

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.

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 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

Sunday of the
Word of God



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Rev. Mr. Richard Chau

DEACONS



January 25, 2026
III Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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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: 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.

Picture on Cover: Illuminated manuscript of the beginning of Saint John's Gospel.

CONVERSION IS ONGOING

This Sunday we would normally celebrate the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, but because it fell on Sunday we do not celebrate it. However, the spirit of the feast is a reminder about our own work of conversion. Saint Paul was not merely converted once on the road to Damascus; he spent the rest of his life being converted. The blinding light knocked him from his horse, but it was years in the desert, beatings in prison, and daily dying to self that made him an apostle.

We modern Catholics deceive ourselves with a dangerous sentimentalism: we think conversion is a past event, an emotional decision made and finished. We were baptized, confirmed, perhaps had a retreat that moved us. Enough. But Saint Paul's entire ministry screams the opposite. "I die daily," he wrote, not "I died once." Every letter drips with the struggle of ongoing conversion.

This is a reality we all must face: many of us have stopped converting. We've plateaued at a comfortable Catholicism that demands little beyond Sunday obligation and seasonal piety. We've domesticated the faith that overturned empires. Saint Paul would have been appalled.

Real conversion is perpetual, painful, particular. It happens in this morning's resentment you refuse to nurse. In tonight's internet temptation you actually resist. In tomorrow's tedious duty you embrace without complaint. The Damascus road runs straight through your kitchen, your office, your secret thoughts.

The sacraments exist precisely because conversion never stops. Confession isn't for moral emergencies; it's for the weekly grind of becoming Christian. The Eucharist isn't a reward for holiness achieved; it's the medicine for the chronically unconverted.

Stop congratulating yourself on yesterday's conversion. Saint Paul asks you today: where are you still persecuting Christ? What false certainties must God strike from your hands? -Fr. Pablo

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday of the Word of God calls us to renew our love for Scripture. Not as mere historical text, but as living encounter with Jesus Christ. Saint Jerome, who gave us the Latin Vulgate, famously wrote: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." His words ring true today: we cannot truly know our Lord if we neglect the written Word that reveals Him.

The Scriptures are not optional enrichment for the committed few, but essential nourishment for every baptized soul. In the Mass, Christ speaks to us through the scripture proclaimed before feeding us in the Eucharist: both are His presence, both demand our response.

We need a new commitment to daily Scripture reading, even just a few verses. Begin with the Gospels. Pray before reading, asking the Holy Spirit to illumine the sacred text. Reflect on how God's Word addresses your life today. Like Jerome laboring in his cave in Bethlehem, we dig deeply into Scripture, for there, in that holy ground, that we find the treasure that is Christ Himself.

"The word of God is living and active" (Hebrews 4:12). Open it. Read it. Live it.

