

CATHEDRAL NEWS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS, DEC. 12, 7PM

The Archbishop will celebrate a special Spanish Mass on Friday, December 12 at 7 PM to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome to attend. There will be no Latin Mass that Friday.

RORATE MORNING MASS

On Saturday, December 13 at 5:30 AM there will be a special Candlelit Rorate Mass dedicated to Our Lady. This early Mass is a traditional Advent Devotion. All are welcome. Entry to the Cathedral will be from the side door.

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.

Christmas Schedule

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE

Morning: 7:15 AM & 12:10 PM. Confessions at 11 AM

Evening: Christmas Eve

4 PM Vigil Mass in English

6:30 PM Vigil Mass in Spanish and English

9 PM Latin Mass for Christmas

11:15 PM Christmas Concert

12 Midnight: Pontifical Midnight Mass with the Archbishop

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY

8 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM (Latin), 6:30 PM (Spanish) & 8 PM

5:30 PM Vespers for Christmas

There will be no confessions on Christmas Day

THE
MESSIAH
at the CATHEDRAL



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.



NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Following last Sunday's celebration for Christ the King, Advent music shifts to a more somber and reflective tone as the Church anticipates the Christ child's arrival. The Gloria will not be sung and the organ will be played less prominently, focusing on support, except on Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent). This quieter period prepares us for the joyful celebration of Christmas, when the organ will return to full volume, reflecting the joy of the Nativity.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 4:30 PM.

Phone: (604) 682 6774 ext. 0

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ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



November 30, 2025 | I Sunday in Advent

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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



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 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.

Picture on Cover: The Annunciation (c. 1485–92) by Botticelli (Alessandro di Mariano Filipepi). Metropolitan Museum of Art. Wikipedia Commons

ADVENT SEASON

We are beginning Advent again; these precious weeks before Christmas when the world around us grows frantic with shopping lists and endless to-dos.

But Advent whispers a different invitation: Wait. Watch. Prepare. Two thousand years ago there was no room in the inn for a pregnant mother and the Saviour she carried. Today, the question returns to us: Is there room in our hearts?

The tragedy of Christmas isn't that we celebrate it, it's that we can miss it entirely while preparing for it. We can fill our homes with packages while our hearts remain empty. We can deck our halls while leaving no space for the One whose birth we claim to honour.

Advent calls us to a holy pause. To turn down the noise. To gather with our families not around shopping carts, but around our loved ones in prayer, and expectant hope. To light candles that remind us: Christ is the Light coming into our darkness.

The most important preparation isn't happening at the mall or at Amazon it's happening in moments of stillness when we ask, "Lord, what in my heart needs to change to truly welcome You?"

This Advent, we have to prepare a room. Not in our closets, but in our hearts. Not on our credit cards, but in our daily surrender. Not with ribbon and paper, but with repentance, wonder, and love. For the greatest gift isn't one we can buy, it's One who gave Himself for us.



BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH (for the home)

During the Advent season families are encouraged to spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. The Blessing of the Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations. The Blessing of the Advent wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader:

Let us pray.

O GOD, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The first candle on the wreath is lit.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK:

Leader: May this light remind us of Jesus who is the true light of the world. Let's call upon him whose coming we prepare for and await, for he is:

All: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

Reading: Matthew 24, 37 - 44