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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

January 26, 2025

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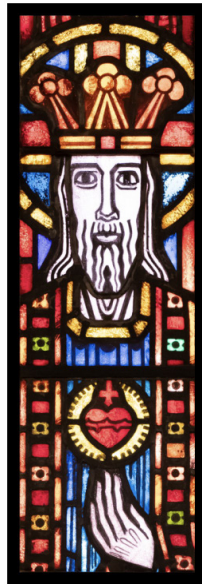
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To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. The purpose of devoting one Sunday to the written word of God is to help the Church encounter the risen Lord more profoundly, as Christ is present when the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass:

“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: ‘Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ’” (*Aperuit illis*, no. 1).

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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

Saturday, January 25 4:00 pm	Conversion of St. Paul Confessions
5:00 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Anna Gerloff)
Sunday, January 26 9:00 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (Nadine Golgosky) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, January 27 12:00 N	3rd Week of Ordinary Time No Mass
Tuesday, January 28 12:00 N 6:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Mass (+Robinette Smith) OCIA
Wednesday, January 29 12:00 N 6:00 pm	3rd Week of Ordinary Time Pro-Life Mass at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral Confessions and adoration
Thursday, January 30 12:00 N	3rd Week of Ordinary Time Funeral Mass (+Irma Wandenberg)
Friday, January 31 12:00 N	3rd Week of Ordinary Time Funeral Mass (+William Eanes)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (January): For the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Vocations: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). Are you being called to share Christ's message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Explore your vocation with openness. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

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, Stacie Stockton, Steven Taylor, 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, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

January 29	Confessions and adoration 6:00 pm Cathedral Bible Study 7:00-8:30 pm Cathedral
February 3	Theology on Tap 6:00-8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, 2277A Dabney Rd., Richmond

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	January 18-19	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$536,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$16,534</u>	<u>\$507,677</u>
	-\$1,966	-\$28,823

Candles represent the presence of Christ, who says, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Lighted candles also give visible expression to prayers. Last year, the Cathedral spent over \$5,500 on candles. The parish is grateful for the votive offerings that provide funds for procuring candles and other liturgical supplies.

Farewell

The past five-and-a-half years working at the Cathedral have been a blessing with many learning experiences. However, by the end of the month I will be stepping down as the assistant for worship to accept a new job downtown. I'm grateful for all of the opportunities that this position has allowed me to be a part of, and I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be a part of the Cathedral community. Although bittersweet, I am looking forward to this new chapter in my life. This isn't goodbye, as I will still be around as a parishioner and choir member!

—With the Holy Spirit, Janice Guzman

Catholic Campus Ministry at VCU

Welcome back, students! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting new semester. Mark your calendars for February 7-8, when our students will join hundreds of others from around the diocese at the annual Summit Conference. This enriching event features national speakers, praise and worship, adoration, Mass, and so much more. It's a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith and community! If you sign up now, use promo code **vcuisthebest** and get \$20 off your registration. Don't miss out — get registered today at ccmvvcu.org for the experience of a lifetime!

—Chris Spilka, Campus Ministry

Ireland Pilgrimage

May 31 – June 11

Dia duit! Join Deacon Chris Malone from the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart to trace St. Patrick's footsteps through the Emerald Isle from May 31-June 11, 2025, on a 12-day pilgrimage. From the ancient monastic settlement of Glendalough, to historic sites associated with the revered saint, to the Marian apparition in Knock, this pilgrimage is a unique chance to immerse yourself in Ireland's spirituality and culture! Experience the magic of the Ring of Kerry and explore the vibrant city of Dublin while also getting lost in charming towns like Dingle.

For more information, please contact Alba Kim: (804) 298-4035, tours@albastours.com. Reservations available now. Space is limited.

WORSHIP

Lauds

Wednesdays | 7:30 am | Online: bit.ly/cshlauds

The Church's official Morning Prayer is called Lauds (from the Latin *laudare*: "to praise"). Lauds is one of the five "hours" of prayer that make up the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office or breviary. "The purpose of the Liturgy of the Hours is to sanctify the day and the whole range of human activity" (*General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office*, no. 11). The purpose of Lauds is to consecrate the first hours of the day, including work and responsibilities that lie ahead. Its connection to the first hours of light also recalls Christ's resurrection, "the true light enlightening all people" (no. 38; see Jn 1:9).

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 1–2

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord marks the fortieth day after Christmas and commemorates Christ's dedication in the Jerusalem temple (Luke 2:22–38). In England, the Presentation came to be known as Candlemas, since it is the Church's custom to bless candles that will be used throughout the year (the paschal candle, candles for the Advent wreath, etc.). Parishioners are invited to bring with them candles to be blessed that will be used in their home throughout 2025.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2 | 11:00 am Mass

The diocesan celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be observed next Sunday, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Men and women religious from across the diocese will be on hand to renew their vows at the 11:00 am Mass.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

The new gallery organ's clochettes (also known as zimbelstern, with two turning stars on the case) are used primarily during the Advent and Christmas seasons, particularly during the *Sanctus*. In the ancient rite of Mass, sanctuary bells were rung at specific moments. One of these moments was when the text "*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini*" was sung. The star-shaped zimbelstern is a nod to the astronomical phenomena that guided the wise men to Christ. Listen for its use again on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2).

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,
we beseech you, Lord,
that, being the food of charity,
it may confirm our hearts
and stir us to serve you in our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.

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

Monthly Service Projects

January: East End Pregnancy Center

This is the last weekend to drop off items for East End Pregnancy Center. Thank you for the donations made thus far.

February: Feedmore

In Central Virginia, roughly 200,000 children, families and seniors struggle with hunger. During February the Cathedral will be making an active and hands on contribution to fight hunger by hosting a food drive to support Feedmore, focusing on most-needed staples. Please leave your donations (please no glass containers) in the Feedmore boxes in the vestibule or parish hall during the month of February. Items of most need include: peanut butter (plastic jars), canned tuna and chicken, canned low-sodium vegetables, canned fruit packed in juice, beans and lentils (cans or bags). You may also make a monetary contribution to Feedmore online at give.feedmore.org.

We have an ongoing monthly service opportunity at Feedmore (see below), looking for 6 to 8 Cathedral volunteers to help with packaging of food items. Please consider helping with this service ministry in 2025; we need your help.

Virginia Pro-Life Day

January 29 | 8:00 am – 12:00 N | Richmond

Parishioners are invited to meet their state legislators to advocate for pro-life causes. The fourth annual Virginia Pro-Life Day will begin at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, proceed to the General Assembly Building, and will include Mass at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral (12:00 N). This event is sponsored by Virginia Catholic Conference, Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond, and Virginia Society for Human Life. Registration: <https://vaprolifeday.org>.

Ongoing Service Project

February 19 | 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. 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: <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>. For questions, contact Richard Robbins (crrobb28@gmail.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).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays | 9:00 am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available for children ages three and older. Before the First Reading, catechists and children gather by the Mary chapel, and then listen to the Scripture readings in an environment that allows for immediate reflection on the word of God. Children learn the postures, gestures, and responses of the Liturgy of the Word.

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).

Save the Dates

Vacation Bible School | June 16–20 | Cathedral

The Cathedral Vacation Bible School is a wonderful week filled with Bible stories, games, snacks, music, crafts, skits, prayer, and daily Mass. Campers are ages 4 to rising 5th grade students. The cost is \$25 per camper. Rising 6th grade and up can volunteer at the camp. Priority registration for Cathedral parishioners will open soon.

Work and Prayer | July 9 | Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Rising 9th grade students to rising Seniors, save the date for a day of fellowship, food service, Mass, adoration and more.

Epic | August 9 | St. Joseph's Villa

Epic is a one-day diocesan event for middle school youth (rising 6th–8th graders). This event is intended to be a high-energy day that is focused on two things: (1) building community and friendships with other Catholic middle school youth, and (2) encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith. Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass.

Last Week in Catechesis

Middle and high school students had an opportunity to visit parts of the church and to venerate the Jubilee Cross. Along with time in the church, they discussed how the church is their home.

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Bishop Knestout has designated the Cathedral as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year, enabling parishioners and visitors to obtain the jubilee indulgence. This indulgence can be gained by attending Mass, participating in Eucharistic adoration, or by carrying out works of mercy for those in need, including the sick and disabled. The usual conditions for an indulgence apply: confessing one's sins, receiving Holy Communion, and praying for the pope's intention (listed in the bulletin).

An indulgence is one way to cleanse the "residue" of sin that remains after sins have been forgiven in the sacrament of Penance: "Every sin... entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory." In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence" (*Spes non confundit*, no. 23 §3).

Ongoing Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

January 29 | 7:00–8:30 pm | Parish Hall

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

Each meeting includes a video presentation, discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Actsregistration>

Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing

February 5 | 6:00–8:30 pm | Cathedral

This event honors the memory of Deacon Charles Williams by educating individuals and groups on racial injustice and promoting racial healing and reconciliation. The evening will include a holy hour with confessions available, dinner and a presentation by Tanya LeSane, Director of Religious Education at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Richmond. The presentation is titled, "Beauty Rising to the Glory of God: Why I Choose to be a Catholic." Details and Registration: <https://bit.ly/DCWSSFeb25>

OCIA Meals

Why do we begin our sessions with a meal? "They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). At the beginning of each OCIA session we enjoy a simple meal which 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 faith.

Please consider providing a meal for an OCIA Session. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00–8:00 pm. The meal we share creates a community that prays and learns together. Please email Maria Thorsen with any questions (mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org). Sign up: <https://bit.ly/meal2425>

**2024 Parish Monthly
Service Projects
Snapshot:**

Pro-Cathedral of St. Peter
Over 300 items collected (Jan)

Bloom by PRC Richmond
Over 100 baby and children items
collected (Feb)

RISC
Over \$2,500 was collected for
justice ministry. (Mar)

The Virginia Home
Over 370 personal items
collected (Apr)

Mary's Choice RVA
Over \$1,800 in donations (May)

Sacred Heart Center
Over 325 food items collected
(Jun)

The Lighthouse RVA
Over \$850 in gift card donations
(Jul)

All Saints Catholic School
Over 260 school supplies
collected (Aug)

Knights of Columbus
119 coats donated (20 new!)
(Sept.)

**Commonwealth Catholic
Charities**
1,279 food items Pantry Drive
(Oct.)

Caritas
725 personal items (Nov)

Advent Giving Tree
Over 150 gifts (Dec.)

**Thank you for
your generosity!**



The Clair family writes a Thanksgiving card to a resident of The Virginia Home. SJC member Erin Buckley helped host the outreach opportunity on the Cathedral plaza. Over 100 parishioners participated in the project and the cards were well received by the residents.



Speaker Series
Feb 16
12:15 to 1:15 pm
Parish Hall
Lunch and Talk

The Social Justice Committee welcomes Daniel Villar, Director for the Office of Ethnic Ministries at the Catholic Diocese of Richmond to present "Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees: Walking with our Brothers and Sisters in the Peripheries".
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/SJCimmigrants>

Outreach Opportunities

Feedmore:
Assemble food items for meals
Sign up: <https://bit.ly/feedmoreservice>
Contact: Richard Robbins
crrobb28@gmail.com

Ronald McDonald House:
Prepare dinner for families staying at the house
Contact: Christine Burroughs
cmburroug@clarityconnect.com

For Young Adults:
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
Assist with store operations
Contact: Joy Weir
jweir@richmondcathedral.org



Join the Committee!

We need your help!
Attend a Social Justice
Committee meeting to
learn more about how
you can get involved.

Next Meeting:
February 2 at 12:15 pm
Parish Hall

Winter 2025

SJC Spotlight: RISC
(Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities)



Join us on Feb. 13
6:30 pm

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Parish Hall

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
is hosting a RISC meeting
to get an update on
community issues and
plan for the upcoming
Nehemiah Action.



Sign up today to attend
the Nehemiah Action with
other Cathedral of the Sacred
Heart parishioners. Together
with other congregations, we
will be an organized group of
over 2,000 people!

March 25
6:30 pm

St. Paul's Baptist Church
Carpools available

Sign up here:
<https://bit.ly/NA2025>

RISC – Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities - is an organization made up of congregations from throughout Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield. Founded in 2002, RISC uses the power of large numbers of organized people to solve critical community problems. Current problems being addressed are affordable housing, safe housing and gun violence.



Fr. Tony and Richard Robbins, representing our parish, confirm our commitment to RISC and enter into covenant with the 23 other RISC congregations to work together for justice in our City and region in October 2023.



City council members commit to address affordable housing crisis at our Nehemiah Action in 2024. The Nehemiah Action is our greatest display of our organized people power. We present our research, we have members directly affected by serious community problems share testimonies, and we ask our public officials for serious commitments to address the problems. In 2024, we had 1,951 people present. This year, the goal is “2,025 people in 2025.”