

COVID -19 UPDATE FROM THE CATHEDRAL

1) The decision has been made to suspend all public celebration of Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral as of Friday, March 20 at 6 PM and we regret that the Cathedral will remain closed until further notice.

After consultation with health professionals we arrived at the conclusion that proper cleaning and sanitation is not possible at this time. This decision has been made with a heavy heart, however, it is important for us to comply with the directives of the public health authorities about containing the spread of Covid-19.

2) Mass from Holy Rosary Cathedral will be streamed live on the internet each day. The live-stream times are: 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:10 PM on weekdays and 8 AM, 11 AM, 6:30 PM (Spanish) and 8 PM on Sundays. Please see the Cathedral website (holyrosarycathedral.org) for more information and for other video resources such as Stations of the Cross.

3) We will endeavour to make Confessions available on weekdays (Monday to Saturday inclusive) from 12 noon to 1 PM and 3 PM to 4 PM. Confessional is located at the tent outside of the East doors of the Cathedral in the lane. When lining up please keep appropriate social distancing.

Some of these measures are subject to change without notice.

Thank you for your understanding and prayers

CATHEDRAL OFFICE – TEMPORARY CLOSURE

In order to assist local public health efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 the Cathedral office will be closed from March 19-April 6. We will continue to follow direction from all levels of government and the Archdiocese of Vancouver and while it is our hope to reopen the office on April 6 that date may change.

We regret the inconvenience this may cause. If you have an urgent matter, please contact the Cathedral office: 604-682-6774 ext.0 and leave a message or send an email.

PRAYER AND ONLINE GIVING

Since the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is the very heart of our Catholic life, the inability to gather for this worship is a cause of great suffering. Let us accept this as our civic duty at this time, and offer this moment in sacrifice to God for the sake of all who are ill from the COVID-19 virus and health care professionals. To make your Sunday offering online, please click here.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

To follow the Streaming of Mass from the Cathedral please visit holyrosarycathedral.org/live-stream/

Please follow us in our Social media platforms.



MUSIC NOTES

MUSIC PROGRAM FOR MARCH 22, 11 AM MASS:

ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR: DENIS BÉDARD (604) 322 5995

Organ Prelude: Chorale “O God, Thou Faithful God” - J. BRAHMS

Offertory: Offertory for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Choir) - J. GRUBER

Communion: 1. Largo e spiccato from Concerto in D minor (Organ) - VIVALDI-BACH

2. Inclina ad me (Soloist and Choir) - F. H. HIMMEL

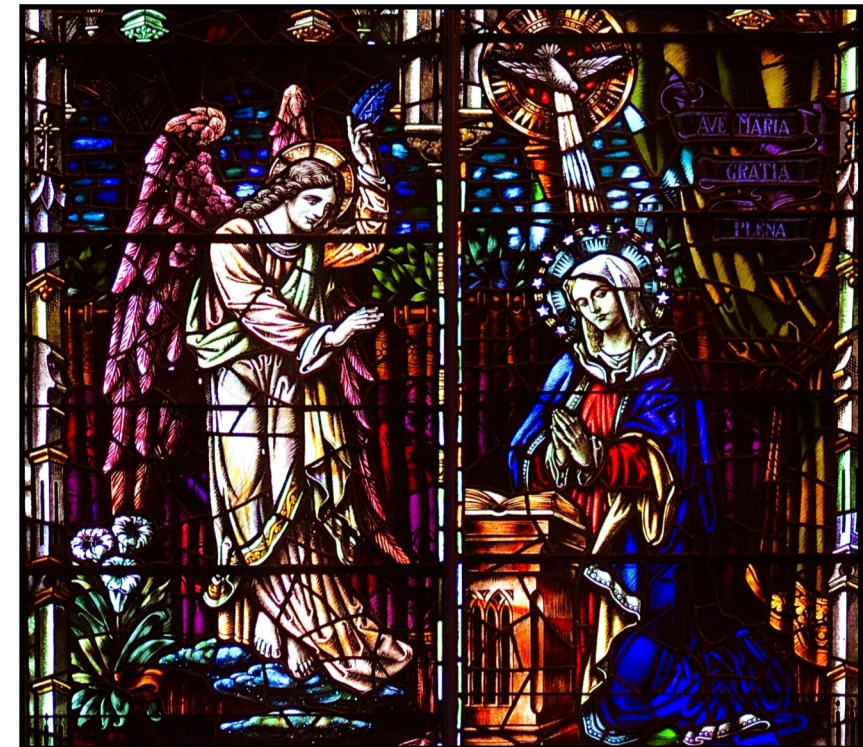
Organ Postlude: Little Prelude and Fugue in D minor - J. S. BACH



CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

IV SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 22, 2020



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Rev. Mr. Richard Chau



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:10 PM anticipated Mass

Sunday 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM,

5 PM, 6:30 PM in Spanish, 8 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon - Fri. 7:15 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM

Saturday 7:15 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Fri. 7:45 AM, 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM

Saturday 7:45 AM, 11:45 AM, 4 to 5 PM

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DEVOTIONS & SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 4 PM **Morning Prayer Monday to Saturday:** 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)
Adoration: Thursday from 4 PM to 5 PM & First Fridays from 12:45 PM to 5 PM
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Fridays: 3 PM



C A T H E D R A L L I F E

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 info. please contact: Grand Knight Denis Faucher, (604) 356 3804 or DFJFaucher@protonmail.com.

HRC YOUNG ADULTS

Contact: hrcyoungadults@gmail.com;
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Contact Jane Rosenthal at janemrose@telus.net.

LEGION OF MARY

If you would like to get involved please contact Ave (778) 896-0649.

ALTAR MINISTRY

The Cathedral has a team of dedicated men who serve at specific Masses. To become an Altar Server please contact Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Lucca: jlucca@rcav.org

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

This is an all-women ministry of the Couples for Christ Info. Grace Inonog, graceaka44@yahoo.com.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY

The weekly Spanish Mass now caters to the Spanish-speaking community in our parish: comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com

CATHEDRAL BELL RINGERS

Our eight bells are rung by hand by a dedicated band of bell ringers. Visit www.vscr.ca for more info.

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Mass Reflection from Word Among us.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation and at the same time the vocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was her faithful response to the angel's message that began the work of Redemption.



Pope St. John Paul II said "we give thanks to God through His Mother, because Mary, as God's collaborator in giving human nature to His eternal Son, was the instrument that linked Jesus with the whole of humanity."

The Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* speaks of the significance of the Incarnation:

"For by His Incarnation, the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every person. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice, and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things but sin." (N. 22)

Regarding the vocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary... Fr. Fernandez writes "vocation is not the choice we make for ourselves so much as that which God makes for us through the thousand and one events in which we are involved. We need to know how to interpret these circumstances with faith, and with a heart that is at once pure and upright." Think about the words of Jesus "You did not choose me but I chose you..." John 15, 16

We can be sure that it will please God very much if we thank Him today for the many times He has given us light by which to see the path along which He is calling us. We should thank Him for His most Holy Mother who corresponded so faithfully to what God asked of her.

Mary, mother of the Redeemer, pray for us and the whole world. - Fr. Galvon

IV SUNDAY IN LENT

FIRST READING I Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
David was anointed king over Israel.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 23
R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5.8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL John 9.1-41
The blind man washed his eyes and came back able to see.

How often must I forgive? (Matthew 18:21)

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive." That's what C. S. Lewis wrote in his book *Mere Christianity*. It's certainly true of the unforgiving servant in today's parable. He happily received forgiveness from his king, but when it was his turn to forgive a tiny debt owed to him, he just couldn't do it. If it can be so hard to forgive little things, what about forgiving something more significant? Imagine a man forgiving the people who had abducted and enslaved him and then returning to their country to bring the good news of salvation.

That's just what St. Patrick did. As we celebrate his feast today, we can learn a lot about forgiveness from his example. Kidnapped by Irish marauders from his home in England, Patrick spent years tending the sheep of a chieftain in Ireland. In solitude, his thoughts turned to prayer, and it changed his heart and drew him closer to God. Eventually, he escaped and returned home. But that wasn't the end of the story. In England, Patrick began to dream that he was being called to return to Ireland.

How could he even consider doing such a thing? Patrick found the ability to forgive and return to the place where he had suffered so much because of his life of prayer and his reliance on God's grace. And the rest, as they say, is history. Freed from any lingering bitterness or resentment, Patrick traveled to Ireland, evangelized thousands, and changed the entire country's culture. St. Patrick's example might seem intimidating to us. We might think there is no way we could forgive something so significant. So let's circle back to forgiving the small things instead.

C.S. Lewis said that the best way to be ready to forgive weighty things is to start by forgiving smaller things. Try that today. If your spouse forgets a special day, forgive them. If your coworker is inconsiderate, forgive them. If your child leaves dirty clothes on the floor, forgive them. You might even try doing something kind for the person you're forgiving! Those acts will soften your heart and prepare you to forgive even greater things.