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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2025

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF
Rector

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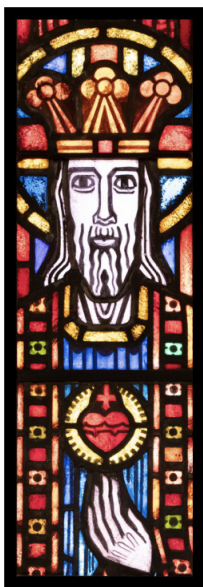
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To register as a parishioner: bit.ly/jointhecathedral



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

Collecting Palms

Palms that were blessed last year on Palm Sunday are now being collected in preparation for the beginning of Lent. After the palms are burnt, the ashes will be imposed on Ash Wednesday (March 5). Please deposit the palms in the baskets that have been placed at the entrance to the church.

The connection between Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday highlights an important truth: we undertake penance knowing that Christ has already conquered sin by his passion, death, and resurrection. The palm is a symbol of Christ's victory: "They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9).

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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, February 8 4:00 pm	St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita Confessions
5:00 pm	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (+Mary Hochstein)
Sunday, February 9 9:00 am	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass (Thomas and Dorothy Dougherty) Cathedral Facebook Livestream
11:00 am	Mass (<i>pro populo</i>)
5:00 pm	Mass (+Harold Lester)
Monday, February 10 12:00 N	St. Scholastica No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
Tuesday, February 11 12:00 N	Our Lady of Lourdes No Mass
6:00 pm	OCIA
Wednesday, February 12 12:00 N	5th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
6:00 pm	Adoration and confessions
Thursday, February 13 12:00 N	5th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass
Friday, February 14 12:00 N	Sts. Cyril and Methodius No Mass Church and office closed

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: "They left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11). When Jesus called His first disciples, they responded by leaving everything behind to follow Him. Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in our own way—some as priests or religious brothers and sisters, dedicating their lives fully to His mission. Are you hearing His call to "Come, follow me"? 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, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Breille O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Stacie Stockton, Avery Witherow; Confirmation and First Communion: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

YOUNG ADULTS

February 12	Adoration and confessions 6:00 pm Cathedral Bible study 7:00-8:15 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

	February 1-2	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$573,500
Weekly amount received	<u>\$13,738</u>	<u>\$538,369</u>
	-\$4,762	-\$35,131

Thanks to the support of our parishioners and visitors, the Cathedral Shop generated over \$6,200 in sales last year. With a newly redesigned look, a streamlined inventory, and an increase in the number of visitors coming to the Cathedral, we look forward a fruitful year in 2025.

Away on Retreat

February 10-14

I will be on retreat next week. (A priest is required to make an annual retreat.) Daily Mass will be canceled during that time. A visiting priest will hear confessions and conduct Eucharistic adoration on February 12. Nearby St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral offers both daily confessions and Mass (12:00 N). Please pray for me during this time, as I will for you.

—Fr. Tony

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.

First Penance

The children of the parish celebrated the sacrament of Penance for the first time in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May.

Confession or Reconciliation, as the sacrament is also known, forgives sins committed after baptism and heals a person's relationship with the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1424, 1440). "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship.' ...For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation 'is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation'" (no. 1468).

WORSHIP

“You Also Are a Rock”: A Holy Hour in Commemoration of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

February 18 | 6:00–7:00 pm

Each month, a holy hour takes place that includes Exposition of the Most Holy Eucharist, Scripture readings, sacred music, silent prayer, and benediction. The holy hour is a way to deepen one’s love and appreciation for the Eucharist, which is Christ himself.

This month’s holy hour will focus on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (normally celebrated on February 22).

According to a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great (ca. 400–461 AD), “*You are Peter*: though I [Christ] am the inviolable rock... yet you also are a rock, for you are given solidity by my strength, so that which is my very own because of my power is common between us through your participation.”

Notes from the Choir Loft

“He Watching Over Israel” (Psalm 121:4 and 138:7) is a choral movement from the oratorio *Elijah*, by German master Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847). The work is modeled on large-scale compositions by Handel and Bach, but with Mendelssohn’s signature romantic style. Considered his crowning achievement, *Elijah* found popularity in English-speaking countries. With the success of its American premiere by the Handel & Haydn Society in Boston, the piece was reprised eight times in 1848, a few months after the composer’s death.

Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

Last month, parishioners were surprised to hear “thunder” during Masses for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12). Two moments mention the word “thunder”: once during the Responsorial Psalm (“The God of glory thunders”) and another during the Gospel Acclamation (“the voice of the Father thundered”). At these two utterances, the orage (“storm” in French) lever was engaged. This lever is located to the left of the foot pedals. As it is depressed, more and more of the lowest notes in the organ progressively sound together, creating a thunderous boom.

THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“Having passed from this world to the Father, Christ gives us in the Eucharist the pledge of glory with him. Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1419

SERVICE

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 Projects

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).

February 27 | 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 (cmurrough@clarityconnect.com).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The role of an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is to help distribute the Eucharist at Mass, so that the celebration is not unduly prolonged, or to bring the sacrament to the sick.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must be fully initiated and practicing Catholics. This means that they have received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion; that they practice their faith, which includes attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation; and, that if married, they be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.

Parishioners who would like to serve as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, or to the sick, are asked to contact Fr. Tony (tmarques@richmonddiocese.org).

CATECHESIS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

ADULT

Youth Lenten Service

March 22 | 10:00 am – 12:00 N | St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
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 on March 22. Ages 12 and up can volunteer to help. Registration: <https://bit.ly/YouthServeSVDP>

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).

Last Week in Catechesis

Students in the Good Shepherd atrium (ages 4 to 6) enjoyed a special work on the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22–38). The work included clay figures and a temple as the catechist reads from a scripture book. The works in the atrium provide a hands-on approach to learning about the scripture we hear at Mass each week.

Jubilee 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

“Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: ‘Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!’ (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever” (*Spes non confundit*, no. 25).

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.

Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees: Walking with our Brothers and Sisters in the Peripheries

February 16 | 12:15–1:15 pm | Parish Hall

Due to the current sociopolitical climate in the United States and around the world, immigrants, migrants, and refugees are being reduced to statistics associated with negative stereotypes and sweeping generalizations. As Catholics, informed by divine teaching on matters that include social justice issues, how can we accompany and support our brothers and sisters in the peripheries through the lens of the faith as we continue to move forward into the Year of Jubilee 2025?

Join us for a light lunch ‘n learn from Daniel Villar, Director for the Office of Ethnic Ministries, Diocese of Richmond. RSVP: <https://bit.ly/SJCimmigrants>

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>



Dedicated to helping you heal

Virtual Support Group for those who have suffered abuse by clergy or lay personnel residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

We invite you to join the group on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

Questions or to join please email Paula Kaempffer at kaempfferp@archspm.org or call 763-688-3978.