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.

HRCYA Holy Hour & Happy Hour

Join the Cathedral young adults for the monthly Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. On Friday January 21 at 8 PM.

Series on the Letters of St. Paul with Fr. Meisl

St. Paul was one of the first to articulate and proclaim the Gospel. Focusing particularly on Romans, we will explore the major features of Paul’s presentation of the Good News. Just as it did for Paul’s original audience, this message has the potential to reinvigorate our lives. Saturday, January 15, 2022 7 – 8:30 PM, To register please visit: beholdvancouver.org/events

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.

Cathedral Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 4 PM. 604-682-6774 ext.0 office@holyrosarycathedral.org

Holy Rosary Cathedral is hosting an ecumenical prayer worship service on January 20th, 7 PM. Archbishop Michael Miller will be joined by Anglican Bishop John Stephens, Rev. Dr. David Koop of Coastal Church and Pastor Matt Menzel of Westside Church, to lead the Vancouver downtown Christian community in prayer. All are welcome. This event will also be live-streamed from the Cathedral website.

Ecumenical Prayer Service, Jan. 20

Jesus says, “… that all of them may be one … so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

Jn 17, 21.

AT THE CATHEDRAL
ON 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. 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 or the lack of strength to resist temptation and know clearly the right from wrong of an action and/or 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 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 in our gift that He has given to us.

Fr. Pablo