

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

## 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

Remaining 2026 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for pick up from the Cathedral office during office hours. 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.

## 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.

## THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS

On February 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that day is also called Candlemas. On that day please bring candles that you want blessed and after all Masses we will have them blessed.

## CANDLEMAS LATIN MASS

On Monday February 2 we will have Mass and procession for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30 PM.

## BLESSING OF THROATS, FEB.3

On Tuesday, February 3, the feast of St. Blaise, the custom is to bless the throats of the faithful. A priest will bless the throats of those who wish to receive the blessing after all Masses on that day.

## VOCATION LIVE-IN FEBRUARY 7-8

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 7-8 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more info: 604 826 8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca).

## THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT SJP II ACADEMY

This is the final opportunity for parishes, schools, and families in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland to experience the Man of the Shroud Exhibition before it retires. The exhibition has been travelling across Canada since 2004, making this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of the faithful. Visitors will engage with a full-size, museum-quality replica of the Shroud and participate in guided presentations. For reservations or further information please contact [shroud@sjp2foundation.com](mailto:shroud@sjp2foundation.com) or 604 560 8210 Ext. 1

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11

On the memorial of Our Lady, Wednesday, February 11, the Church observes the World Day of the Sick, a day dedicated to prayer for those who are ill and for all who care for them. Archbishop Richard Smith will celebrate Mass on the World Day of the Sick at 11 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Vancouver, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## 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



IV Sunday in Ordinary Time  
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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

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

### 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](mailto:catherine.organist@gmail.com) for more info.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

For more info, please contact: Father Stanley Galvon.

**HRC YOUNG ADULTS**

Contact: [hrc.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:hrc.youngadults@gmail.com);  
<https://www.instagram.com/hrc.youngadults/>

**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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**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlemas. This feast commemorates the occasion when the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2, 22 - 38).

In the early Church it was often celebrated on 14 February, 40 days after the Epiphany, in accordance with the practice of celebrating Christmas on that date in the East. Among the Orthodox it is known as the *Hypapante* ('Meeting' of the Lord with Simeon).

Pope Benedict XVI said that the Feast of the Presentation "is the meeting point of the two Testaments, the Old and the New. Jesus enters the old temple, which is the new temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing obedience to the Law to fulfilment and marking the beginning of the last times of salvation."

This Feast also commemorates the encounter of Simeon and Anna with Our Blessed Lord. When Simeon sees the Christ Child, he bursts in prayer and recites the canticle the Church recites at Compline, the *Nunc Dimittis*. This one, along with the *Magnificat* and the *Benedictus*, are the three principal canticles used in the liturgy of the Church.

After speaking about Our Lord, Simeon spoke to Mary of her role in accompanying her Son in His redemptive suffering. Simeon also reveals Mary's own mission of intercession and compassion for us, her spiritual children.

This feast is also called the Purification because it commemorates the ritual purification, necessary for worship, that is part of the Jewish way of life.

Our Lady, though morally pure, fulfilled her religious obligations by being purified forty days after the birth of Our Lord. Throughout her life, the Blessed Mother was always obedient to the Will of God, in this case expressed through the laws given to Israel through Moses.

We also call this feast Candlemas because on this day the candles that are used throughout the Liturgical year are blessed. Pope Saint John Paul II said: 'The Christian traditions of East and West have intertwined, enriching the liturgy of this feast with a special procession in which the light of the candles, both large and small, is a symbol of Christ, the true Light who came to enlighten his people and all peoples.'

Fr. Pablo



**P R A Y E R**

**O** BLESSED MOTHER, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart.

R. Amen