1663).

In order for a Catholic to be validly married, he or she must normally be married in the Church; that is, in the presence of a priest or deacon (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 1108 §1). Being married in the Church does not require that a Catholic's spouse be or become a Catholic.

I am happy to assist any couple who would like to be married in the Church.