

CATHEDRAL NEWS

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES

For the month of November we will have special envelopes available inside the church for the intentions of the souls of those who have passed away. Please write the names you would like to include in one Mass intention on the front of the envelope. Multiple names can be included in one Mass intention. The suggested offering for one Mass is \$10. Please use one envelope for each Mass you wish to request. Please do not use cheques, cash only. Thank you.

CWL BAKE AND CRAFT SALE , NOV. 16

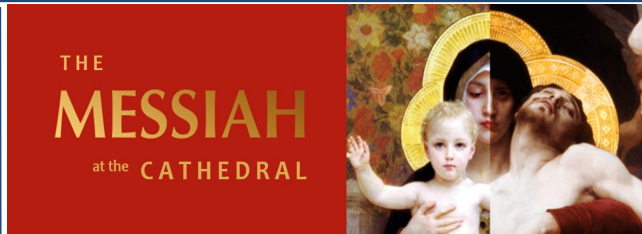
The Cathedral CWL will be selling Pro-Life Christmas Cards, religious items and baked goods in the Holy Rosary Cathedral vestibule this Sunday, November, 16 from 9 AM - 3 PM. Proceeds will go to charitable organizations in our community.

BOY'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Do you have boys clothing in good condition - Size 12 months to 2 years that you can donate? Winter items are much needed. Please call the Birthright Vancouver Office to arrange drop off. (604)-687-7223 — 1107-207 West Hastings Street, Van. BC. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Join Archbishop Richard Smith for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, December 13 at 12:10 PM. We will begin with the Rosary at 11:40 AM and then follow with Mass. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field.



The CSO (Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra) presents its early music ensemble *Cantare Super Orchestram* alongside Belle Voci Vocal Ensemble in Handel's Messiah at Holy Rosary Cathedral on December 6 at 2 PM. For tickets please visit chilliwacksymphony.com or follow this QR code. →



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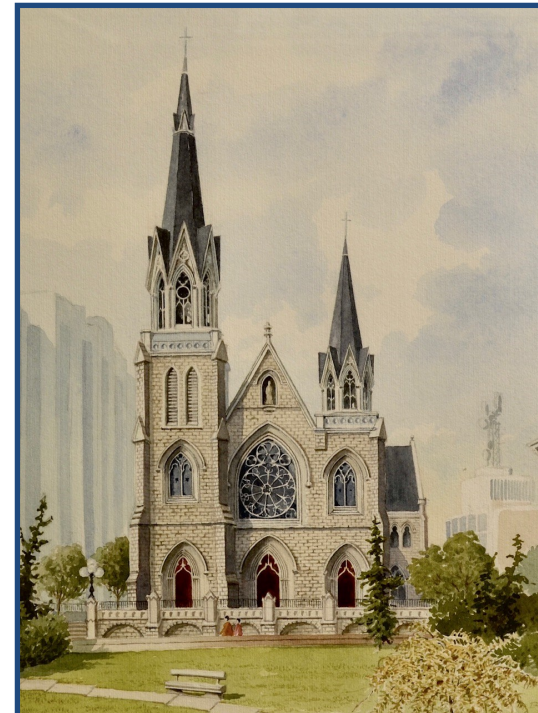
Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 4:30 PM.
Phone: (604) 682 6774 ext. 0

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November 16, 2025
XXXIII Sunday
in Ordinary Time

646 RICHARDS STREET, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V6B 3A3

ARCHBISHOP RECTOR VICE RECTOR ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Most Rev. Richard W. Smith
Very Rev. Stanley Galvon
Rev. Pablo Santa Maria, JCL
Rev. Nicolas Tumbelaka
Rev. Jose Thomas, OP
Rev. Bonaventure Ukeh, JCD
Rev. Anthony Diaz, CMF
Rev. Mr. Zak Santiago
Rev. Mr. Richard Chau

DEACONS



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:10 PM anticipated Mass
Sunday 8 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM in Latin
6:30 PM in Spanish, 8 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:15 AM, 12:10 PM and 5:10 PM
Latin Mass: Fridays at 6:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat. 11 to 11:45 AM & 4 to 4:45 PM
Sundays from 9 to 9:30 AM
Spanish Confessions: Sundays from 6 to 6:25 PM

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DEVOTIONS & 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



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

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: Father Stanley Galvon.

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 or a reader 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. Contact: Ruby, ruby.asuncion14@gmail.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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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

During November, as we watch the natural world around us prepare for winter, the Church's liturgy points us to the last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. This is not something that is morbid, but rather it's a reminder of the temporary nature of this world, our lives and a call to never lose hope. This month begins with the Feast of All Saints and then on November 2 we have the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls' Day. Later in the month, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Although we may not give much importance to the 'last things', they are an inescapable reality for each of us. They remind us of the eternal destiny of the heavenly glory God has prepared for us in Christ and the eternal consequences of turning our backs on God's love.

God has made us for heaven, where He has prepared for us the perfect fulfilment of who we are and the supreme and eternal happiness. We will enter God's presence and share His life forever. We cannot even begin to imagine the joy God has prepared for us in heaven. This is afforded to us if at the end of life, perfect love is in our hearts. If our love is imperfect and still mixed with selfishness, we will need further purification. A total lack of authentic love will mean eternal separation from God because God is love.

Those who die in the state of friendship with God but who are not fully perfected in love are assured of salvation, but must first undergo

further purification from their sins. This process of purification after death is called purgatory. 'The Church gives the name purgatory to the final purification of the elect, which is completely different from the punishment of the damned.' (CCC 1031). In truth we are not sure of the shape of purgatory. Dante in the Divine Comedy described it in terms of a purifying fire. The image of fire helps us to recognize that perfect love is achieved only through a painful stripping away of the remnants of selfishness that cling to us and prevent us from loving freely and totally.

In the Creed, which we confess at Sunday Mass, we profess to believe in the Communion of Saints. In the Communion of Saints, we are united with the brothers and sisters of faith on earth, with the suffering souls in purgatory and with the saints in heaven; the Church Militant, the Church Penitent and the Church Triumphant.

While it is our Christian duty to be ever mindful of the faithful departed, the month of November is an opportune time to pray for the Church penitent, those in purgatory. We do this by the celebration of Holy Masses for the faithful departed and by the visiting of cemeteries. By doing this we honour the dead and with our prayers assist them as they await the fulfilment of their (and our) hope, which is the resurrection of the body and eternal life.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.