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The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

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The Mother Church of the Diocese of Richmond
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

113TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

Christmas Mass Registration

Registration for Christmas Masses will begin on *Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 a.m.* via our weekly e-newsletter (Flocknotes). If you are not currently receiving our emails, please contact Lauren at ltompkins@richmondcathedral.org.

The only way to guarantee seating for Christmas is to register online.
The deadline for registering for Christmas Masses is December 16.

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SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12:05 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 5:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Exposition and Benediction
Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, November 28, 2020

- 2:00 pm Wedding
- 5:15 pm **Mass** [\(Livestream\)](#) +Timothy Kolb
Cathedral open (4:15 pm)

Sunday, November 29, 2020 – First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am **Mass** +Janice Coffield
Cathedral open (8:00 am)
- 11:00 am **Mass** [\(Diocesan Livestream\)](#) – Cathedral Parishioners
Cathedral open (10:00 am)
- 5:15 pm **Mass**
Cathedral open (4:15 pm)

Monday, November 30, 2020 – Cathedral Closed

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – Cathedral Open (11:30 am–1:00 pm)

- 10:00 am Tuesdays Together - Meet on the Cathedral Plaza
- 12:05 pm **Daily Mass** [\(Livestream\)](#) –Oliver Wilson
- 6:00 pm RCIA

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – Cathedral Open (5:30–6:30 pm)

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer via [Zoom](#)
- 5:30 pm Confessions in Large Sacristy until 6:30 pm
- 6:30 pm **Daily Mass** +William R. Gentry
- 7:00 pm All-Parish Read via [Zoom](#)

Thursday, December 3, 2020 –

- 10:00 am **Daily Mass** +Holy Souls in Purgatory
Cathedral open (8:00 am)
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group
- 6:00 pm "O" Antiphons Catechesis in-person and [Zoom](#)

Friday, December 4, 2020 –Cathedral Open (11:30 am–1:00 pm)

- 12:05 pm **Daily Mass** +Rhonda Cassidy

Saturday, December 5, 2020

- 9:30 am Baptism
- 12:30 pm Baptism
- 2:00 pm Baptism
- 5:15 pm **Mass** [\(Livestream\)](#) +Mary Catherine "Kate" Daub
Cathedral open (4:15 pm)

Sunday, December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

Special Collection: Catholic Charities

- 9:00 am **Mass** +Allen Goolsby West
Cathedral open (8:00 am)
- 11:00 am **Mass** [\(Diocesan Livestream\)](#) – Cathedral Parishioners
Cathedral open (10:00 am)
- 1:30 pm Baptism
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Session
- 5:15 pm **Mass**
Cathedral open (4:15 pm)
- 7:00 pm High School Youth Group

"O Come, O Come": A Catechesis on the "O" Antiphons of Advent NEW!

Fr. Tony will offer a presentation on the "O" Antiphons on **Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.** This event will take place in person and online (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84872659571>).

Dating from at least the year 700 A.D., the "O" Antiphons refer to the verses for the *Magnificat* (Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46–55) used at Vespers, as well as Alleluia verses used at Mass, during the second half of Advent (December 17–24). The antiphons are based on biblical texts that announce the coming of the Messiah or Christ, and begin with the acclamation "O": O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of Nations, and O Emmanuel. (Together, the "O" Antiphons make up the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel.")

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Sick: Tom Jones, Jean Faulkner, Joe Faulkner, Bill Fox, Joan & Robert Watson, Natalee Franzyszen, Alberta Winston, Louise Fedorka, Katherine Harder, Aleen Causieestko, Armand Basmajian, Lee Wexler, Caitlin Reagan, Abigail Van Meter, Joan Woody, James Raber, Jake Einwechter, Michele Whitehurst, Doug Toler, Mary Maynard, Mark Drexler, Jr.; Bobby Locke, Patrick Cooper, Reed Roberts, Cheryl Hennan, Ann Fincham, Georgia Thompson, Peggy Ross, Debra Brown, Theresa Drexler Moody, Knox & Preston Kaliebe, Kevin Smith, Diana A., Joan DeBiasi, John Anderson, Joanie Price, Cindy Cole, John Norment, Frank Flechter, Michael Hollister, Connie Biby, Valerie Booth, Barbara Kersey, Mary Hormachea, Gabriel Peter Norment, Eddie Dunn III, Dylan Marshall, Jean Serini, Billie Sutherland Moore, Mark Patrick Cotham, Anne Hutchins, and Janine Thompson. Also, please continue to pray for those written in the Book of the Sick and those in our Armed Forces.

Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Thomas Lawrence, Dillon Bruce, Armando Herrera, Alexandre Jimenez, Joseph Kauffin, Patrick Walsh, William Buckley, Christopher Weyer, Seth Seaman, David Arellano, William Douglas, Matthew Kelly, Luke Fitzgerald, Graham Fassero, Chase Imoru, Carl Thompson, Charles Palmer, Andrew Clark, Gregory Guilfoyle, Samuel Hill, John Paul Shanahan, Ricky Rivera, Charlie Tamayo, Ian Grosskopf, Peter Olbrych, and David Urlwin.

Please pray for those in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Jefferson Abaricia, Carey Ann Birkle, Lisa Dreher, Manuel Dwyer, Chris Ferguson, Kathy Gideon, Sean Gottschalk, Emily Grimes, Timothy Irby, Kateherine Murphy, Richard Nehrboos, Jonathan Noble, Sam Owens, Cynthia Roman, Gary Romer, Raye Romer, Natalie Schmitting, Graham Scholl, Jonathan Walker.

Pope Francis's general prayer intention for December is:

For a Life of Prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

December: Advent and Christmas NEW!

This month's theme is Advent and Christmas. [Click here](#) to see the many ways you may join us to get involved and gather, in-person and online, with your fellow parishioners.

Weekly Offertory Collection

For Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/2020

The Cathedral is grateful for last week's collections and year-end gifts.

	2020-2021	
	Last Week	Year to Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$17,559	\$ 349,842
Amount Received	\$ 19,059	\$ 382,786**
Difference	\$ 1,500	\$ 32,944

**We are \$57,184 above last year,
a 18% increase in Offertory collections.**

Cathedral Preservation	\$ 700	\$ 11,583
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$ 649	\$ 13,814
Haiti	\$ 81	\$ 10,187
CCM	\$ 25	\$ 821

**Due to a generous donation of \$70,000. This amount will be used to help cover the cost of past due invoices owed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Advent Activities

Thank you to all that came to our Advent Activities on the plaza. It was a beautiful day and a special time together to prepare for Advent.

Thank you also to those who contributed to the Cathedral Advent Activities Calendar! Here is the link. Even if we can't be together, we can be enjoying many of the same activities as we celebrate Advent.



Cathedral Advent Activities Calendar **NEW!**

Created by YOU! Use this unique calendar with daily activities that will help families prepare for the coming of Christ. [Advent Calendar](#)

Walk to Mt. Calvary **NEW!**

Thank you to all the youth that came to the walk to Mt. Calvary. It was a great day for a walk and we all learned about the cemetery and prayed together.



Special Events Coming Up for Children & Youth

- **Saturday, December 12 @ 2:00 p.m.** at Humphrey Caulder. Youth Group Kickball Game. We will play another game of Cathedral vs. Cathedral. We will need to keep track of the head count for safety guidelines, so please register here: <http://evite.me/TqyXzMcRxR>
- **Sunday, December 13 @ 1:00 p.m.* over Zoom.** (*This is a time change) **Let's get together and celebrate St. Lucy's Feast Day.** Lots of fun and special prizes for all those that attend. Join us!

For Weddings: Call Janice Guzman, Parish Office at (804) 212-3891

For Funerals: Call Janice Guzman, Parish Office at (804) 212-3891

For Mass Intentions: Call Chris Ferrara, Parish Office at (804) 359-5651

Infant Baptisms: Contact Joy Weir at jweir@richmondcathedral.org or (804) 212-3893

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Advent Wreath **NEW!**

By custom, the *Advent wreath* is blessed and lit on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28–29, both in the church and in the home. The wreath functions as a calendar for the season, as the Church waits—in the sense of preparing and looking forward—to the first coming of Christ at Christmas, and to his Second Coming (Parousia) at the end of time.

According to the *Book of Blessings*, "The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete ["rejoice"] Sunday" (no. 1511).

Sunday Readings during Advent **NEW!**

The *General Introduction to the Lectionary* explains that on the Sundays of Advent, "Each Gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Book of Isaiah. The readings from an Apostle contain exhortations and proclamations, in keeping with the different themes of Advent" (no. 93).

Advent: A Season of Preparation

Advent is here and we have some ways to help you live out this holy season.

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Join the Wednesday morning prayer group at 7:30am over Zoom. It is a friendly, welcoming group led by Deacons Charles Williams and Chris Malone. Bring your prayer intentions and join in any Wednesday morning (especially during Advent) over [Zoom](#).

All-Parish Read – IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER

Join us on the first three Wednesdays in Advent at 7:00 p.m. (December 2, 9 & 16) for our All-Parish Read: *Prayer, Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. The group will be led by Deacon Mark Matte and will meet over Zoom.

[Register for the Zoom group](#)

[Purchase the book](#)



We welcome new members to our parish.

You can fill out a registration form found at the back of the church, email tbaham@richmondcathedral.org, or fill out an online registration form on our website: www.richmondcathedral.org.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

Advent Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree is underway! This is an opportunity to donate necessary items to several Richmond organizations. Rather than hanging paper ornaments on trees this year, we will be using electronic wishlists where you can view and sign up to donate needed items. [The lists can be accessed through the attached flyer.](#) Items can be deposited at the Giving Tree sign at the Cathedral entrance, or brought to the Cathedral office from 9:00am to 4:30pm, provided you call ahead (804-359-5651). **Please be sure to indicate which organization your gift is for with a marker or tag.** Some organizations are requesting checks or gift cards; these can be placed in the collection baskets at the Cathedral entrance or mailed to the Cathedral. **The final day to drop off gifts is Sunday, December 20.**

Lectionary NEW!

Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year, including the next phase of the *Lectionary* or cycle of readings for Mass. The Lectionary for Sunday Mass is a three-year cycle of Gospel readings: Year A, Matthew; Year B, Mark (and John); Year C, Luke. The First Reading, from the Old Testament, is chosen to concord thematically with the Gospel. The Second Reading, for the most part, is drawn from one of the letters of the New Testament (mostly St. Paul), and is read continuously.

During this next liturgical year, the Church will be reading the Sunday Gospel from Mark (and John). On special feast days like the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and Christmas (December 25), the normal cycle of readings is interrupted (General Introduction to the Lectionary, nos. 92–110).

Urgent Need for Cathedral Ushers

We are in need of more Cathedral ushers, especially for the Sunday 5:15 p.m. Masses while VCU is on break. If you are able to help, please reach out to Carl Archacki at carl_leonard@verizon.net. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this ministry!

Theology on Tap: [CCC's Holiday Festival of Music](#) Monday, December 7, 2020 | 6:15 PM | Virtual

Join us on December 7th at 6:15 p.m. for a virtual viewing party of the Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Holiday Festival of Music! Several generous donors have covered the cost of our virtual tickets for the night, but please consider making a small donation to the CCC website and mention TOT in the note section. Search "Richmond Theology on Tap" on Facebook to RSVP!

CCC Food Pantry Drive – FINAL WEEKEND

Commonwealth Catholic Charities is requesting donations for their food pantry. The following items can be dropped off in the plastic bins labeled CCC at the Cathedral entrance from **Sunday, November 8 to Sunday, November 29.**

- Peanut Butter • Cereal • Pasta • Pasta Sauce • Bottled Water
- Canned Meat • Granola • Protein Bars • Bread • Small bags of rice

Thank you for your generosity and support!

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

RCIA is a process of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, study, reflection, faith sharing, on-going discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and wish full initiation.

To learn more about the RCIA process, please visit the Cathedral website and contact Joy Weir: jweir@richmondcathedral.org

Do you know someone who has expressed interest learning more about the Catholic faith? Please invite them to email Joy Weir for more information: jweir@richmondcathedral.org




General Year-End Giving NEW!

This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year and throughout our lives. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings.

Take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 (benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits), and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to your parish can make a great difference. There are a variety of ways you can contribute a gift. The easiest and most direct methods are donations of cash, stock and IRA Charitable Roll-over. If you would like to donate online, please click here to donate Donation (eservicepayments.com)

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to our parish, please contact the parish office.

**Parking Validation for
Saturday & Sunday Mass
ONLY**



QR Code

When you park in the VCU Deck, you must do the following:

- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Use this code from this bulletin **OR**
- 3 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone (code located near main doors of the church)
- 4 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.

Valid until June 30, 2021