

CATHEDRAL NEWS

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!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

2026 Offering Envelope Boxes will be available for pick up from the entrance to the Cathedral on December 21. **Please do not use old envelopes from previous years in 2026.** If you currently do not use envelopes and would like a box for 2026 please contact the office.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

On New Year's Eve, December 31 we will have Masses at 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM. After the 5:10 PM Mass the Archbishop will celebrate First Vespers for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God and chant the *Te Deum* for the plenary indulgence. At 11 PM there will be a Holy Hour to bring in the New Year. We will pray the *Te Deum* and the *Veni Creator* for those who would like to get the indulgences attached to those prayers. **On Thursday, January 1 we will follow the Sunday Mass schedule.**

CANTATA CHRISTMAS REPRISE, DEC. 20, 2PM

The Vancouver Cantata singers will present their 21st Christmas Reprise at the Cathedral on Saturday December 20 at 2 PM. Join the Vancouver Cantata Singers in this popular concert of traditional carols and contemporary Christmas compositions filling the resonant space of Holy Rosary Cathedral. In the bustle of the holiday season, let the beauty of a cappella singing calm your spirit and transport your soul. Tickets at vancouvercantatasingers.com



2025 TAX RECEIPTS

All donations for tax receiving year 2025 **must be physically received by the Cathedral office by December 31, 2025**, for donors to receive a 2025 tax receipt. All 2025 tax receipts will be mailed out in February 2026.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

DECEMBER 24: 10 AM to 12 PM & 1 - 3 PM

DECEMBER 25 - 26: CLOSED

DECEMBER 29, 30, 31: 10 AM to 12 PM & 1 to 3 PM

JANUARY 1 - 2: CLOSED

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

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CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



December 14, 2025
III Sunday in Advent
Gaudete

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

ARCHBISHOP

Most Rev. Richard W. Smith

RECTOR

Very Rev. Stanley Galvon

VICE RECTOR

Rev. Pablo Santa Maria, JCL

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Rev. Nicolas Tumbelaka

DEACONS

Rev. Jose Thomas, OP

DEACONS

Rev. Bonaventure Ukeh, JCD

DEACONS

Rev. Anthony Diaz, CMF

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Zak Santiago

DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Richard Chau



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

CONFESIONS
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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D E V O T I O N S & S P I R I T U A L L I F E

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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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning joy. This Sunday is named like this because it is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass: "Gaudete in Domino semper: íterum dico, gaudete". ("Rejoice in the Lord always, I repeat, rejoice"). The antiphon is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 4, 4-5), which goes on to say: "Dominus prope esse" (the Lord is near). This third Sunday, normally marks the midway point of Advent. This year we are already past the midway point of Advent but we are reminded that the coming of the Lord is near. As we approach the celebration of the Birth of Jesus, the Word of God reminds us how the prophecies have already been fulfilled; that we are in that time which some theologians describe as 'there, but not yet'. We continue to expect the coming of the Lord at Christmas and we continue to wait for His second coming with expectant joy.

This is why on this Sunday the Church makes use of Rose coloured liturgical vestments. This colour is a sign of joy and gladness. Joy because the expectation for Christmas is coming to its end, with the birth of Our Lord Bethlehem.

Christian joy, like hope, has its foundation in God's faithfulness, in the certainty that He always keeps His promises. In today's world it is very easy to lose hope and to lose our way, but as Christians we have the supreme joy of knowing that Christ never abandons us. Gaudete Sunday and the joy that we experience during this time is meant to remind us that despair is not the Christian way, but rather hope and joy of having encountered Christ: that the encounter with Christ gives us a serenity and joy in our hearts that nothing and no one can deprive us of.

Christmas
at the CathedralWEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24
MORNING

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

EVENING OF DECEMBER 24: 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