

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://vancouvercantatasingers.com)



## 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

All donations for tax receipting 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.

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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 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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# W E L C O M E T O T H E C A T H E D R A L !

## CATHEDRAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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**Office Manager:** Krystyna Kasprzak | **Cathedral Secretaries:** Maria Watson & Marina Ubalde

**Groundskeepers:** Peter Dziuk & Rolando Dauz | **Security:** Rolando Dauz & Raghav Nagpal

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:psantamaria@rcav.org)

### HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD

This is an all-women ministry of the Couples for Christ. Contact: Ruby, [ruby.asuncion14@gmail.com](mailto:ruby.asuncion14@gmail.com)

### HISPANIC COMMUNITY

The weekly Spanish Mass now caters to the Spanish-speaking community in our parish: [comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com](mailto:comunidadhispanahrc@gmail.com)

### CATHEDRAL BELL RINGERS

Our eight bells are rung by hand by a dedicated band of bell ringers. Visit [www.vscr.ca](http://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: iterum 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 **Cathedral**

**WEDNESDAY 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