

CATHEDRAL NEWS

BIRTHRIGHT MASS, MAY 23, 12:10 PM

Mass and procession for the Crowning of Our Lady and to pray for the defense of all human life. Please join us on Saturday, May 24 for Mass at 12:10 PM preceded by the Rosary 11:40 AM. For more information, please contact Birthright Vancouver at (604) 687 7223.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY PROCESSION, JUNE 7

On Sunday, June 7 the Archbishop will celebrate solemn Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi at 11 AM. After Holy Mass there will be a procession and Benediction. All are welcome to attend.

LATIN MASS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, JUNE 4

For the Feast of Corpus Christi there will be a Latin Mass and procession on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

ROSARY FOR PEACE WITH ARCHBISHOP SMITH

Join Archbishop Richard Smith at the Cathedral on Saturday, June 6 at 11 AM to pray the Rosary for peace, especially for those suffering in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and around the world. Attend in person or join the livestream as we entrust our petitions to Mary, Queen of Peace. Parish groups, schools, youth and young adult groups, and prayer groups are encouraged to take part.

WORLD CUP INFORMATION

To help plan your commute to the Cathedral during the FIFA world cup in Vancouver, please visit the organizers website (follow QR code) for road closures. The cathedral area is not directly affected, but expect some traffic disruptions when coming downtown, especially on game days.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer an opportunity for healing for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Seeing ourselves as God sees us and not as how we see ourselves for what we have done, is hard. Regret, and shame for an abortion decision can only make that more challenging. Join a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and find out how that can all change as you find your identity in Him. Next retreat is May 22-24, 2026. For confidential information call 604.525.0999. Email: info@pacscanada.org

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

Please note, the Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, May 18 for Victoria Day.

Please visit our website and follow our social media accounts @holynosariycathedral



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ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



The Ascension of
the Lord
MAY 17, 2026

646 RICHARDS STREET, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, V6B 3A3

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Most Rev. Richard W. Smith
Very Rev. Stanley Galvon
Rev. Pablo Santa Maria, JCL
Rev. Nicolas Tumbelaka
Rev. Jose Thomas, OP
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



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: comunidadhispnahrc@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.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

There is a peculiar temptation facing Catholics in Vancouver; one dressed not in obvious vice but in the respectable clothing of immanence. The city invites us, constantly, to locate the sacred here: in the mountains, in mindfulness apps, in community gardens, in therapeutic belonging. The spiritual is acceptable so long as it stays horizontal. The moment it becomes vertical (the moment it points up to God) modern Vancouver culture grows uncomfortable.

The Ascension of the Lord is, among other things, a direct challenge to this flattened, superficial spirituality. Forty days after the Resurrection, Christ did not simply vanish or dissolve back into creation. He ascended. Bodily. Deliberately. Into heaven. Saint Luke records that the disciples watched Him go, and two angels had to interrupt their astonished staring: "Why do you stand looking into the sky?" (Acts 1, 11). It is almost comic... and also deeply instructive. Even the first Christians had to be nudged out of passive wonder and into active mission.

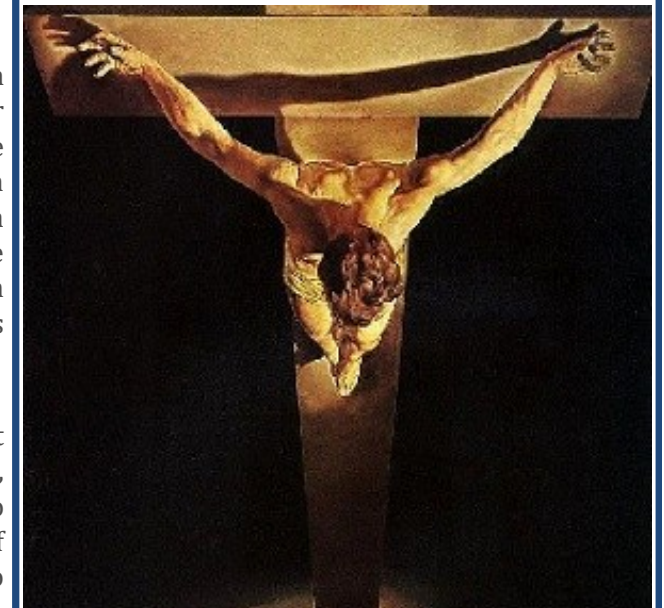
Saint Thomas Aquinas, reminds that the Ascension benefits us in three ways. First, it directs our desire towards heaven "that our minds may be directed thither." Second, it means we have an advocate before the Father. Third, it prepares a place for us, so that where the Head has gone, the members may follow. For Aquinas, the Ascension is not abandonment but preparation. Christ does not leave us; He goes ahead of us.

This is the point our secular age cannot understand. Vancouver's dominant spirituality, warm, therapeutic, nature-centred, has no category for a Lord who sits at the right hand of the Father, who reigns, who will come again to

judge. It prefers a Christ who stays approachably immanent, who validates rather than commands, who comforts without demanding conversion. The Ascension destroys that comfortable idol. The Christ who ascends is Lord; not a life coach, not a social reformer, not a symbol of human potential.

So what does this demand of the Catholic in Vancouver, practically? Pray with your eyes up. Recover the vertical dimension of prayer. Adoration, the Rosary, the Divine Office. These are not productivity hacks. They are the Church's way of orienting you toward where Christ actually is. Stop apologizing for the supernatural. When colleagues embrace crystal healing or Jungian archetypes without embarrassment, you need not blush to say you believe in a risen and ascended Lord who intercedes for you in glory. Live as a citizen of heaven first. Saint Paul commands it: "Seek the things that are above" (Col. 3, 1). In a city obsessed with real estate, career, and curated identity, this is genuinely countercultural and genuinely Catholic.

- Fr. Pablo



Picture on Cover: The Ascension of the Lord by Pietro Perugino (1452 - 1523)
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