Latin Mass for Corpus Christi, June 16
On Thursday, June 16 at 6:30pm, there will be a Solemn High Latin Mass for the feast of Corpus Christi at the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

Adult Confirmations
This year’s Confirmation for adults will take place on July 24 at 11am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please send an email to the office. Classes will take place on June 8, 15 & 22 from 7 - 8:15 PM. Please visit the Cathedral website to learn more.

HRCYA Holy Hour Happy Hour, June 17
Join us at the Cathedral for a Holy Hour, a peaceful time to connect with Jesus, followed by a social event for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Come spend time with God, experiencing His loving Presence and bringing your prayers and praises to Him before the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour is followed by a social event for young adults in their 20s and 30s at a nearby restaurant. Friday, June 17 at 8:00 PM.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil, June 4
Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end. Saturday, June 4, 9am at Holy Cross Parish in Burnaby.

RCAV family gathering, June 26, 12pm
Join families from across the Archdiocese of Vancouver for a fun family event to celebrate the closing of the Year of the Family and the World Meeting of Families 2022. We will have activities for children of all ages, bouncy castles, soccer games, capture the flag as well as a BBQ lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Supporting the people of Ukraine
CNEWA have reached the goal for their matching campaign, raising over $1.16 million for Ukraine to date, but the need for donations to Ukraine is still very great. Please go to www.rcav.org where there is a link that takes you to a donations page through CNEWA. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) is a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support that has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. CNEWA works in places where poverty, war, and displacement shatter innocent lives. CNEWA is known for its financial transparency and operational efficiency. Please be generous and continue to pray for peace.

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THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

Jesus concludes His earthly mission with His Ascension, body and soul, into heaven. (Mk 16:19). He had spoken about it and its effects with these words: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." (Jn. 12.32)

The Catholic Catechism offers an explanation of these words: (662) "The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him." As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honours the Father in heaven.

663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honour of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."

665 Christ’s Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11): this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit." These words from the Catholic Catechism offer us a rich theological meaning of the Ascension to ponder.

At another level, we can appreciate the dignity of the human body – Jesus has his human body in its risen state in Heaven. This is the destiny that God wishes for our human body as well. All the moral teachings of the Church about respect for our bodies and the bodies of others come from this truth.

Ascension Sunday provides a special opportunity to pray at Mass for all of us to thank God for the wonder and goodness of our human bodies. Sin has brought harm to our human bodies through abuse, illness and death but God's love is stronger than sin and death. Let us ask God to help us to make good moral decisions about our bodies and to influence society about the dignity and destiny of the human body of every person.

Fr. Galvon