2022 Offering Envelope Boxes
2022 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for pick up from the entrance of the Cathedral. Please make sure that the box you are taking home has your name on it and not just your old number. Some individuals will receive a new envelope box number this year. It’s very important to confirm the name on the box and not just the old envelope box number to avoid unnecessary confusion. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

2021 Tax Receipts
2021 Tax receipts will be mailed out in February. Please contact the office to update your mailing address if you have recently moved.

Blessing of Candles on February 2nd
On February 2nd, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we will bless candles before the 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM & 6:30 PM Masses. Please bring candles from home that you wish to have blessed and they will be included as we bless the candles that will be used on the Altar throughout the year.

Latin Mass Candlemass, Feb. 2
On February 2nd there will be a special Latin Mass at 6:30 PM for the Feast of the Purification, also known as Candlemass.

Blessing of Throats, Feb. 3
On February 3, on the feast of St. Blaise, the custom is to bless the throats of the faithful. A priest will bless the throats of those who wish to receive the blessing after all Masses on that day.

Mass for Consecrated Life
On February 2nd at 7 PM, the Archbishop will celebrate Holy Mass at Holy Name Parish (W. 33rd & Cambie) for members of institutes of consecrated life. All are welcome to attend.

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CATHEDRAL LIFE

BAPTISMS
Baptisms are held on most Sundays at 2:30 PM. Baptism are for Cathedral parishioners or those who live in the boundaries of the parish. 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.

MUSIC & CHOIRS AT THE CATHEDRAL
Please contact music director, Catherine Walsh at catherine.orgnist@gmail.com for more info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
For more info, please contact: Grand Knight Ben Wong 778 858 6323 or benwong.kofc@shaw.ca

HRC YOUNG ADULTS
Contact: hrcyoungadults@gmail.com; http://facebook.com/hrcyoungadults

LATIN MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
At the Cathedral we have a Traditional Mass community. Masses on Friday (6:30 PM) and Sundays (4 PM). Coordinator: Daniel Chan.

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 the Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Santa Maria: psantamaria@rcav.org

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD
This is an all-women ministry of the Couples for Christ. Info: Grace Inomog: grace.inomog@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.

DESTRUCTIONS & SPIRITUAL LIFE

SUNDAY VESPERS AND Benediction: 5:30 PM
FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART: After 6:30 PM Latin Mass
ROSARY: Monday to Saturday at 11:40 AM & 4:40 PM
ADORATION: Fridays from 12:45 PM to 3:30 PM

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

With the beginning of February, we have some very meaningful practices in our Catholic calendar.

On February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we think of Jesus, the Light of the world, being brought into the Temple by Mary and Joseph. The Vatican document Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year describes the feast this way: “In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another ‘epiphany’ celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the Light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.”

February 2 is also the World Day for Consecrated Life. It is a special day to pray for the religious women and men who serve the Church and all God’s people by their dedicated life of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Feast of the Presentation

According to the Church’s liturgical calendar, the feast held on Feb 2 each year is in honor of the Presentation of the Lord. Some Catholics recall this day as the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary because such was the feast day named until the 1969 changes in the Church’s calendar.

The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day. They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child, he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Lk. 2, 29-32).

Like Mary, Jesus the Divine Son of God did not have to undergo these rituals, but His parents willingly complied in order to pay tribute to Jewish laws, to avoid any possible scandal and in so doing demonstrated profound humility. They acquiesced to the law like all poor Jewish families.

Let us ask God to make us humble like Our Blessed Mother and the Blessed Virgin. It is in this humility that we show fidelity to the love that God has for us.

PRAYER

O Blessed Mother, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknew the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart. R Amen