

CATHEDRAL NEWS

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

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ASH WEDNESDAY

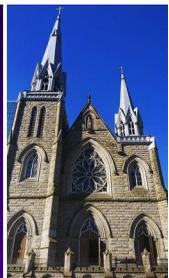
On Wednesday, February 18 we begin the holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday: 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM, 6:30 PM in Latin & 8:30 PM in Spanish. The Mass at 12:10 PM will be celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Stations of the Cross will take place after the 5:10 PM Mass on Fridays during the Season of Lent beginning on Friday, February 20.



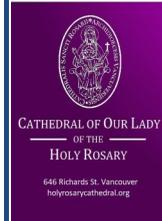
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LENT BEGINS**
Emphasizes our mortality and our ongoing need for repentance.



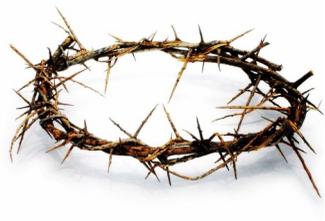
40 DAYS
It is a time to grow closer to Christ: by giving up of our sin, repenting, praying more, and going to confession.

FASTING: Cut down on the amount and richness of food and drink. An empty stomach can lead to a more attentive prayer. Give the money saved on food to others in alms.

PRAY: Be constant in prayer. Pray in the morning, evening and mealtimes. Pray alone and with family. Go to Mass on weekdays. Pray for your family, friends, for those who suffer, and for the Church and the world.



GIVE ALMS: Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God, who has given us everything we have. Be ready to give of your time to help those in need.



RITE OF ELECTION

On Sunday February 22 at 2:30 PM the Archbishop will celebrate the Rite of Election with catechumens who will be received into the Church during the Easter Vigil.

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 and information please contact shroud@sjp2foundation.com or 604 560 8210 Ext. 1.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

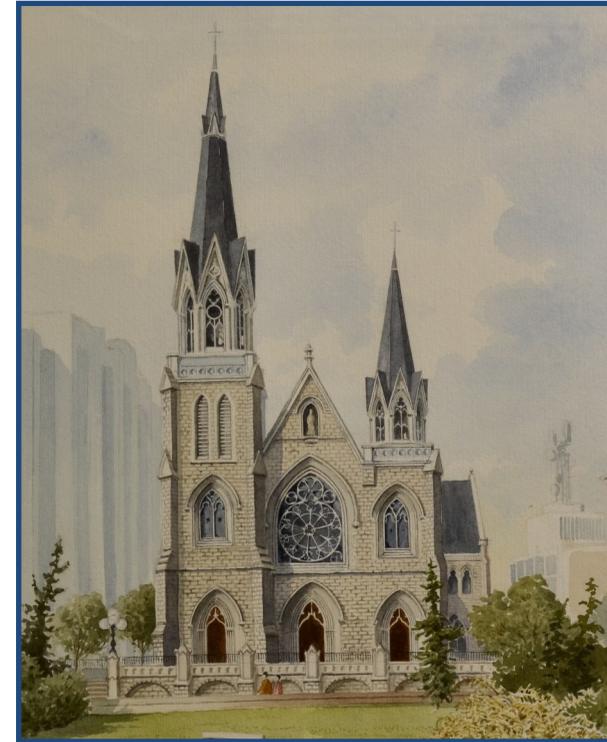
The Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, February 16 for Family Day.

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Ordinary Time
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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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



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.

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: comunidadhispahanrc@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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LENT IS NOT A SELF-HELP PROGRAM

In a few days we'll begin Lent, but there is a problem: we've domesticated Lent. Turned it into a spiritualized detox, a forty-day experiment in willpower. Give up chocolate, pick up jogging, emerge on Easter slightly thinner and vaguely proud of ourselves. This is not spiritual combat...it's a performance of piety that leaves the actual enemy untouched.

The Desert Fathers didn't retreat to the wilderness to work on their beach bodies. They went to wage war. And here's what we've forgotten: the demons are real, sin can destroy us, our passions are weapons turned against us, and Lent is a boot camp for a battle most of us pretend isn't happening.

Spiritual combat requires an actual opponent. Not "negativity" or "bad habits", though we love these therapeutic euphemisms, but the world, the flesh, and the devil, these are the real enemies. The world's desire of consumption and distraction is forming us whether we acknowledge it or not. Our flesh wages guerrilla warfare through patterns of laziness, lust, and gluttony we've made peace treaties with. And the devil? He's delighted we think he's a metaphor.

So here's what we must do during this spring spiritual boot camp we call lent: we have to identify our Achilles' heel and actually wound it. Not our mild preferences, but the sin that's got us by the throat. The impurity rationalized. The gossip that described as 'connection.' The comfort and the desire for self-help that has become idolized. Pick something like this. Lent should make us uncomfortable because real growth happens at the breaking point, not in the shallow end.

Fast like it costs you something. The point isn't arbitrary deprivation; it's breaking the tyranny of our appetites. Our body has been giving orders for too long. One meal a day on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday is the bare minimum, not heroic asceticism. But we have to go further. The hunger should remind us that we're not a beast governed by cravings but a creature made for something higher.

Prayer must be inconvenient. Fitting prayer into the margins of our schedule is not spiritual combat; it's scheduling. Get up earlier. Stay up later. Interrupt your day with the Rosary or the Divine Office. Pray when you don't feel like it, which is most of the time. That is the point. Our feelings are terrible spiritual directors.

And we have to go to Confession like our life depends on it... because it does. Spiritual combat requires supply lines, and grace is ammunition. Lent will reveal what we worship. If giving up Instagram causes existential anxiety, congratulations you've found your golden calf. If missing one meal feels impossible, your stomach is your god. The desert strips away the pretense and shows us what you actually believe versus what you claim on Sunday.

Forty days to remember we're in a war and in this war we must stop fighting with marshmallow swords.

- Fr. Pablo



ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18

MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM, 6:30 PM* & 8:30 PM**

REMEMBER MAN, THAT THOU ART DUST, AND UNTO DUST THOU SHALT RETURN

*6:30 PM Mass in Latin & **8:30 PM Spanish Mass