May Bible Study with Deacon Richard
Join Deacon Richard in our 8-week study of the Book of Revelation at the Cathedral through online Zoom using the study guide and video-teaching from Ascending Press. The sessions will start at 7:30 PM and finish at 9 PM each evening on May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23. Please register by sending an email to deacon@holyrosarycathedral.org to reserve a printed study guide for pick up from the cathedral office. A payment of $30 at time of pick up is required to cover the cost of the study guide.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil
Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end. Next month, join us in praying for women who have had abortions at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Agassiz on Saturday, May 7 at 9 AM.

March for Life Victoria, May 12
The March for Life in Victoria, BC is a Culture of Life event. The event include a march from Centennial Square down Government Street to the BC Legislature. Once at the Legislature a number of guest speakers will educate the attendees on the current challenges facing the Culture of Life. Thursday, May 12 at 1:30 PM. To learn more visit: m4lvictoria.ca/

Birthright Mass, May 21, 12:10 PM
Mass for the Crowning of Our Lady and to pray for the defense of all human life. Please join us on Saturday, May 21 for Mass at 12:10 PM preceded by the Rosary 11:40 AM. For more information, please contact Birthright Vancouver at (604) 687 7223.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour
Join us today (April 24) for the Divine Mercy Holy Hour at the Cathedral from 2:30 - 3:30 PM. We will pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and finish the Novena that began on Good Friday.

Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat
Rachel’s Vineyard retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The next retreat will be from May 13-15. To register and for details: 604-525-0999 / info@pacscanada.org. Ask to speak with Dee or Doreen.

For more pictures of the Triduum please visit our website or our social media accounts. @holyrosarycathedral
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Deviations & 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 and 4:40 PM
Adoration: Fridays from 12:45 PM to 3:30 PM

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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 Cathedral. 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.organist@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: hrceyoungadults@gmail.com; http://facebook.com/hrceyoungadults

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)696 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 Inonog: grace.inonog@yahoo.com

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

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

Welcome to the Cathedral!

Message from the Rector

The second Sunday of Easter was given this special title of Divine Mercy Sunday by Pope St. John Paul II in the year 2000. Pope St John Paul II referred to the words of Jesus to St. Faustina: “humanity will never find peace and tell it turns with trust to Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.”

Offering this Divine Mercy to humanity shows itself in practical ways through the corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy.

Corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, comfort the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead.

Spiritual works of mercy: admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive injuries, and pray for the living and the dead. It is good for us to pray for each other, to encourage each other in these ways of living out and sharing God’s gift to us of Divine Mercy, not only on this Sunday but every day of the year.

Jesus came...and stood in their midst

Jesus had appeared to the disciples on Easter Sunday. So why did he come a week later to the exact same place? Perhaps it was because this time Thomas was there, and Jesus wanted to convince this doubt-ridden disciple that he had truly risen from the dead.

Jesus could have stayed away, but he didn’t want to leave Thomas in that state. So he invited Thomas to touch his wounds and see that it was really him. And that act of compassion and patience—that act of mercy—led Thomas to proclaim, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). Eventually, that mercy would lead Thomas to travel far and wide proclaiming the gospel and, in the end, give his life for his Lord.

Thomas’ story shows us that God’s mercy involves more than just the forgiveness of our sins, great as that is. It also involves his compassion for our weakness and his patience with our slow progress. It’s a wide mercy that frees us from our doubts, fears, and guilt as well as our sin. Like Thomas, it allows us to experience Jesus’ divine life more fully so that we can follow him wherever he leads us.

In the end, God’s mercy cannot be separated from his love. He is love and he is mercy—that is his very nature. Every day Jesus comes and stands in our midst, desiring to show us that he is our Lord and God. Every day he wants to take away our doubts and fears and forgive our every sin. Every day he wants to open us to more of his life and blessings.

Don’t ever underestimate the power of divine mercy! As you continue to read from the Book of Acts this Easter season, know that every miracle the apostles did, every word they spoke, was grounded in the mercy they had first received—and continued receiving to the end of their lives. God’s mercy is the foundation of your life too, a mercy that is new every morning, a mercy that will never, ever end (Lamentations 3:22-23).