

## LATE OPENING FOR CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Due to a planned power outage by BC Hydro on Monday January 13 in the early morning, the Cathedral will open at 9 AM on that day. The power outage also means that the 7:15 AM and 8 AM Masses on that day will be cancelled.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

For parents who would like to have their child baptized at the Cathedral or would like to have the baptism somewhere else. Saturday, January 18 at 10 AM. Please call the office to register.

## HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR. January 17 at 7 PM

Join the young adults of the cathedral for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation. The adoration will be followed by fellowship at a local pub. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/hrcyoungadults/>

## HAVE COFFEE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP, JANUARY 26

As part of a special Pastoral Visit, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will celebrate the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday, January 26. After Mass he will be available to meet with parishioners in Holy Rosary Hall (650, Richards Street). Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

## UNIVERSITY MASS, FEB. 8

All students, faculty and staff from post-secondary institutions are invited to the University Mass, celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Cathedral. Confessions will begin at 6:30 PM. Reception to follow Mass.



# CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOECESIS OF VANCOUVER

JANUARY 12, 2020  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



646 RICHARDS STREET, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA V6B 3A3

<b>ARCHBISHOP</b>	Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB	<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b>
<b>RECTOR</b>	Very Rev. Stanley Galvon	Saturday 5:10 PM anticipated Mass
<b>ASSISTANT PRIESTS</b>	Rev. Anicet Pinto	Sunday 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM,
	Rev. Juan Lucca	5 PM, 6:30 PM in Spanish, 8 PM
	Rev. Rosary Pratheep	<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>
<b>IN RESIDENCE</b>	Rev. Jude Iloughalu	Mon - Fri. 7:15 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM
	Rev. Nelson Santos	Saturday 7:15 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM
	Rev. Dickson Ofojebe	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
<b>DEACONS</b>	Rev. Mr. Alvin Rint	Mon - Fri. 7:45 AM, 11:45 AM, 4:45 PM
	Rev. Mr. Richard Chau	Saturday 7:45 AM, 11:45 AM, 4 to 5 PM

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**DEVOTIONS**

Sunday Vespers and Benediction at 4 PM  
 Morning Prayer Monday to Saturday at 8:30 AM  
 Rosary Monday to Saturday at 11:40 AM & 4:40 PM  
 (Except Thurs. evenings when the Rosary is at 4:15 PM)  
 Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Fridays 3 PM  
 Adoration: Thursday from 4 PM to 5 PM and First Friday from 12:45 PM to 5 PM

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are held on most Sundays at 2 PM. Preparation classes are held on the second Saturday of each month. Please call the Cathedral office to find out more.

**MARRIAGES**

Bookings should be made at least six months in advance. Couples please contact the Cathedral office for information.

**CHOIRS**

Three choirs offer a variety of music repertoires to enrich our prayer experience. Find out which of our choirs is right for you. Contact: Catherine Walsh at (604) 222 8072 .

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

For more information please contact: Grand Knight Denis Faucher, (604)356-3804 or DFJFaucher@protonmail.com.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Contact Jane Rosenthal at janemrose@telus.net

**ALTAR MINISTRY**

The Cathedral has a team of dedicated men who are scheduled to serve at specific Masses. For lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion please Contact: Fr. Juan Lucca, jlucca@rcav.org.

**HISPANIC COMMUNITY**

If you would like to get involved please contact: comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com

**HRC YOUNG ADULTS**

Contact: hrcyoungadults@gmail.com;  
 http://facebook.com/hrcyoungadults

**VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN CONTACT**

Fr. Jude Iloghalu is the Chaplain at Vancouver General Hospital. He resides at the Cathedral. In case of medical emergencies please contact him at (604) 230 7217.

**THE MEANING OF BAPTISM**

Leon Bloy once wrote, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." The vocation to become a saint is the vocation of each baptized person, therefore it is a vocation for all of us who have been baptized. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism and how this sacrament has re-defined us as persons, and what it means to be a baptized person. Saint John Paul II in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christi Fideles Laici* summarizes this in the following way: "Baptism regenerates us in the life of the Son of God; unites us to Christ and to his Body, the Church; and anoints us in the Holy Spirit, making us spiritual temples." In other words, the Sacrament of Baptism serves many purposes; amongst others, baptism washes away our sins; it regenerates us, (gives us new birth) and it is because of this new birth that we are incorporated into the Church. Finally, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are given the tools necessary to strengthen our will to remain in the state of grace.



Baptism washes away our sins, which means that all of our sins are forgiven: Original sin and actual sin (those actually done by us, whether mortal or venial). However, even after all sins have been forgiven there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin, which is called concupiscence. This inclination to sin shows itself in what is sometimes referred to as a darkening of the mind and a weakening of the will, that is, the inability to know clearly the right from wrong of an action and/or the lack of strength to resist temptation and always do the right thing no matter how hard it may be. The effects of Original Sin need not harm us as long as we seek the strength to resist temptations through the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a wholehearted dependence on God.

Baptism regenerates us as children of God and through it, we become sharers of divine life and Baptism of the Lord temples of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to this, we are made righteous by God and live in a state of grace, that is, we live in union with God because of his gracious and loving initiative. Our permanence in the state of grace is called sanctifying grace because God "sanctifies" us, that is, makes us his holy people by giving us his life. God continues to assist us through spiritual gifts that are called actual graces. Because of this regeneration in baptism we become members of the Church and form bonds of communion with all those who have been baptized.

It is fitting that as we finish the Holy Season of Christmas and transition into Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. First, to remember that because of our baptism we are called to be saints and that this calling is to be lived out in our ordinary lives. Secondly, because of our baptism we are all called by Christ to bring others to baptism so that they can share with us in the gift that He has given to us.