

December 15, 2019

The CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday

The weekend of December 14-15, is the Third Sunday of Advent, which is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The name is taken from the Entrance Antiphon (Introit) for the Mass: "Rejoice [Latin: Gaudete] in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice [gaudete]. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Philippians 4:4-5). On the Third Sunday of Advent, the Church joyfully anticipates the coming feast of Christmas ("The Lord is near"). Accordingly, the rose candle is lit on the Advent wreath, and rose-colored vestments may be worn. (The Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare ["Rejoice"] Sunday, is similar to Gaudete Sunday, as rose-colored vestments may also be worn.)

Notice: Temporary Mass Time Change

With VCU on Christmas break, Mass on Wednesday will be at 12:05 beginning on December 18 (and excluding holy days). The 7:00 pm Wednesday Mass, followed by confessions, will resume with the return of students on January 15.

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Daily Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday : 12:05 p.m.

Wednesday : 7:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday : 7:30 p.m.

Saturday : 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Saturday, December 14, 2019

9:00 am Breakfast with Santa
 4:00 pm Confessions
 5:15 pm **Mass** -- *YaYa Family Members*

Sunday, December 15, 2019 -- *Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am **Mass** † *Mackie Wellford*
 10:00 am Reflections: Mystics of the Church
 10:05 am No PreK-HS Formation
 10:05 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am **Mass** -- *George Bland, Sr.*
 12:00 pm Faith in Action: PreK-HS Party
 5:15 pm **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*
 6:00 pm CCM Sunday Supper

Monday, December 16, 2019

12:05 pm **NO Daily Mass**
 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Practice

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 -- Offices Close at 4:00pm

10:00 am Tuesdays Together
 12:05 pm **Daily Mass**
 6:00 pm NO RCIA
 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

7:30 am Morning Prayer
 12:05 pm **Daily Mass**

Thursday, December 19, 2019

12:05 pm **Daily Mass**
 6:30 pm Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 20, 2019 - Cathedral Offices Close at 1:00pm

12:05 pm **Daily Mass**

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 pm Confessions
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Bruna Luperini Bullock*

Sunday, December 22, 2019 -- *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am **Mass** -- *Cathedral Parishioners*
 10:05 am No PreK-HS Formation
 12:00 pm Children's Choir
 11:00 am **Mass** † *Paul Nolte*
 5:15 pm **Mass** † *Robert Lee*

Advent Giving Tree NEW!

Thank you for your many generous donations to the Advent Giving Trees. This is the final weekend to drop off your gifts. If you have any late gifts to be dropped off, please call the office on Monday, December 16 from 9:00am-5:00pm

Office Closures for Holidays NEW!

The Cathedral offices will be closed for Christmas and the New Year beginning at 1:00pm on Friday, December 20. The offices will re-open on January 2, 2020 at 9:00am. The Cathedral will also be closing early at 2:00pm on Tuesday, December 17th, reopening at 9:00am on the 18th.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24:

4:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm

Christmas music 30 minutes before each Mass,
 one hour before 10:00pm Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

11:00am

Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Wednesday, January 1:

11:00am

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Sick: Katherine Harder, Aleen Causieestko, Curtis Payne, Armand Basmajian, Lee Wexler, Caitlin Reagan, Abigail Van Meter, Joan Woody, James Raber, Jake Einwechter, Thelma Robinson, 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, Ann King, Barbara Munjas, 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, John Kuhn, 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. Anthony Ferguson, Rev. Mr. Julio Reyes, Philip Decker, Tom Lawrence, Dillon Bruce, Armando Herrera, Alex Jimenez, Joseph Kaufflin, 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, Robert Kincaid, John Paul Shanahan, Ricky Rivera, Charlie Tamayo.

Welcome to our new RCIA Community!

Kyle Rene, Romekka Hamilton, Erin Christoph, Colin Bales, James Poole, Stanley Berkowitz, Kyle Haynes, Brett Richardson, Valerie Sadid, Alannah Jones, James Tormey, Kia Heinrich, Graham Proctor, Milton Villa, Dillon Forte.

The Pope's general prayer intention for December is:

The Future of the Very Young – That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Online Giving

Online giving allows you to make your donations without writing a check each week. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly payment, allocate different amounts for our different collections, and view complete, accurate financial records at any time. It saves all of us time and is a win-win for our parish!

Those who wish to continue to use our traditional methods of offering, including envelopes, may do so. However, we ask that you prayerfully consider Online Giving. If you would like to enroll, visit: <https://www.richmondcathedral.org/donate/>

If you have any questions about the program or about setting up your account, do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Baham at tbaham@richmondcathedral.org

Weekly Offertory Collections

For Fiscal Year beginning 7/1/2019

The Cathedral is grateful for last week's collections.

Second Collection:

December 15: Preservation

	2019-2020 Last Week	Year to Date
Regular Offertory		
Amount Budgeted	\$20,527	\$381,230
Amount Received	<u>\$10,448</u>	<u>\$346,844</u>
Difference	-\$10,079	-\$34,387
Preservation	\$7,103	\$30,394
Social Justice		
Poor and Needy	\$2,170	\$21,766
Haiti	\$1,454	\$7,845
CCM	\$491	\$5,688
Catholic Charities		\$2,559

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage

January 23-24 | Eagle Bank Arena/ Washington DC

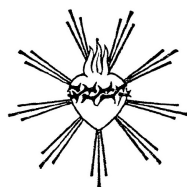
Calling all Middle School & High School Students. Register by December 15, 2019 for an overnight trip to Woodbridge, VA for a youth rally at the Eagle Bank Arena and overnight stay in a hotel. Mass will be the next morning with Bishop Knestout and then onto the March for Life in Washington DC. Tickets for middle and high school youth are \$55 per person which includes all transportation, the rally, the overnight stay and pizza snack on Thursday night, breakfast and lunch. Please contact Joy Weir at jweir@richmondcathedral.org to register or with any questions.

Diocesan Youth Conference **NEW!** February 7-9 | Downtown Richmond

This is a special fun and faith filled weekend for the youth in all the Richmond Diocese and is conveniently located right here in downtown Richmond. Great concerts, speakers, break out sessions and Mass with the Bishop! 8th grade - HS. Registration forms are available in the parish hall or email jweir@richmondcathedral.org for a form. Early Bird pricing by December 15th is \$165.

Reminder **NEW!**

PREK-HS faith formation programs will be on break December 22 and December 29. Programs will resume on January 5th.



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: A Baptism Registration Form is available online on our website - www.richmondcathedral.org
Contact Joy Weir at jweir@richmondcathedral.org or 804-212-3893.

Nursery is open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Sundays for children ages 12 mos. to 3 years. The nursery is on the lower level (take the elevator).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA

Frequently Asked Questions

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, ongoing discernment and participation in parish life.

1. How do I begin the RCIA process?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, we welcome your questions about what it means to live in the Catholic tradition.

2. What if I feel unsure of the RCIA process?

Feeling unsure is natural. After all, joining a particular faith community is a significant step.

3. When do I begin?

The first step is to make an appointment with the RCIA coordinator to discuss your questions and talk about the RCIA process.

**To learn more about RCIA please contact Maria Thorsen
or come to one of the scheduled Inquiry Sessions:
mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org**

**RCIA would like to thank Joel and Fran Keith for preparing a
holiday dinner for RCIA this week. Thank you so much!
RCIA is thankful to the Knights of Columbus helping with
parking every Tuesday night.**

Bible Study

Beginning Monday, January 13, 2020

Beginning January 13, 2020 we will begin the program: "Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" Meetings will be on: January 13, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9. Please email Maria Thorsen to register: mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org

Women's Book Group

Mondays, beginning February 10, 2020 | 12:15-1:30pm

Mark your calendars for the Women's Book Group beginning February 10, 2020 in the Parish Hall. The book will be *Prayer: Our Deepest Longing* by Ronald Rolheiser. Drawing from Scripture, ancient and modern writers, and experience, Rolheiser clears common misconceptions about prayer and offers both consolation and challenge. Trust yourself, trust God's providence, and get ready to open your heart! Meetings will be on: February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9. Lunch provided. Please email Maria Thorsen to register: mthorsen@richmondcathedral.org

Self-Guided Tour: When visiting the Cathedral, pick up a Self-Guided Tour pamphlet at the front entrance. To view the tour on our website, visit: www.richmondcathedral.org/selfguidedtour.pdf

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.richmond-cathedral.org

During Weekday Masses, Parking Passes Are Not Needed

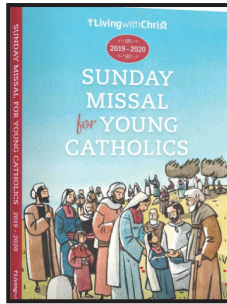
Handcrafted Historic Cathedral Ornaments

Handcrafted from the original 1906 bell tower walkway wood, these ornaments were made by students in CHAT's (Churchill Activities & Tutoring) Nehemiah's Workshop using their woodworking training to create these unique ornaments. They are on sale in the Cathedral Gift Shop for \$20, which is open before and after all weekend Masses. For more information on CHAT www.chatrichmond.org



Sunday Missal for Young Catholics

Purchase a Sunday Missal from our Cathedral Gift Shop, so that they can read along with the Mass. Just \$10 for the 2019-2020 Missal.



Laundry Team **NEW!**

The Cathedral's laundry team is in need of volunteers in 2020. We launder kitchen towels, aprons, and tablecloths - no ironing required. The commitment is to pick up the laundry from the Cathedral on one Sunday per month, and return it the following Sunday. Please call Ann Mays at 804-232-3291 if you can help.

IRA Rollover

Don't forget! You still have time to make a tax-deductible gift to our parish. If you have an IRA and you're 70 1/2 years old, you can make a gift to our parish through an IRA Charitable Rollover. It helps you and helps us. How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution, and help you feel good about giving to our parish. How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the parish. For more information, call your IRA administrator, tax preparer or the parish office.

Reflections (Mystics of the Church)

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00am | 2nd Floor Office

Reflections (Mystics of the Church) will meet next to discuss three great men who served the Lord and us by the holiness of their lives, "Brother Lawrence, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez & Blessed Solanus Casey of Detroit" on Sunday December 15 at 10:00am in Daniel's Office on the 2nd floor of the Parish Office. For additional information, please contact Mike Jackman @ mjack11097@verizon.net or call 804-338-3100."

Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal

April 24-May 6, 2020

All are welcome to join Father René Castillo from the Church of the Holy Family, Virginia Beach for a wonderful pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal. A thirteen day trip for \$4,099 to the Shrines and Cathedrals of Barcelona, Monserrat, Valencia, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, and Madrid. The pilgrimage departs on April 24th and returns May 6th 2020. Spaces are limited please register as soon as possible. Visit albastours.com or contact Alba at (804) 298-4035, tours@albastours.com

December 15
Isaiah 35 : 1-6a, 10
James 5 : 7-10
Matthew 11 : 2-11



December 22
Isaiah 7 : 10-14
Romans 1 : 1-7
Matthew 1 : 18-24

To view a weekly reflection on the readings, please visit loyolapress.com and enter "Sunday Connection" in the search bar located at the top right of the page.

Vocations **NEW!**

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Brian Capuano 804-359-5661 or e-mail: vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

St. Elizabeth's Annual Mass for Peace **NEW!**

Tuesday, December 31 | 5:00pm | 2712 2nd Avenue

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church will host her annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Peace with a Mass on Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve, at 5:00pm. There will be a light reception to follow in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share. Location: 2712 2nd Avenue, RVA 23222 (www.stelizcc.org).

Cristo Rey Highschool Needs Your Help! **NEW!**

Greetings! Cristo Rey Richmond High School opened its doors on August 19. Students from 33 zip codes in Richmond and the surrounding counties have begun their journey to obtain a co-ed Catholic, college preparatory education, all while earning a majority of their tuition through an integrated corporate work study experience.

We need your help! We need volunteers who can donate their time and talents to our students and school. We welcome all opportunities. Specifically, our urgent needs include: receptionists, Spanish speakers, cheer coaches, and after-school tutors and after school program/clubs support. Please visit our website and sign up to volunteer: cristoreyrichmond.org or call Dani Brown at 804.447.4704 for more information

Church Nursery Closed

The church nursery will be closed for the holidays on Sun. December 29.

Pick up a QR Code!

Parking Validation for
Saturday & Sunday Mass
ONLY



Valid until June 30, 2020

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

- 1 - PULL & KEEP A TICKET TO ENTER DECK
- 2 - Scan this code from this bulletin **OR**
- 3 - Pick up a QR Code chit from the basket under the poster in church **OR**
- 4 - Take a photo of the code with your smart phone
- 5 - Insert your ticket first, then when asked for payment, scan the code and the gate will open.