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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2024

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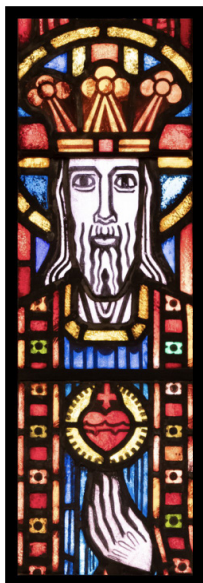
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Who's Coming with Me? The Message of the Cathedral Windows Saturday, October 5 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

The eight stained-glass windows in the Cathedral's nave (main body) tell the story of the life of Christ—and the story of our lives. Catholics experience Christ's life in the Church and the sacraments, and ultimately follow him through death to eternal glory. Christ has issued a bold invitation: "Who's coming with me?"

This fall event is an opportunity to ponder this message of salvation vividly depicted in the Cathedral's stained-glass windows. The day's activities include a guided meditation on each of the windows and lunch on the Cathedral plaza.

The cost for this event is \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for adults, \$15.00 for couples, and \$20 for families. Registration: <http://bit.ly/4edeSEz>.

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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, September 28	St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Confessions 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+John Wright: month's mind)
4:00 pm	
5:00 pm	
Sunday, September 29	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Nieves Pinzon) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
9:00 am	
11:00 am	Mass (+Charles Blanton)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, September 30	St. Jerome No Mass
12:00 N	
Tuesday, October 1	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Mass (+collective month's mind) OCIA
12:00 N	
6:00 pm	
Wednesday, October 2	Holy Guardian Angels Lauds (bit.ly/cshlauds) Mass (+Andrew Wrzesinski: month's mind)
7:30 am	
12:00 N	
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
7:00 pm	Bible study
Thursday, October 3	26th Week of Ordinary Time Mass (Miguel and Elizabeth Correa) Finance Council meeting RISC meeting
12:00 N	
5:00 pm	
6:30 pm	
Friday, October 4	St. Francis of Assisi Mass (+Rev. George Zahn)
12:00 N	

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 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Priesthood Sunday): "Whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.

Sick: 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, Andrew Farrell, Terry Freeman, Daniel Goetz, James Gropp, Grayson Hannegan, Ashley Jefferson, Alexander Kehoe, Sara Kelly, Kellie O'Brien, Janille Olano, Anna Pletch, Hans Smetane, Terry Van Brakle, Wray Walker; Catechumen: Lawrence Creech IV; Full Communion: Jason Adams, Jason Austin, Faith Skibins, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Kathleen O'Neill.

YOUNG ADULTS

October 1	Theology on Tap October 1 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, Dabney Road, Richmond
October 2	Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Cathedral Bible Study 7:00–8:30 pm Cathedral

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2024–2025

Offertory Collection

	September 21–22	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$222,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$17,062</u>	<u>\$177,790</u>
	-\$1,438	-\$44,210

The Cathedral is grateful for parishioners' generosity each week. In addition to the Offertory collection, the following special gifts were received in the last month, totalling \$7,899:

- \$1,749 Blessing of the Organ programs (full color)
- \$4,000 Recording of October Vespers and Inaugural Concerts
- \$250 Recording of October Vespers and Inaugural Concerts
- \$1,000 Baptismal font restoration project
- \$300 Hosts
- \$300 Mobile gift shop cart
- \$300 Temporary storage unit

Golden Jubilee

October 13 | 11:00 am Mass | Cathedral, Plaza

Msgr. Mark Lane and his classmates will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their ordination to the priesthood next month. All are invited to attend. A cookout on the plaza will follow Mass.

Sick List

In order to maintain an updated list of the sick—both parishioners and non-parishioners—please inform Katherine Leer, office manager, of any changes (kLeer@richmondcathedral.org; 359-5651, ext. 100).

Out of respect for privacy, a person who is sick must consent himself or herself to being added to the list. Names on the list will be deleted after one month, unless the sick person, or someone authorized to speak on his or her behalf, indicates that he or she would like to remain on the list.

Parking at the Cathedral

In Monopoly, a player who lands on Free Parking can stop there for free. (The custom of placing a pool of money in the middle of the board and awarding it to the player who lands on Free Parking should be clearly announced ahead of time, so that there are no accusations of cheating.)

At the Cathedral, there is free parking on both sides of the street around the church (Cathedral Pl., N. Cathedral Pl., S. Cathedral Pl./Floyd Ave.) on weekends, with several marked exceptions and the curve. Though we don't award money like Monopoly, you won't have to pay out either.

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).

Notes from the Choir Loft

The *Suscipe* prayer (“Take, Lord, and Receive”) is not often sung. The Cathedral Choir performs a setting by Luke D. Rosen (b. 1979). The text is included as a separate prayer in St. Ignatius Loyola’s *Spiritual Exercises* (1522–1524). This prayer is a direct response to the outpouring of God’s infinite blessings upon all of creation. St. Ignatius returns all these gifts back to God, seeking only God’s love and grace.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

Modern technology is marvelous. Though separated by almost a football field, the gallery and choir organs can be played both separately and simultaneously. This unique feature helps to coordinate singing when clergy are seated in the sanctuary.

Adopt-a-Stop

Be part of the “stop action” through the Adopt-a-Stop campaign. Over 4,000 pipes and less than 30 stops are still in need of a home. Visit AdoptAStop.org and lend a hand.

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.

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 | (SOLD OUT)

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

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“There is no surer pledge or dearer sign of this great hope in the new heavens and new earth ‘in which righteousness dwells,’ than the Eucharist. Every time this mystery is celebrated, ‘the work of our redemption is carried on’ and we ‘break the one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ.’”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1405

SERVICE

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

September Service Project

The annual coat drive is winding down. This is the last weekend to drop off new or gently used coats. To date we have collected 71 coats, with 12 new. Thank you.

Corporal Works of Mercy

There are seven corporal works of mercy: (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) sheltering the homeless, (5) visiting the sick, (6) visiting the imprisoned, and (7) burying 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).

Each month, the Cathedral sponsors a service project to carry out the corporal works of mercy. These deeds fulfill Christ’s teaching inscribed on the Cathedral’s façade: If ye love me keep my commandments (John 14:15).

RISC

October 3 | 6:00–8:00 pm | Parish Hall

The Cathedral is a member of Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC). Twenty-five other area congregations are also members, including several Catholic parishes. Together, members work to address issues of justice that affect the residents of the Richmond community in hopes of answering the prophetic call to accomplish justice for all.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about RISC, this year’s issues, and how to become part of the parish Justice Ministry Team. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please email Dcn. Chris Malone if you would like to attend (cmalone@richmondcathedral.org).

Cathedral Social Justice Speaker Series: A Catholic Approach to End-of-Life Care

October 20 | 12:15–1:15 pm | Parish Hall

Medical decisions at the end of life can be highly complex and difficult to navigate. However, the perennial teachings of the Catholic Church can serve as a beacon to illuminate the way, while honoring the infinite dignity of each human life and the redemptive nature of suffering. Dr. Daniel Markley will explore these themes and review a Catholic approach to end-of-life care. Join us for a light lunch. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/47kp63Q>

Altar Servers

The ministry of altar server is open to children and young people who have received their First Holy Communion and who regularly attend Sunday Mass. Parents of children and young people who would like to serve Mass are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarquess@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

Youth Confirmation

The first Confirmation session with youth and parents took place last Sunday. Confirmation is a gift of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out his or her faith. The confirmands are encouraged to pray to the Holy Spirit each day:

V./ Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R./ And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V./ Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R./ And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right
and always to rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Please pray for the Cathedral's confirmands: Ada (Birdie), Albert, Connor, Eileen (Ellie), Graziella, Isabella, Jacob, Liam, and William.

Save the Dates: Youth Events

HADESTOWN PLAY

October 18 | 7:30 pm | Collegiate School, Richmond

Middle and High school students are invited to see *Hadestown*. *Hadestown* is a version of the ancient Greek myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. Eurydice, a young girl looking for something to eat, goes to work in an infernal industrial version of the Greek underworld to escape poverty and the cold. Her singer-songwriter love, Orpheus, comes to rescue her. The music blends American folk with New Orleans jazz. You may see a familiar face or two in the cast. Email Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) by September 29 to reserve a seat.

SOMETHING GREATER: MASS AND CONCERT

October 27 | 5:00 pm | St. Michael's, Glen Allen

Sarah Kroger and Dom Quaglia will have a two-night mission concert. We will join many area high school youth groups for Mass at St. Michael's, followed by pizza, fellowship and the concert.

This Week in Catechesis

Middle and high school students are learning about God as Creator and how to see themselves as part of God's plan. Last week's lesson focused on developing a relationship with each Person of the Trinity. One can pray to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and reflect the love of the Trinity in the family and other relationships.

The middle school students (grades 6 to 8) meet in the parish hall and the high school students (grades 9 to 12) meet at the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) house across the street. Classes take place from 10:05 to 10:55 am (between the Masses). Contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org) to inquire about registering a middle or high school student for catechesis.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (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.

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 (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org) or sign up here: <https://bit.ly/meal2425>

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is for Catholic adults who have already received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Confirmation is one of the sacraments of Christian Initiation. With this sacrament, a person receives the power of the Holy Spirit to give witness to Christ. For more information, please contact Maria Thorsen (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org).

Bible Study

Acts of the Apostles | October 2, 9, 16, 23 | 7:00-8:30 pm

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to bring 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 and women.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom traces how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. *Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom* will help you to see your place in the Church as a disciple of Christ.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/Actsregistration>

Participants may purchase a workbook, but it is not required to participate. <https://bit.ly/ActsWorkbook>



Voting as Faithful Citizens

September 2024

Election Day is November 5. Early voting begins September 20. As Americans, we will decide who our next President will be. As Virginians, we will also decide who will represent our Commonwealth in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. As faithful citizens, it is our sacred duty to form our consciences and vote.

World and national events are ever-changing and often tragically alarming. In Ukraine and the Middle East, war, violence, and immense suffering are daily realities. Across our country, extreme and dangerous proposals to expand access to abortion will appear on many states' ballots this November. Seemingly everywhere we look, a "throwaway culture" runs rampant, disregarding dignity and embracing indifference, selfishness, abandonment, and greed.

Yet, we must see beyond all the destruction and despair. The Church's timeless teachings show us how. They shine light in the darkness, providing an anchor for our enduring hope and a sure guide for the formation of our consciences.

As we have stated in previous pre-election letters, these teachings tell us that three principles must guide how we vote:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

Addressing the tragedy of abortion is the "pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone" (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*](#), Introductory Letter).

Resources provided by the Virginia Catholic Conference explain the principles, the positions of candidates, and practical tips for voter registration. Visit www.vacatholic.org to view these materials.

Through conscience formation, prayer, and fasting, prepare your minds and hearts to engage in this year's critical voting decisions. United in the Eucharist, let us pray for one another, as Americans, Virginians, and faithful citizens.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

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