

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.

HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, MARCH 20 AT 8PM

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 8PM. For more information 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.

CHRISM MASS, APRIL 1, 5:10PM

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

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 6:30 PM in Spanish

"God never tires of forgiving us."

- Pope Francis



LENTEN REFLECTIONS CONCERT

The Chilliwack Symphonic orchestra and the Cantare Super Orchestram invites audiences to a profound musical journey through grief, longing, and spiritual transcendence. The ensemble proudly presents "Lenten Reflections," a concert series featuring choral and orchestral masterpieces by Bach, Pergolesi, Lotti, Steffani, and Byrd. Tickets available with this QR code or at the door.



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

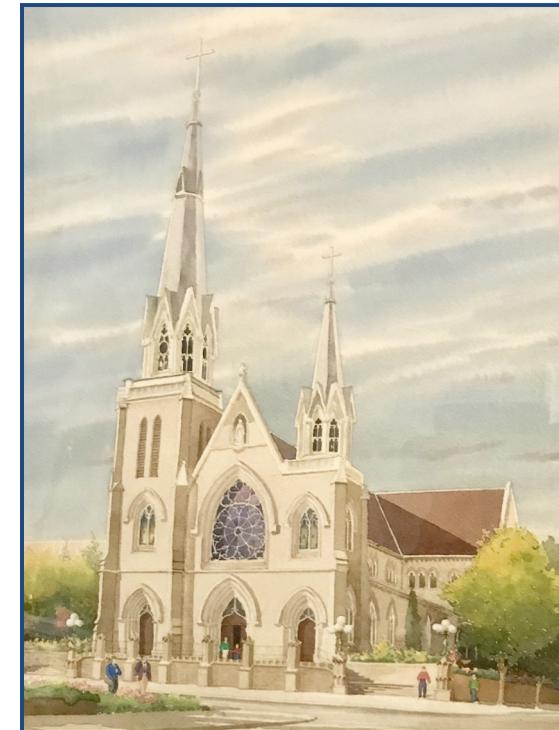
Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 4:30 PM.
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III Sunday in Lent
MARCH 8, 2026

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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;
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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: comunidadhispahanhrc@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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III SUNDAY IN LENT REFLECTION

It is no accident that the Church places the story of the Samaritan woman at the well before us at the midpoint of Lent. We are now neither at the beginning, when resolve comes easily, nor at the end, when the finish line sustains us and we get excited. We are at the well. Tired, perhaps. Thirsty, certainly. And if we are honest, still carrying the weight of the one thing we came here to set down to deal with.

The woman in this passage does not arrive at Jacob's Well looking for God. She arrives at noon, the hottest hour of the day, the hour when respectable people stay indoors, because she is avoiding the judgment of others who know her. She has a past she would rather not discuss, a thirst she has tried to quench in all the wrong places. And yet it is precisely here, in her evasion, that Christ finds her. This is an image of us, trying to quench our thirst in the wrong places. But then she encounters Our Blessed Lord.

Notice that He does not begin with accusation. He begins with a request: "Give me a drink." With this He disarms her: God stoops before He elevates. He places Himself, apparently, in need of her, before He reveals that it is she who is in need of Him. Pope Benedict XVI, in his great encyclical 'Deus Caritas Est,' wrote that love, by its very nature, is not self-absorbed; it goes out of itself toward the other. The Christ who sits weary at the well is love incarnate, and His weariness is not weakness; it is the weariness of a God who has journeyed to find us where we are.

But let us not be too comfortable with the tenderness of the scene. There is also a moment of uncomfortable clarity: "You have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband." No condemnation. No raised voice. Just the quiet, devastating precision of a truth spoken in love. This is what genuine conversion demands; not that we

be shamed, but that we be seen. Seen completely, and loved anyway. The woman could have fled. Instead, she stays. That staying is the beginning of her transformation. When we are confronted with our sins, with our weakness and wounds we have the choice to run away from the challenge and let it control us or to confront it, with the help of Christ, and conquer it. But to conquer we must be conscious of it and have the willingness to confront it.

We are at the halfway point of our Lenten journey. The question the gospel places before us today is not whether we have been trying or whether we even have the willingness to confront our sins. The question is whether we have yet been fully honest. Have we, like this woman, been visiting the same well, again and again, expecting different water? There is likely one failing, we know what it is; we need not pretend otherwise; that we have circled around rather than confronted. One habit of sin, one hardness of heart, one corner of the soul we have kept in shadow. The Church does not give us Lent so that we may feel generally penitential. She gives it to us so that we may be changed.

The Samaritan woman left her water jar at the well. That small, almost throwaway detail is one of the most beautiful in all of Scripture. She came for water and forgot the jar. She had found something that made the original errand irrelevant. She ran... ran, to tell others.

There is still time. The desert of Lent has not ended. Return to the well, not in shame, but in the honest knowledge that He is already there, asking for something from you, so that He might give you everything. Set down the jar. Tell Him the truth. He knows it already, and He is not disgusted by it. He is thirsty for you. He wants to help you confront that sin and help you conquer it.

