

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2024

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF  
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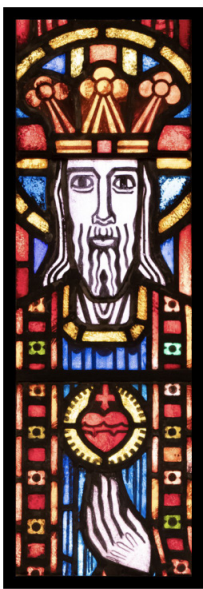
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To register as a parishioner: [bit.ly/jointhecathedral](https://bit.ly/jointhecathedral)



*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

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31 | Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1 | Mass: 12:00 N

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is the octave (eighth) day of Christmas. This feast commemorates the motherhood of Mary and naming of Christ at his circumcision: “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. ...When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb” (Luke 2:19, 21).

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## QR Code for Parking

Parking validation for Saturday and Sunday Masses only.



Valid until June 2025

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.

# COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, December 28</b> 4:00 pm	<b>Holy Innocents</b> Confessions
5:00 pm	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Opening of the Jubilee Year Mass
<b>Sunday, December 29</b> 9:00 am	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> Mass (+Nicholas Fuentes) <a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
11:00 am	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
5:00 pm	Mass (+LaRue Epps)
<b>Monday, December 30</b>	<b>Christmas Octave</b> Office closed
12:00 N	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, December 31</b>	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> Office closed
6:00 pm	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Wednesday, January 1</b>	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b> Office closed
12:00 N	Mass (Most Rev. Barry Knestout)
6:00 pm	No confessions or adoration
<b>Thursday, January 2</b>	<b>Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen</b> Mass (Nadine Golgosky)
12:00 N	
<b>Friday, January 3</b>	<b>Holy Name of Jesus</b> Mass
12:00 N	

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

#### Offertory Collection

	December 21–22	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$462,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$TBA</u>	<u>\$TBA</u>

The Cathedral has a Christmas wish: an increase in weekly contributions. The parish currently has a cash shortfall of \$80,000 for the fiscal year. This situation reflects the trend of falling income compounded by rising prices. During the Christmas season, parishioners are kindly asked to consider increasing their contributions to help cover this deficit, as expenses have already been significantly reduced. A weekly average of \$18,500 is needed to cover normal operating expenses. The generosity of parishioners is appreciated.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

**Pope's monthly intention (December):** For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**Vocations (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph):** "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house" (Luke 2:49)? The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

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

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):** Inquirers: Madelyn Clark, James Gropp, Fabrizio Jimenez, 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, Hans Smetane.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**January 7** Theology on Tap | 6:00–8:00 pm | Strangeways  
Brewing, Dabney Rd., Richmond

**January 8** Confessions and adoration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

For more information, visit [evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults](http://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults).

## Office Closed

**December 19 (12:00 N) – January 1**

The parish office remains closed for part of this week. Father Tony and the staff wish parishioners a merry Christmas and a happy new year. If there is an emergency during this time requiring a priest, please call the emergency line.

## Rectory Open House

**January 5 | 12:00 N**

Parishioners are invited to an open house at the Cathedral rectory following the 11:00 M Mass. The rectory is the red-brick house located across the street from the church (16 N. Laurel St.), at the corner of N. Laurel St. and S. Cathedral Pl. (Floyd Ave.). The open house will be a memorable way for the parish to celebrate the Epiphany, the feast when homes are customarily blessed.

## Free Parking

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 announced ahead of time, so that there are no accusations of cheating.)

At the Cathedral, there is free parking on weekends on both sides of the street around the church (Cathedral Pl., N. Cathedral Pl., S. Cathedral Pl. / Floyd Ave.). Exceptions include the curve in front of the VCU library and several marked spots.

## Lost and Found

The Cathedral maintains a lost and found in the parish office. Please contact Katherine Leer ([kleer@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:kleer@richmondcathedral.org)) to obtain an item. Unclaimed items will be donated after thirty days.

## WORSHIP

### Loving Mother of the Redeemer

There are five antiphons sung in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary that correspond to the various liturgical seasons. The antiphon sung during Advent and Christmas, until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2), is the Alma Redemptoris Mater (Loving Mother of the Redeemer). Parishioners may wish to use this antiphon as devotional prayer during Advent:

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,  
gate of heaven, star of the sea,  
assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.  
To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,  
yet remained a virgin after as before.  
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,  
have pity on us poor sinners.

### Notes from the Choir Loft

*Locus Iste* ("This place was made by God") by Austrian composer Anton Bruckner (1824–1896) is the most famous settings of this text, typically used during the dedication or anniversary of churches. It was commissioned by the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Linz. Found in the *Roman Gradual*, the words are inspired by the stories of Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28:16) and Moses's encounter with the burning bush (Exodus 3:5).

### Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

#### Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

The Cathedral's new gallery pipe organ is regarded as one of the finest in the Americas. It has already been featured on NPR's "Pipedreams" (hosted by Michael Barone); it will be the featured cover story of the January issue of the *American Guild of Organists* magazine; and recordings will be made on it this spring and summer, including a thorough demonstration on YouTube, an improvisation album by the Cathedral organist, and a full-length recording by the first-prize winner of the 2024 AGO National Organ Competition.

## THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"The tabernacle was first intended for the reservation of the Eucharist in a worthy place so that it could be brought to the sick and those absent outside of Mass. As faith in the real presence of Christ in his Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord present under the Eucharistic species. It is for this reason that the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the church and should be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament."

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1379

## SERVICE

### January Service Project

#### East End Pregnancy Center

The East End Pregnancy Center (EEPC) provides pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, material goods, parenting classes and other resources at no charge to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Currently, their greatest need is for the financial resources to continue to provide the center with licensed medical staff and equipment to bring these services to women to help them make fully informed decisions about their baby and their future. Please consider making a monetary donation or any of the items below:

- Size 5 and 6 diapers
- Diaper wipes
- NIV, *Beautiful Word Coloring Bible* (Hardcover)  
*Hundreds of Verses to Color*
- Blessings, New Mom: A Women's Devotional: A Year of Prayers and Affirmations for You and Your Baby*

Items should be put in the bins in back of church or in the parish hall by January 26.

To find out more about the EEPC or to donate, please visit [richmondisorlife.com](http://richmondisorlife.com). Thank you for your support.

### Ongoing Service Projects

#### January 15 | 12:30–3:30 pm | FeedMore, Henrico

The Cathedral's Social Justice Committee is committed to helping FeedMore by assembling meals one afternoon each month, usually the third Wednesday, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. No special skills are required; the work involves standing at tables to assemble meal items, with some light lifting and stooping.

Please sign up by the Monday prior to each service date using this link: <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, contact Richard Robbins at [crrobb28@gmail.com](mailto:crrobb28@gmail.com).

#### January 23 | 4:00–6:00 pm | Ronald McDonald House

The Social Justice Committee coordinates meal preparation for families receiving care at area hospitals. We meet and prepare dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House (2330 Monument Avenue). For questions and to sign up, please email Christine Burroughs ([cmburroug@clarityconnect.com](mailto:cmburroug@clarityconnect.com)).

### 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 ([tmarques@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:tmarques@richmonddiocese.org)).

# CATECHESIS

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Nursery Closed

The nursery is closed until January 12. Parents are welcome to get a respite in the parish hall, where the audio of Mass can be heard.

### Diocesan Youth Conference

**February 7–9 | Registration deadline: January 5**

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is an annual weekend event that gathers high school youth from diocesan parishes in one central location. DYC is a highly energetic and engaging opportunity for our high school teenagers to gather as a larger Church community and celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith. Two students to a room: \$310 (\$260 if registered before November 30). Grades 9 to 12. Registration: <https://bit.ly/DYC2025>

### 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](mailto: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. Register with this link: <https://bit.ly/RE2425U>

### Last Week in Catechesis

Children’s Liturgy of the Word and PreK through high school religious education is on break until January 12. If you are interested in enrolling your child in religious education or learning more about our children and youth programs, please contact Joy Weir ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

## ADULT

### Jubilee 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

“‘Hope does not disappoint’ (Rom 5:5). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. ... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ (cf. Jn 10:7, 9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as ‘our hope’ (1 Tim 1:1)” (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 1).

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

### Catechesis

Catechesis designates religious education. The term is derived from the Greek *eche* (echo), in the sense of the Catholic faith “resounding” by means of instruction. Religious education is available for all ages: children, youth, and adult.

Pope St. John Paul II taught that, “The definitive aim of catechesis 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” (*Catechesi tradendae*, no. 5 §3).