

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

## 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.

## LATIN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

For the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19 there will be Sung Latin Mass at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

## HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, MARCH 20 AT 8 PM

Join the young adults of the Cathedral for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation followed by fellowship in Holy Rosary Hall on Friday, March 20 at 8 PM. For more info. visit: facebook.com/hrcyoungadults.

## HRC YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN SERIES

Join the Holy Rosary Cathedral Young Adults for a parish Lenten Faith Study on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. Every Saturday during, lent beginning on February 21 (except for Holy Saturday) at 3 PM in Holy Rosary Hall, 650 Richards street. Each session is a standalone so do not let missing a week be a barrier in joining the study.

## LATIN MASS FOR THE ANNUNCIATION

For the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25 there will be Solemn Sung Latin Mass at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

## CHRISM MASS, APRIL 1, 5:10PM

Join Archbishop Smith and the priests of the Archdiocese on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:10 PM at the Cathedral for the blessing of the Holy Oils used in sacraments in the Archdiocese.

## WAY OF THE CROSS IN QE PARK, APRIL 3

Join friends and family on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Good Friday Way of the Cross at Queen Elizabeth Park. The procession will depart at 10 AM from the fountain next to the Bloedel Conservatory's parking area and will continue through the trails of the park with prayers, meditations, and songs. Organized by Communion and Liberation. Info: communionliberationvancouver@gmail.com

## CONFESSIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Monday to Saturday

11 to 11:45 AM & 4 to 4:45 PM

### Sundays

9 to 9:30 AM & 6 to 6:25 PM in Spanish

*"God never tires of forgiving us."*

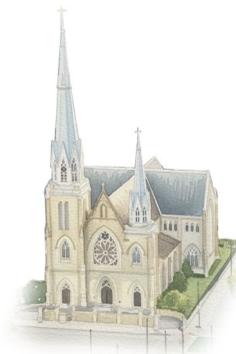
- Pope Francis

## CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

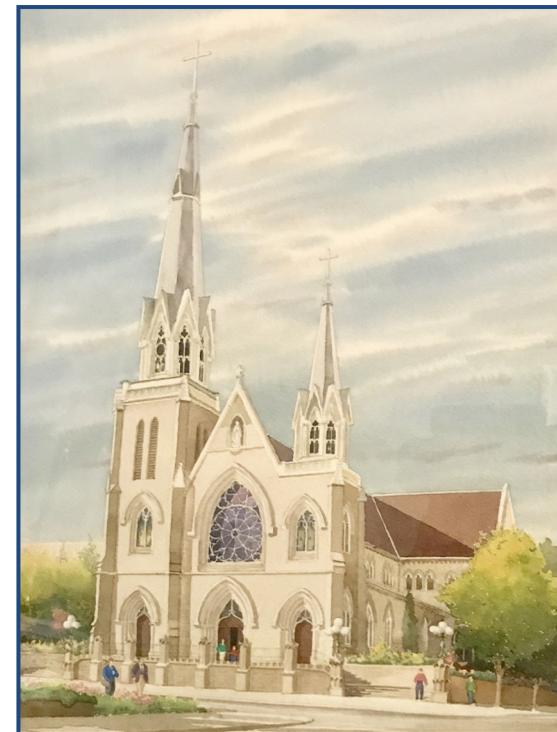
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MARCH 15, 2026

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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: 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.

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LÆTARE SUNDAY

Lætare Jerusalem: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her." (Isaiah 66:10) With these opening words from the Introit, the Church reminds us of the midpoint of Lent and she commands us to be glad. This is Lætare Sunday, and its character is gently, deliberately different.

The use of rose coloured vestments on Lætare Sunday is one of the liturgy's traditions, rooted in a custom dating back to at least the twelfth century. Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) is among the earliest to document the practice, describing how on this day the Roman pontiff would bless a golden rose (an ornate golden and jewelled flower) and carry it in procession as a symbol of spiritual joy and flourishing. The rose was sometimes sent as a gift to Catholic monarchs or benefactors of the Church, a sign of papal favour.

The vestments follow the same logic. Rose is not a full departure from penitential purple, nor a leap to the white of festivity... it is purple touched with light, the mixing of the two to remind us of the joy that awaits us. The Roman Rite uses rose on only two Sundays in the year: Lætare in Lent and Gaudete in Advent. Both names are reminders and commands to rejoice and both fall at the halfway point of their respective seasons. But the message is clear, there is a distinct sense that the season is turning.

Laetare Sunday holds its joy in tension rather than resolving it. We have not yet arrived at Easter; the cross and passion still lies ahead. But the Church, helping us in our Lenten journey, calls us to lift our eyes and remember the destination. The readings often point forward to the new Jerusalem, to abundance in the wilderness, to mercy breaking through. The contrasts of the bondage of the law with the freedom of the children of promise, children of the Jerusalem that is above, our mother.

This is not escapism. The joy of Lætare is the joy of hope already tasted, the confidence of those who know how the story ends. Christ has already conquered; we are walking toward a victory that is certain. The purple of penance does not disappear... it merely reminds that grace is at work within it.

Lent is long. By the fourth Sunday, the initial fervour of Ash Wednesday may have faded. Fasting feels tedious. Resolutions have faltered. Lætare Sunday is the Church's pastoral wisdom in action: an acknowledgement that humans need encouragement on the road.

We should use this Sunday to renew our Lenten commitment and to remember that we are almost there. In the end the message of Lætare is simple and necessary: we are halfway there, and we are not alone. The joy is not in escaping Lent, but in discovering that God is present within it; and that the Easter joy already presses through, like light through a half-open door.

Fr. Pablo

