

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025

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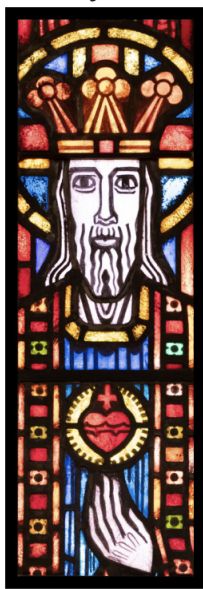
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*Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)*

**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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Wednesday: 6:00–7:00 pm

## Epiphany House Blessing 20+C+M+B+25

It is customary to bless homes on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, since this feast commemorates the visit of the Magi to Christ's "home" in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1–12). The blessing of homes typically includes writing, in chalk, the following inscription above the front door: **20+C+M+B+25**. The numbers 2025 indicate the year.

According to Scripture, the Magi were astrologers (Matthew 2:1–2, 7), and ancient calendars were based on astronomical phenomena. The letters CMB stand for the traditional names given to the Three Kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. CMB is also an acronym for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless this house."

The traditional date for the feast of the Epiphany is January 6 (which follows the twelfth day of Christmas). In the United States, however, Epiphany is observed on the Sunday between January 2 and 8. A text for the blessing of homes is included in the bulletin.

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Valid until June 2025

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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.

# COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR

<b>Saturday, January 4</b> 4:00 pm	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b> Confessions
5:00 pm	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Mass (+Rev. Msgr. William Sullivan)
<b>Sunday, January 5</b> 9:00 am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Mass (+Allen West) <a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
11:00 am	Mass (+Tonya Kernodle)
5:00 pm	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	<b>St. André Bessette</b> Church closed Office open
12:00 N	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	<b>St. Raymond of Penyafort</b> Church closed Office open
12:00 N	Mass (+collective month's mind)
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Church closed Office open
12:00 N	Mass
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
<b>Thursday, January 9</b> 12:00 N	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Mass
<b>Friday, January 10</b> 12:00 N	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> Mass (Nadine Golgosky)

## 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	\$19,654	
	December 24–25	
Amount received	\$16,139	
	December 28–29	
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$481,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$48,168</u>	<u>\$447,332</u>
	\$84,141	-\$33,668

Thank you. The Cathedral's Christmas wish came true. Parishioners opened their hearts and increased their giving to reduce the deficit to under \$34,000. The parish is grateful for these gifts and looks forward to the new year.

## Thank you

Dear Cathedral Parishioners,  
I am grateful for your Christmas cards and gifts and appreciate your remembering me. I look forward to thanking you in person for your kindnesses during the holiday season.

—Fr. Tony

## 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 (Epiphany of the Lord):** "They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). What gift can you offer Christ? If He is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (804) 359-5661 or via email: [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto: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, 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 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).

## Confirmation

### January 4 | 5:00 pm Mass

Congratulations to Angelica O'Neill on receiving 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).

## 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.

## WORSHIP

### Christmas Season

Christmas is its own a liturgical season, which extends beyond the Octave of Christmas. Christmas Time, as this period is officially called, includes the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 7), and ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 8).

### Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast commemorates the visit of the Magi, when Christ was revealed as the Savior of all peoples (Matthew 2:1–12).

### Announcement of Easter

According to the *Roman Missal*, “On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year” (Appendix I: Various Chants for the Order of Mass, The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts).

Perhaps the custom of announcing the date of Easter and the other feasts on Epiphany arose because the Magi were astrologers (Matthew 2:1–2, 7), and ancient calendars were based on celestial events.

### Notes from the Choir Loft

The text of *Magi Videntes Stellam* (The Magi having seen the star) is taken from the antiphon to the *Magnificat* at First Vespers for Epiphany. Its composer, Jacob Clemens non Papa (ca. 1510–1556), composed in the polyphonic (multi-voiced) style of his day, but did so without study in Italy, which was a norm. His name (*non Papa*: not the pope) distinguished him from another famous Clement: Pope Clement VII (r. 1523–1534).

### Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

#### Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

The Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians (CRCCM) will hold their annual colloquium at the Cathedral this upcoming week. The new pipe organ serves as the focus of the week, as members hear about the process of going through a successful project, experience an organ concert, and get a behind-the-scenes peek at the instrument’s structure. This is the first time the Cathedral has hosted this conference.

## THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

May the Sacraments

by which you have been pleased

to restore us, Lord,

fill our hearts with the sweetness of your love

and make us long for the unfathomable riches

of your Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord.

*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery outside Mass*,  
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## 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 [richmondforlife.com](http://richmondforlife.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)).

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

# CATECHESIS

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ADULT

### 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. Registration: <https://bit.ly/RE2425U>

### Last Week in Catechesis

Children’s Liturgy of the Word and PreK through high school catechesis (religious education) is on break until January 12. To register a child for catechesis, please contact Joy Weir ([jweir@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:jweir@richmondcathedral.org)).

### Jubilee 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

Last Saturday’s Opening of the Jubilee Year Mass (December 28) included the veneration of a Cross. According to jubilee norms, that Cross will remain in the sanctuary throughout the year so that the faithful can venerate it. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Jubilee prayer that has been placed near the Cross.

“This is the sign of the journey of hope of the pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ, as evidenced in the Jubilee logo: ‘In a world in which progress and regression are intertwined, the Cross of Christ remains the anchor of salvation: a sign of hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the love of God, merciful and faithful’” (Pope Francis, September 21, 2022).

### 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>

### Adult Confirmation

Classes are available for adults seeking Confirmation. This sacrament is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that strengthens a person to live out the Catholic faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1285, 1302–1303).

To register, please contact Maria Thorsen ([mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org](mailto:mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org)), director of OCIA.