

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2024

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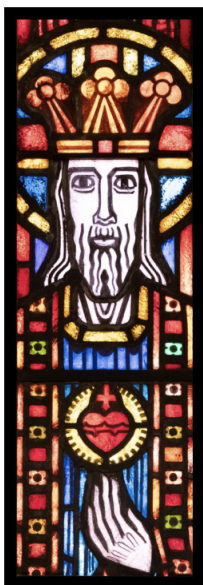
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*Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)*

### 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

## Mass on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28 | 9:00 am

Attending Mass on Thanksgiving Day is the perfect way to offer thanks to God. Thanksgiving is an essential feature of the Eucharistic Celebration and gives rise to the name “Eucharist.” According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal—God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification” (no. 1328).

Thanksgiving Day is also, in a sense, the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (November 29, 1906). The consecration of the Cathedral was scheduled on this quintessential American holiday to symbolize the compatibility of the Catholic faith and American society, and the determination of Virginia’s Catholics to participate in it.

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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

<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	<b>St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro</b>
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Mass (+Bernie O'Connor)
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
9:00 am	Mass (+Donald Slater) <a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
11:00 am	Mass (Joseph and Carrie Stibora)
12:30–2:00 pm	Advent Gathering
5:00 pm	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Monday, November 25</b>	<b>St. Catherine of Alexandria</b>
12:00 N	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, November 26</b>	<b>34<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>
12:00 N	Mass (+Sebastiano Sparacio)
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>	<b>34<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 am	Lauds ( <a href="http://bit.ly/cshlauds">bit.ly/cshlauds</a> )
12:00 N	Mass (+Faithful departed) Office closes at 12:00 N
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
<b>Thursday, November 28</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>
9:00 am	Mass (+Marian Mahon) Office closed
<b>Friday, November 29</b>	<b>34<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>
12:00 N	Office closed No Mass

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**Pope's monthly intention (November):** For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**Vocations (34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time):** "My kingdom does not belong to this world (John 18:36)." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world 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](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**Sick:** William Gorman, Richard Heberle, Margaret Huber, Madeline Peace, Elizabeth Storm.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** Inquirers: Madelyn Clark, James Gropp, Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Kelly, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Josh Singh, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker; Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly, Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Grayson Hannegan, Ashley Jefferson, Eleana Legree, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Breille O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Kathleen O'Neill, Jonathan Saldivar, Hans Smetane.

## YOUNG ADULTS

<b>November 27</b>	Confessions and adoration   6:00 pm   Cathedral
<b>December 3</b>	Theology on Tap   6:00–8:00 pm   Strangeways Brewing, Dabney Rd., Richmond
<b>December 4</b>	Bishop Barron's <i>Advent Gospel Reflections</i>   7:00–8:15 pm   Cathedral

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

#### Offertory Collection

	November 16–17	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$370,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$17,104</u>	<u>\$293,067</u>
	-\$1,396	-\$76,933

The Cathedral typically spends \$100 each week on flowers, which are beautifully arranged by a team of volunteers. Poinsettias and lilies are used to decorate the church at Christmas and Easter respectively. The total flower budget is \$7,800 annually. Parishioners are welcome to make contributions for flowers at any time in honor or memory of someone.

## Breakfast with Santa

**December 14 | 9:00–11:30 am | Parish Hall**

It's the most wonderful time of the year! It's time to register for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa. It's free but requires registration by Monday, December 9, so there is enough food and an age-appropriate toy for each child from Santa. Have your child bring some money if they would like to purchase gifts for his or her parents or siblings from the Elf gift shop. Items are just \$1 to \$3 including gift wrap. Register <https://bit.ly/KnightsBWS24>

## Confirmation

Congratulations to Michelle Flores, Kevin Salazar, and Karen Salazar who recently received the sacrament of Confirmation.

"It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace" (*Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 266). Furthermore, "The effect of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit like that of Pentecost. ...It roots the recipient more deeply in divine sonship, binds him more firmly to Christ and to the Church and reinvigorates the gifts of the Holy Spirit in his soul. It gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith" (no. 268).

## Missals and More at the Cathedral Gift Shop

The Cathedral Shop is now selling 2025 missals for \$10. Those who pre-ordered missals can also pick them up. The new liturgical year begins December 1, and a missal is a good tool for preparing for Mass.

The gift shop sells a wide range of items that make great Christmas gifts, including Cathedral rosaries, water bottles, and clothing. All proceeds directly benefit the parish.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Parishioners may make donations to help pay for Christmas poinsettias that will be placed in the sanctuary. A donation of \$20 can be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

If you would like to make a donation or dedicate a donation, please write "Christmas Flowers" on your check as well as the name(s), or include this information with your donation online (<https://bit.ly/49hBZvU>). For more information, please contact Robin Thomas ([business@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:business@richmondcathedral.org)).

## WORSHIP

### Christ the King

November 23–24

The Collect (opening prayer) for Mass expresses the theme of today's feast day: "Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise."

This petition is drawn from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:18–27). Christ, who is Lord of the world and its history, will renew the universe when he comes again at the end of time. In this way, Christ's Second Coming (Parousia) will seal the definitive victory won by his passion, death, and resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 668, 671).

### Eucharistic Procession

November 23–24

A Eucharistic procession will take place at all Masses (except Sunday 9:00 am) to commemorate the 118th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral (November 29, 1906). A Eucharistic procession offers the faithful an opportunity to give public witness to their faith and devotion to the Eucharist, which is Christ himself.

### Notes from the Choir Loft

Composer Ned Rorem (1923–2022) was born in Richmond, Indiana, and was a leading and prolific composer of this generation. He attended Northwestern University and the Curtis Institute of Music before graduating from Juilliard. His music is regarded as neo-romantic, imbued with a song-like comfort. The motet "Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love" instantaneously creates an atmosphere of utter holiness and deep reverence, describing a divine King who is gentle, all-loving, and embracing.

### Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Tuning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

"Organ cipher: A note that continues to sound in a pipe organ when the organist does not intend for it to sound" (Wikipedia). Last Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass, many parishioners witnessed what an organ cipher is, and how it can impact a worship experience. Changes in weather affect how dry or wet wood can be, which shifts parts infinitesimally. (Still enough to wreak havoc.) A tiny pin inside a windchest had shifted by nearly a sixteenth of an inch, enough to cause a closing valve to, instead, remain open, allowing air supply to a pipe, causing the wretched cipher. Although the organ is brand new, the instrument needs to live through a few Richmond seasons before settling into its new home, far from the extreme, dry cold of Montréal.

## THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the Cross for us,  
From whose pierced side flowed water and blood.  
Be for us a foretaste of heaven in the final trial of death,  
O sweet Jesus, O loving Jesus  
O Jesus Son of Mary.

*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass*,  
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## SERVICE

### Caritas Men's Emergency Shelter

November Service Project Wrap-up

Thank you to all who donated to this cause. We collected a total of 725 items, including 208 razors and 122 bars of soap.

### Advent Giving Tree

November 23 – December 15 | Church vestibule

The Cathedral's annual Advent Giving Tree project is underway. If you would like to participate in this project, you can take one or more ornaments from the tree, and then drop off the requested items under the tree with the ornament attached. Financial gifts can be dropped off in the collection baskets or at the Cathedral office (please follow any specific instructions on the ornament). This year's charities include:

- All Saints Catholic School
- Haiti
- Circle Center Adult Day Services
- Mary's Choice RVA
- Ronald McDonald House
- St. Francis Home
- Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation

### Rosary Ministry

Monday–Friday | 3:00 pm | St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond

The Rosary Ministry at St. Mary's Hospital needs volunteers. Rosary Ministry volunteers pray the rosary on weekdays throughout the year, with a particular need on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The rosary is prayed in the chapel, usually by two volunteers, while being televised through closed circuit TV, directly to the patients' rooms, so they can pray along.

Parking at the hospital is free and convenient. For more information, please contact Mike O'Toole: (804) 908-3721, [otoolemj@verizon.net](mailto:otoolemj@verizon.net).

### Sacristans

Sacristans are liturgical ministers whose service helps to ensure a worthy and reverent celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105b). Volunteers are needed to help set up for Mass and clean up afterwards. Duties include arranging the liturgical books, sacred vessels, and other items. There would be two time slots for sacristans: 45 minutes before Mass for preparation, and 20 minutes afterward to put things away. Parishioners could volunteer for either or both time slots, choosing which weekends they would be available. Scheduling would take place through the parish's online scheduler. Training for the ministry of sacristan is happily provided. If you would like to serve the Cathedral as a sacristan, please contact Fr. Tony ([tmarques@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:tmarques@richmonddiocese.org)).

# CATECHESIS

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ADULT

### Diocesan Youth Conference

February 7–9, 2025

**Early Bird Registration (by November 30): Save \$50**

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from Diocese of Richmond parishes in one central location. Two students to a room: \$310 (\$260 if registered before November 30). Grades 9 to 12. Contact Joy Weir ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)) for more information and registration form.

### Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

**Deadline: December 8**

Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade are invited to participate in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. Forms can be picked up in the parish hall. Posters (size 11 x 17) should be returned to the parish hall by Sunday, December 8. Winners will be announced at the Breakfast with Santa on December 14. You do not need to be present to win.

### Baptism Information Class

**December 15 | 12:15 pm | Parish hall**

If you are interested in baptism for your child, please join us for this parent information session. It is about 30 minutes with an option for a short tour of our nursery and children’s religious education meeting spaces. Contact Joy Weir for more information ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Children’s Choir – Christmas

The Cathedral Children’s Choir will be led by parishioner Amy Hruska ([aghruska@verizon.net](mailto:aghruska@verizon.net)) in preparation for the 4:00 pm Mass of Christmas Eve. Choristers must be present for every rehearsal. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate.

- December 8: 10:05–10:55 am
- December 15: 10:05–10:55 am
- December 22: 10:00–11:00 am
- December 24: 3:00 pm call for the 4:00 pm Mass

### Children’s Christmas Pageant

**December 24 | 3:45 pm**

Help us tell the story of the birth of Jesus and be a part of the blessing of our beautiful crèche. Angels and shepherds are needed for the pageant. Ages 4 to 18 are invited to participate. If you are in middle school or high school, you can assist in an important way. Register your child or teen to participate today at <https://bit.ly/pageants24>.

### Last Week in Catechesis

In the True Vine atrium (grades 1–3), students are learning about the Kingdom of God in the parables of the mustard seed and yeast. In the case of the mustard seed, the parable is read, and a mustard seed is given to each child to encourage him or her to wonder at the power and strength of the Kingdom of God. After reading the parable, yeast, flour and water are used to illustrate the mystery and power of the Kingdom of God.

### Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

#### OCIA Inquiry Session

**December 4 | 6:00 pm | Cathedral**

The process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church is called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), and follows the mission commanded by Christ: “Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). The OCIA inquiry session is an opportunity to learn more about the process of joining the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Maria Thorsen ([mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)).

#### Bishop Barron’s *Advent Gospel Reflections*

**Women’s Group | December 4, 11, 18 | 1:30–2:30 pm**

**Young Adults and Adults | December 4, 11, 18 | 7:00–8:15 pm**

Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. In his *Advent Gospel Reflections*, Bishop Robert Barron invites readers to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season. This devotional booklet features the full Gospel reading for each day of Advent, a daily reflection from Bishop Barron, and space for journaling and answering reflection questions.

Small groups will come together each week to pray, reflect, and discuss the Advent Gospel readings. A \$5 donation is suggested for the cost of the book. Registration: <https://bit.ly/BBAdvent24>.

#### What is Purgatory?

“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1030–1031).

#### Spiritual Works of Mercy

There are seven spiritual works of mercy: (1) instructing the ignorant, (2) counseling the doubtful, (3) admonishing the sinner, (4) forgiving offenses, (5) comforting the afflicted, (6) bearing wrongs patiently, and (7) praying for the living and 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). These deeds fulfill Christ’s teaching inscribed on the Cathedral’s façade: IF YE LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS (John 14:15).

#### 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).

# HAPPY ADVENT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

## ACTIVITIES

ADVENT GIVING TREE (Church)

POTLUCK LUNCH AND ADVENT ACTIVITIES  
Sunday, November 24: 12:30–2:00 pm ([click](#))

CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ([click](#))  
Monday, December 2: 7:00 pm

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS ([click](#))  
Friday, December 13: 7:30 pm

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA ([click](#))  
Saturday, December 14: 9:00 am

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON CONCERT  
THREE NOTCH'D ROAD ([click](#))  
Monday, December 16: 11:00 am

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE  
Sunday, January 5: 12:00 N – 2:00 pm

WHAT THE SHEPHERDS SAID:  
A CHRISTMAS SOJOURN CONCERT ([click](#))  
Tuesday, January 7: 7:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Wednesdays: 6:00 pm

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR  
Tuesday, December 17: 6:00 pm



Nativity window, Cathedral  
Photo credit: Donald Traser  
(Chigot, 1956)

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm  
Saturdays: 4:00 pm

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE  
Wednesday, December 18: 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 24: 10:00 am

## MASSES

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
*Holy day of obligation*  
Monday, December 9: 12:00 N, 6:00 pm

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY  
OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)  
*Holy day of obligation*  
*Doors open 1 hour before Christmas Masses*  
Tuesday, December 24:  
4:00 pm (3:45 pm pageant)  
7:00 pm | [Livestream](#)  
Wednesday, December 25:  
12:00 midnight (11:00 pm prelude)  
11:00 am

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR MASS:  
Saturday, December 28: 5:00 pm  
Sunday, December 29: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
*Holy day of obligation*  
Tuesday, December 31: 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, January 1: 12:00 N