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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2, 2025

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
Rector

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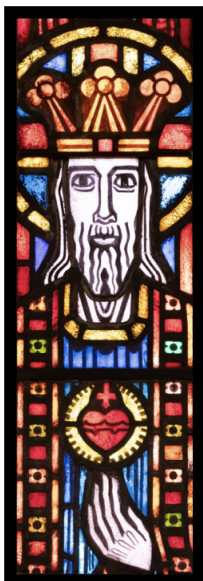
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Monday–Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 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

Ash Wednesday

March 5 | Masses: 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The purpose of this holy season is to prepare us, through penance and conversion, to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Catholics ages 14 and above are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 1251–1252). Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast from the normal amount of food (canons 1252–1253; US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Complementary Norm to canon 1253). When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal; two smaller meals may also be taken but should not equal a full meal. Expectant and nursing mothers, and those who are ill, are dispensed from the obligation of abstinence and fasting.

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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, March 1 4:00 pm	7th Week in Ordinary Time Confessions
5:00 pm	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass
Sunday, March 2 9:00 am	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Allen West) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
5:00 pm	Mass (+Sharon Clapp)
Monday, March 3 12:00 N	8th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
7:30 pm	Organ Concert: Jean-Baptiste Robin
Tuesday, March 4 12:00 N	8th Week in Ordinary Time Mass (+Catherine Schlupf)
6:00 pm	OCIA
Wednesday, March 5 12:00 N	Ash Wednesday Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
6:00 pm	Mass
Thursday, March 6 12:00 N	Thursday after Ash Wednesday Mass
Friday, March 7 12:00 N	Friday after Ash Wednesday Mass
5:00 pm	Confessions, Soup Supper
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pope's monthly intention (March): For families in crisis: Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, each other's gifts, even their differences.

Vocations: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" (Luke 6:41). Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God's service as a priest or religious brother or sister? 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: Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sydney Jones, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Anna Pletch, Steven Taylor, Wray Walker; Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly, Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Grayson Hannegan, Ashley Jefferson, Eleana Legree, Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Brielle O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Stacie Stockton, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

March 4	Shrove Tuesday Celebration March 4 6:00 pm Bingo Beer Co. (Scott's Addition) No registration required
March 22	Lenten Day of Reflection Our Lady of the Angels Trappist-Cistercian Abbey, Crozet Register here .

For more information: evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Offertory Collection

	February 22-23	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$629,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$20,996</u>	<u>\$585,624</u>
	\$2,496	-\$43,376

To ensure the safety of parishioners and visitors, the Cathedral contracts for snow removal. On average, the Cathedral spends \$600 for each removal, which includes the entire block, steps, and rectory. The local contractor, Creative Enterprise Powerwashing, has done a superb job.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

March 15-16

This annual collection supports worthy projects such as seminary education, care for retired priests, support for campus ministry, and vital resources families and children facing homelessness and hunger.

The Cathedral's goal during this Jubilee Year is \$58,940 (out of a total diocesan target of \$4,676,409). The parish receives back 20% of the funds received up to the goal (\$11,788), and 50% of the funds above the goal. Last year, the Cathedral received back \$33,051. Thank you for your generosity.



Easter Lillies

To celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the Cathedral will be decorated with lilies. Parishioners are invited to donate to help defray the cost of these lilies (\$20 each), which will bloom throughout the fifty days of Easter and beyond.

If you would like to donate, please write "Easter flowers" on your check or envelope and place it in the collection. Additionally, you are welcome to stop by the parish office to make a donation. Those donations received by April 13 will be posted on the bulletin board. For more information, please contact Robin Thomas (business@richmondcathedral.org or 804-212-3890).

Sick List

So that a current list of the sick can be maintained, parishioners are kindly asked to inform Katherine Leer, office manager, of any changes (kleeer@richmondcathedral.org).

Out of respect for privacy, a person who is sick must consent himself or herself to being added to the list. Names on the list will be deleted after one month, unless the sick person, or someone authorized to speak on his or her behalf, indicates that he or she would like to remain on the list.

WORSHIP

Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election

March 2 | 11:00 am Mass

“This rite offers the local community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the celebration of Election assured of the parish’s care and support”

(*Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, no. 107 §2).

Catechumens are official adult candidates for the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. The catechumens are elected (chosen) for these sacraments by the bishop at the Rite of Election (March 8), and will receive them at the Easter Vigil (April 19).

Confessions, Soup Supper, Stations of the Cross

March 7 | 5:00–6:30 pm

On the Fridays of Lent, confessions will be heard from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the church, while a soup supper is served in the parish hall. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00 pm in the church.

Notes from the Choir Loft

Charles Gounod (1818–1893) is renowned for his brief and moving *Ave Maria*, which is based on an extant piece by Johann Sebastian Bach. Gounod's *Ave Verum Corpus* that the choir performs this weekend is marked by beautiful simplicity. Born into an artistic, musical family in the Latin Quarter of Paris, Gounod considered the priesthood in the Sulpician order before creating his substantial operas *Faust* and *Romeo et Juliette*

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

March 3 | 7:30 pm

For the first time in its history, the Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists’ Organ Repertoire Recital Series is co-sponsoring an event with the Cathedral.

On Monday, the second concert of the new organ’s dedicatory year will be performed by Jean-Baptiste Robin. One of the most prominent concert organists and composers of our time, Mr. Robin is the organist of the Royal Chapel at the Palace of Versailles.

SERVICE

March Service Project

Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Communities (RISC)

The Cathedral is a congregational member of Richmonders Involved in Strengthening Communities (RISC), which advocates for justice throughout Richmond.

For more information: risrichmond.org.

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

Floral Designers

Parishioners are needed to help make flower arrangements for the altar and tabernacle. The presence of flowers enhances the community’s worship and reflects the beauty of God. Training for the preparation of floral arrangements is provided. To volunteer, please contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins. By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him...”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1394

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Baptism Information Class

March 9 | 12:00–12:30 pm | Parish Hall

Parents seeking baptism for their child(ren) ages 0–6 are invited to a short information session. The presentation will review the steps involved in having a child baptized.

Baptism is the first sacrament and the foundation of being a Christian. According to the literal meaning of the term, baptism 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. For more information, please contact Joy Weir (jweir@richmondcathedral.org).

Annual Scout Mass

March 16, 2025 | St. John Neumann, Powhatan

Each year, all youth and adults involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, or Trail Life in the Diocese of Richmond are invited to attend the annual Scout Masses where those who have earned Religious medals and emblems throughout the past year will be honored. His Excellency, Bishop Barry C. Knestout will preside at the Mass. For more information:

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/annual-scout-mass-2/>

Youth Lenten Service Project

March 22 | 10:00 am – 12:00 N |

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Richmond

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to those in need.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store supports direct service to the poor. The shop is run primarily by volunteers. Cathedral youth and parents will serve together by working at the thrift store. Ages 12 and up can volunteer to help. Registration: <https://bit.ly/YouthServeSVDP>

Easter Sunday Children’s Choir

The Cathedral children’s choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Students from 2nd through 8th grades are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please email Amy Hruska (aghruska@verizon.net).

Rehearsals take place on designated Sunday mornings in the parish office conference room. (Choristers must attend all rehearsals.)

- March 23 10:05–10:55 am
- March 30 10:05–10:55 am
- April 6 10:05–10:55 am
- April 13 10:05–10:55 am
- April 19 11:00 am – 12:00 N
- April 20 (Easter Sunday): 8:00 am call time

Last Week in Catechesis

Children in the Lumen Christi atrium (grades 4–5) assisted the social justice committee with the Cards for the Virginia Home project. The students wrote several cards for residents wishing them a happy spring. The Virginia Home is a private nonprofit organization that provides compassionate and professional residential care to 130 adults with irreversible physical disabilities, ensuring that their lifelong comfort and security will never be compromised, regardless of their ability to pay.

ADULT

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

“The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea. ...[The Council] sought to preserve the Church’s unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. ...by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist” (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 17 §§1–2).

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.

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles

Wednesdays: March 12 – May 14 | 7:00–8:30pm | Parish Hall

Acts is the story of how a few Christians, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were chosen to take the Good News of Christ 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. A workbook can be purchased but is not required. Registration: <https://bit.ly/Actsregistration>

Coffee and Catechesis

March 2 | 10:10–10:50 am | Parish Hall

Parishioners are invited to gather for this reflection on the Sunday Gospel. The meeting will include reading the biblical text, explaining the passage in context, discussing how Scripture applies to one’s life, and fellowship.

Precepts of the Church

The precepts or obligations of the Catholic Church are “meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2041).

The precepts are these: (1) attend Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; (2) confess one’s sins at least once a year; (3) receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during the Easter season; (4) observe days of fasting and abstinence; and (5) assist with the material needs of the Church, according to one’s ability; and (6) to observe the marriage laws of the Church (nos. 2042–2043).