

CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2025

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Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
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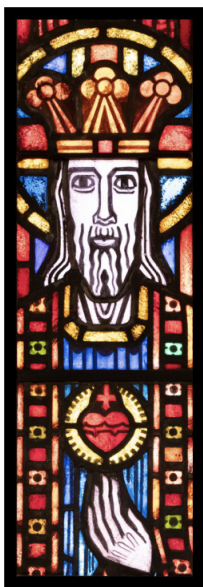
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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (1931)

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

Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series for Racial Healing Beauty Rising to the Glory of God: Why I Choose to be a Catholic

Wednesday, 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. Details and Registration: <https://bit.ly/DCWSSFeb25>

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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
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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, February 1 4:00 pm	3rd Week of Ordinary Time Confessions
5:00 pm	Presentation of the Lord Mass (+Sandra Fleming)
Sunday, February 2 9:00 am	Presentation of the Lord Mass (+Allen West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (Consecrated religious)
5:00 pm	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
Monday, February 3 12:00 N	4th Week of Ordinary Time No Mass
Tuesday, February 4 12:00 N 6:00 pm	4th Week of Ordinary Time Mass (+Antonio Masullo) OCIA
Wednesday, February 5 12:00 N 6:00 pm	St. Agatha Mass (+Collective month's mind) Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series
Thursday, February 6 12:00 N	St. Paul Miki and Companions Mass (+Sr. Andrea Verchuck, OSB, month's mind)
Friday, February 7 12:00 N	4th Week of Ordinary Time Mass

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (February): For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Vocations (World Day for Consecrated Life): "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. 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: James Gropp, Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, 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, Julia Lucenti, On Candlemas, the choir sings a setting of the Nunc Dimittis ("Lord, now may your servant depart in peace"), which is taken directly from the Gospel of the day. Also known

YOUNG ADULTS

February 3	Theology on Tap 6:00–8:00 pm Strangeways Brewing, 2277A Dabney Rd., Richmond
February 5	Deacon Charles Williams Speaker Series 6:00 pm Cathedral
February 26	Wine and Pizza 6:00–8:30 pm Cathedral

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

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	January 25–26	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$555,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$16,954</u>	<u>\$524,631</u>
	-\$1,546	-\$30,369

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.

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.

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.

Interim Cathedral Associate

The Cathedral staff welcomes Joanie Price, who is assisting with marriage preparation, coordination of liturgical ministries, and other tasks related to divine worship on an interim basis. She is also providing interim administrative support to the business manager and bookkeeper. Welcome aboard, Joanie.

WORSHIP

Preparation of the Gifts

At Mass, members of the faithful bring forward the offerings of bread and wine that will become the body and blood of Christ.

"It is a praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. ...Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 73).

The bread and wine represent the sacrifice of people's lives offered in union with the sacrifice of Christ in the Mass, as expressed by the prayers at the Preparation of the Gifts: "the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands... the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands."

Flowers

Parishioners may purchase flowers to adorn the altar and tabernacle in honor or in memory of a loved one. The presence of flowers in the sanctuary serves to make the celebration of Mass beautiful and reverent. For more information, please contact Robin Thomas, business manager (rthomas@richmondcathedral.org).

Notes from the Choir Loft

On Candlemas, the choir sings a setting of the Nunc Dimittis ("Lord, now may your servant depart in peace"), which is taken directly from the Gospel of the day. Also known as the Canticle of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32), the text is rendered daily during Compline (Night Prayer). The choir performs a setting by famed English composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), from his Evening Service in F.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning "Pipe" Dreams Into Reality

The new gallery continues to attract musicians from far and wide. In addition to the organists of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, local musicians are eager for the opportunity to visit the new instrument. This past week, the Cathedral hosted the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) for an in-depth organ tour that included a walk-through of the interior of the organ case. AGO members were astounded by the quality of the construction and mesmerized by the contrasting sounds of various national styles and epochs that combined beautifully.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

"Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray, we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer."

—St. Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444)

SERVICE

Haiti

In Carissade, Haiti, most students do not have the resources to attend high school. Each year, 16 of them attend Saint Martin de Porres college in nearby Hinche. These young people have many talents, and as the parish priest explains, "Their dream is to finish their classical studies and to go to university." For over 20 years of our twinning, parishioners have supported a scholarship program for high potential students.

Thanks to your continued support in November and December, the Cathedral donated over \$4,500 to help Carissade promote education and foster the minds of young people.

Monthly Service Project

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.

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 (crobb28@gmail.com).

Ushers

The liturgical ministry of ushers facilitates the reverent and orderly celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105). Scheduling is done conveniently online and training is provided. Parishioners who would like to serve as ushers are asked to contact Father Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

Baptism Information Class

February 16 | 12:15–12:45 pm | Parish hall

If you are seeking Baptism for your child (ages 7 and under), please attend this session in the parish hall. Following the class, a short tour of children meeting spaces is offered. 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

Students in the True Vine (1st–3rd grade) and Lumen Christi (4th–5th grade) atriiums explored the church and to venerated the Jubilee Cross. Later in the day, parents of the children preparing for First Penance also venerated the Jubilee Cross. To read more about the Jubilee, visit <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>.

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

“We are also called to discover hope in the signs of the times that the Lord gives us. . . . We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope” (*Spes non confundit*, no. 7).

The Jubilee 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.

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).

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. 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).

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>