

# CATHEDRAL *of the* SACRED HEART

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025

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Bishop of Richmond

Very Reverend Anthony E. Marques, VF  
Rector

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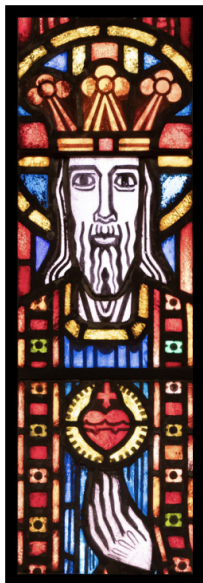
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*Christ the King window in the Cathedral (Rambusch, 1931)*

**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

## 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 for 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.



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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, March 15</b>	<b>St. John of God</b>
11:00 am	Wedding (Paul Toler and Nicole Schofield)
2:00 pm	Funeral Mass (+Ronald Cestaro)
4:00 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
	Mass ( <i>pro populo</i> )
<b>Sunday, March 16</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
9:00 am	Mass (+Rev. Mr. Marshall Banks)
	<a href="#">Cathedral Facebook Livestream</a>
11:00 am	Mass (+David Grassey)
5:00 pm	Mass (+Steven Grich)
<b>Monday, March 17</b>	<b>St. Patrick</b>
12:00 N	No Mass
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b>	<b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</b>
12:00 N	Mass (+Most Rev. John Russell)
6:00 pm	Monthly holy hour
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>
	Lauds: <a href="https://bit.ly/rallLauds">bit.ly/rallLauds</a>
12:00 N	Mass (+Tran family)
6:00 pm	Confessions and adoration
7:00 pm	Bible study
<b>Thursday, March 20</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent</b>
12:00 N	Mass
<b>Friday, March 21</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week in Lent</b>
12:00 N	Mass
5:00 pm	Confessions, soup supper
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

## FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### Fiscal Year 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

#### Offertory Collection

	*March 8-9	Year-to-Date
Weekly amount budgeted	\$18,500	\$666,000
Weekly amount received	<u>\$18,001</u>	<u>\$621,122</u>
	-\$499	-\$44,878

\*includes Ash Wednesday Masses

The Cathedral is grateful for parishioners' generous support throughout the year. There is currently a budget deficit of almost \$45,000. The Cathedral needs, on average, \$18,500 each week to cover normal operating expenses such as utilities, payroll, and insurance.

## 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](mailto:business@richmondcathedral.org) or 804-212-3890).

## 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:** "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Luke 9:35). In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could He be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? 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: Daniel Humphrey, Aiden Sangiray, Josh Singh, Russel Williams; Catechumens: Fabrizio Jimenez, Sara Omer, Sara Papa, Steven Taylor; Elect: Sydney Jones, Anna Pletch, Wray Walker; Candidates for Full Communion: Benjamin Ackerly, Jason Austin, Erica Banks, Nishaun Battle, Amanda Booth, Daniel Goetz, Grayson Hannegan, Ashley Jefferson, Julia Lucenti, Corina Nuckols, Kellie O'Brien, Brielle O'Connor, Faith Skibins, Stacie Stockton, Avery Witherow; Candidates for Confirmation and the Eucharist: Andrew Farrell, Janille Olario, Hans Smetana.

## YOUNG ADULTS

**March 19** Confessions and adoration | 6:00 pm | Cathedral  
Bible study | 7:00 pm | Cathedral

**March 21** Confessions, soup supper | 5:00 pm | Cathedral  
Stations of the Cross | 6:00 pm | Cathedral

For more information: [evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults](http://evangelizerichmond.org/young-adults)

## Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**March 15 | 6:00 pm | Parish Hall**

Come enjoy a delicious meal of corned beef, cabbage, Irish potatoes, soda bread and rolls, ice cream sundaes, fried apples, and chicken nuggets. The cost is \$8 per person, \$20 per family of four.

## Outstanding Young Man/Woman of the Year Deadline: March 15

The Knights of Columbus of Virginia are seeking to recognize a young man or young woman currently in grades 9-2 to be considered for this special award. In addition to the State Award, the Cathedral Council of the Knights of Columbus will select the Bernard J. Quinn Council #11710 Young Man or Young Woman of the Year. The criterion for this award is the same as the above. The prize is a check for \$1,500. To request an application please contact Francis Thompson ([francis.thompson@me.com](mailto:francis.thompson@me.com)).

## WORSHIP

### Confessions, Soup Supper, Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent | 5:00–6:30 pm | Cathedral

On Fridays of Lent, confessions will be heard from 5:00–6:00 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.

### “Remember Us, Saint Joseph”: A Holy Hour in Honor of the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 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 St. Joseph. According to a sermon preserved in the Liturgy of the Hours, St. Bernadine of Siena (1380–1444) speaks for the whole Church when he says, “Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us with your foster child.”

### Book of the Elect

The Book of the Elect has been placed next to the paschal candle at the baptismal font. This book contains the names of those who have been elected (chosen) to receive the sacraments of Christian Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—at the Easter Vigil (April 19). There are seven elect (catechumens) from the Cathedral.

The Book of the Elect evokes the book of life, an image of heaven found in the Book of Revelation: “The victor will thus be dressed in white, and I will never erase his name from the book of life” (3:5).

### Notes from the Choir Loft

Marco Frisina (b. 1954) is an Italian priest, composer, and director of the Pastoral Worship Center at the Vatican. In addition to serving as professor of music at both the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Fr. Frisina is also the composer of many film scores. His setting of the *Anima Christi* (Soul of Christ) is simple yet alluring, with a refrain in the minor mode that is hauntingly meditative.

### Cathedral Foundation Organ Campaign

#### Turning “Pipe” Dreams Into Reality

“All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures—their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 41). God’s beauty is reflected in the Cathedral’s sacred art and architecture, which have inspired souls for over a hundred years. The manifold sounds of the new gallery organ reflect not only the gamut of human emotion, but also evoke God’s tenderness and majesty.

## THE EUCHARIST: OUR TREASURE

“In an ever changing world the Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God’s changeless love.”

—St. Teresa of Kolkata (1910–1997)

## SERVICE

### Corporal Works of Mercy

There are seven corporal works of mercy: (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) sheltering the homeless, (5) visiting the sick, (6) visiting the imprisoned, and (7) burying the dead. “The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2447).

Each month, the Cathedral sponsors a service project to carry out the corporal works of mercy. These deeds fulfill Christ’s teaching inscribed on the Cathedral’s façade: IF YE LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS (John 14:15).

### March Service Project

#### Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Communities

The Cathedral is a congregational member of RISC (Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Communities), which advocates for justice throughout Richmond. Please support RISC this month:

1. Attend RISC’s Nehemiah Action Meeting at 6:30 pm, on March 18 at St. Paul’s Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road. Meet-up at St. Paul’s Catholic Church on Rennie Street at 5:45 pm to carpool. Registration: <https://bit.ly/NA2025>
2. Donate to support RISC, either online ([www.riscrichmond.org](http://www.riscrichmond.org)) or by using envelopes provided at March Masses.

### Ongoing Service Projects

#### March 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](mailto:crrobb28@gmail.com)).

#### March 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 Ave.). For questions and to sign up, please email Christine Burroughs ([cmburroug@clarityconnect.com](mailto:cmburroug@clarityconnect.com)).

### Sacristans

Sacristans are liturgical ministers whose service helps to ensure a worthy and reverent celebration of Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 105b). Volunteers are needed to help set up for Mass and clean up afterwards. Duties include arranging the liturgical books, sacred vessels, and other items. There would be two time slots for sacristans: 45 minutes before Mass for preparation, and 20 minutes afterward to put things away. Parishioners could volunteer for either or both time slots, choosing which weekends they would be available. Scheduling would take place through the parish’s online scheduler. Training for the ministry of sacristan is happily provided. If you would like to serve the Cathedral as a sacristan, please contact Fr. Tony ([marques@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:marques@richmonddiocese.org)).

# CATECHESIS

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ADULT

### 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).

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to participate. If you are interested, please email Amy Hruska ([aghruska@verizon.net](mailto: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

### Registration:

Vacation Bible School | June 16 | 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

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 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students.

The cost is \$25 per camper. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and up can volunteer at the camp. Priority registration for Cathedral parishioners: <https://bit.ly/CathedralVBS2025>

### Last Week in Catechesis

Each level of catechesis prayed for Pope Francis. Going forward, the students will pray a special prayer or intention each month.

### Jubilee 2025

#### Pilgrims of Hope

“What, then, will become of us after death? With Jesus, beyond this threshold we will find eternal life, consisting in full communion with God as we forever contemplate and share in his infinite love. All that we now experience in hope, we shall then see in reality. We are reminded of the words of Saint Augustine: ‘When I am one with you in all my being, there will be no more pain and toil; my life shall be true life, a life wholly filled by you.’ What will characterize this fullness of communion? Being happy. *Happiness* is our human vocation, a goal to which all aspire” (Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year, *Spes non confundit*, no. 21 §1).

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.

### Abstinence during Lent

Catholic ages 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent (*Code of Canon Law*, canons 1251–1252). Expectant and nursing mothers, and those who are ill, are dispensed from the obligation of abstinence.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

The official name of the catechumenate has changed from the *Rite* of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to the *Order* of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The catechumenate is the process for entering the Catholic Church.

This change in terminology reflects a more accurate translation of the Latin name for the catechumenate (*Ordo initiationis christianae adultorum*). “Order” designates a collection of rites marking the various stages and circumstances of the catechumenate.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults includes four groups of people: unbaptized adults, unbaptized children above the age of seven, those baptized in another Christian denomination, and Catholics who did not receive instruction in the faith and seek the sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist.

### Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Wednesdays: March 19 – May 14 | 7:00–8:30 pm | 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>



# HOLY LENT 2025



## PRAYER

**Daily Mass:** Tuesday–Friday at 12:00 N

**Lauds (Morning Prayer):** Wednesdays at 7:30 am | [bit.ly/cshlauds](http://bit.ly/cshlauds)

**Eucharistic Adoration (prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament):**

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm

**Confessions:** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Fridays at 5:00 pm, and Saturdays at 4:00 pm;

Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6:00 pm

**Intercession for the sick** (see bulletin)

**Intercession for those in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** (see bulletin).

**Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary:** <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/scriptural-rosary-sorrowful-mysteries>

**Sunday Gospel:** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Seven penitential Psalms:** Psalm 6, 31, 37, 50, 101, 129, 142

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/seven-penitential-psalms-songs-of-suffering-servant>

## FASTING

**Days of Abstinence:** No meat may be eaten on Ash Wednesday (March 5), the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday (April 18). This norm applies to Catholics 14 and older.

**Days of Fasting:** Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two small meals should not equal a second full meal. Coffee, tea, or water between meals is allowed.

**Lenten Soup Supper:** Fridays at 5:00 pm

## ALMSGIVING

**Cathedral Poor and Needy Fund:** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZABM/campaign/C-ZRYS>

**Haiti Fund:** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZABM/campaign/C-ZRYZ>

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

**Donations to RISC (Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities):**

[https://www.riscrichmond.org/invest\\_in\\_risc](https://www.riscrichmond.org/invest_in_risc)

**Virginia March for Life, April 2:** <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/>



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