

CATHEDRAL NEWS

LATIN MASS FOR THE EPIPHANY JAN. 6

On Tuesday, January 6 there will be a special Latin Mass at 6:30 PM for the Epiphany. All are welcome to attend. There will be blessed chalk available after Mass for the chalking of the home.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

2026 Offering Envelope Boxes are available for pick up from the entrance to the Cathedral on **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.

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!

HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, JANUARY 16 AT 8 PM

Join the young adults of the Cathedral for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation followed by fellowship at a local pub. For more information visit: facebook.com/hrcyoungadults.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

Phone: (604) 682 6774 ext. 0

CHALKING OF THE HOME | EPIPHANY BLESSING

The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing the first two numbers of the year above the door in chalk + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters represent the magi's names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. It also means '*Christus mansionem benedicat*' or "may Christ bless this dwelling." Blessing your door in January is appropriate - janua means "door," and the first month is the door to the new year. The inscription should read like this:

20 + C + M + B + 26

Blessed chalk will be available after the 6:30 PM Mass on January 6.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God in Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan's leaping waters, In baptism, you bring us Into your family. You wed us and embrace us As your Beloved. May we fill this place With kindness to one another, With hospitality to guests, And with abundant care For every stranger. By the gentle light of a star, Guide home all who seek you On paths of faith, hope, and love. Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise: Glory in heaven and peace on earth, Now and forever. Amen.



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January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of The Lord

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Most Rev. Richard W. Smith
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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



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.

Picture on Cover: The Adoration of the Magi by Matthias Strom, Nationalmuseum in Stockholm
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THE EPIPHANY

Epiphany means “showing”. In today’s Solemnity the Church remembers the first showing of the Son of God made man to the whole world, which took place during the adoration of the magi. This celebration of faith reminds us of the universal nature of the mission of Christ. Jesus Christ the Messiah came into the world to fulfill the promises made to Israel and to extend salvation to all people.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany was made into a universal feast of the Church in the fourth century. The Magi represent all the races and nations on earth. They are people who have a thirst for God, a longing to worship the true God. They have allowed themselves to be guided by an external sign - a star which shone with a special light.

Saint Bonaventure has observed that the star which guides the magi and us is composed of three parts: holy scripture, the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary and the graces we receive from the Holy Spirit. These will guide us to a deeper and deeper closeness with Jesus.

On this Solemnity we cannot go to Jesus empty handed. Of course, He does not need our offerings because He is the Creator of all things. But He wants us to be generous so that we may receive even more graces and gifts from Him. He is never outdone in generosity. Fr. Francis Fernandez suggests that we put at Jesus’s disposal the “gold” of our respectful kindness to others. As well, we present Him with the “frankincense” of our prayers and service to the true needs of others. And to deepen our

prayer we gave Him the “myrrh” of our sacrifices united to the sacrifice of the cross.

Epiphany of the Lord Pope St John Paul II said that the same Christ who in Bethlehem as a child accepted the gifts of the magi is still the one to whom people “open their treasures.” The gifts of the human spirit in this act of offering oneself before God incarnate then take on a special value.

On this Epiphany and everyday we can be sure that everything we hand over to God receives the new value of goodness for ourselves and others.

Fr. Galvon

