

CATHEDRAL OFFICE DURING THE WORLD CUP

During the game-days access to downtown Vancouver will be very restricted. On game days the Cathedral office is very likely to be closed. For more information during those days please visit the Cathedral website.

LATIN MASS THE SACRED HEART

On June 12, at 6:30 PM for the Feast of Sacred Heart there will be a Latin Mass and procession. All are welcome.

LIGHT IN THE CITY | ADORATION EVENT

On the evening of June 13, while the city gathers for a major international sports match, the doors of Holy Rosary Cathedral will be open wide for adoration. From 7 to 9 PM, you are welcome to the Cathedral for adoration and gentle worship music.

BIRTHRIGHT VAN. ANNUAL 3K WALK, JUNE 13

Join Birthright Vancouver's annual 3k fundraising walk on June 13 at 10 AM. Funds raised will go towards supporting women and new moms in the Vancouver region. Participants will meet at Holy Name of Jesus Parish and will proceed to Queen Elizabeth Park. For more information, please send an email to: birthrightvancouver@gmail.com.

MASS WEDDING FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES

This special Marriage Mass for civilly married couples is a wonderful opportunity to open your heart to God's grace and receive the full blessing of the Church. The Archbishop will preside over this special Wedding Mass on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 1:30 PM at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. Register by June 30. For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at rabella@rcav.org or 778-512-9163.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY PROCESSION, JUNE 7

This Sunday, June 7 we will celebrate a solemn Mass at 11AM for Corpus Christi. After Holy Mass there will be a procession to Cathedral square and Benediction. All are welcome to attend.

HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, JUNE 19 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/ or send an email to hrc.youngadults@gmail.com

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.



CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

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ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



Corpus Christi
JUNE 7, 2026

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

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RECTOR
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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

CATHEDRAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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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: 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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THE MEANING OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharist is the most important of the seven sacraments, because it is in this and in no other sacrament that we receive the very body and blood, soul and divinity of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. There are many graces that flow from the faithful reception of this most sublime of sacraments. Communion then is primarily an encounter with Jesus Christ, for when we receive Holy Communion into our body we are in turn integrated into His. Furthermore, the Eucharist is the Sacrament which builds the Church, because by receiving the Eucharist we are united to Christ. It is also in the Eucharist that Christ unites all the faithful into one body, the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism, we have been called to form one body, the Eucharist fulfills this call as "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is One Bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."¹

The question then arises, why does the Catholic Church not permit the reception of Holy Communion from other Christians, especially since some denominations allow Catholics to receive communion at their services? In other Christian denominations communion is seen primarily from the point of view of sharing a common faith in Jesus Christ, and of sharing a meal. While this is praiseworthy and indeed has its own beauty, we Catholics do not simply see the Eucharist as a meal, but as mentioned earlier, the reception of the actual body of Christ. While we share a common faith with our separated brothers and sisters, we as Catholics do not see Communion primarily as sharing of a common faith. Furthermore, most Christian denominations do not believe in the Eucharist in the same way that we do. For us the Eucharist is not dependent on the faith of the one who receives communion, the Eucharist is the Body of Christ whether the recipient believes it or not. Moreover, some of the Christian denominations that have a regular 'Eucharistic' celebration lack valid orders so they are not able to consecrate a real Eucharist.² For us Catholics 'Communion' is not even a sacramental issue, if that were the case we would be in communion with the Orthodox Church for it has valid sacraments. For us communion is an issue of hierarchy: Catholics are in communion because we are in Communion with the Pope.

So when we come to Holy Communion and the priest says: "The Body of Christ", to which we respond "Amen", that "Amen" is much more than "so be it", but it is saying yes to everything that the Host represents, all the teachings of the Church, not just on the Holy Eucharist, but in all things that the church teaches. As St. Augustine reminds us: "If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true."

And while we may not be able to fully understand everything that the Church teaches, we believe that the Church possesses the grace to lead us to salvation. Scripture also reminds us that the Eucharist is among the highest signs of Christian unity: "The chalice of benediction, which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? And the bread, which we break, is it not the partaking of the body of the Lord? For we, being many, are one bread, one body, all that partake of one bread."³ This is why non-Catholic Christians are not invited to receive Holy Communion, for if we were to do so it would be to declare a unity that is still nonexistent.

Another reason for why non-Catholics are not invited to Holy Communion is because we want to safeguard them, since many Protestants reject the teaching of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. St. Paul reminds us that it is dangerous for one who does not believe in the Eucharistic Real Presence to receive Communion, "Because a person who eats and drinks without recognizing the body is eating and drinking his own condemnation. That is why many of you are weak and ill and a good number have died".⁴

Some think that the Church is snobby for not allowing non-Catholics to receive communion, but this is not the case at all, rather it is a challenge to catechize on what the Eucharist is and in what we believe. It's an opportunity to evangelize, to bring to the Church those who are seeking a deeper union with Christ. Ultimately, we dare to hope, that one day we will all share of the same Eucharistic bread, and we'll be in one body that is the Church.

Notes:

1 Catechism of the Catholic Church, N. 1396

2 An example of this would be the Anglican Communion. Anglicans do not possess valid orders and as such they do not have the Eucharist.

(http://www.papalencyclicals.net/Leo13/113curae.htm)

3 1 Cor. 10, 16 - 17

4 1 Cor. 11, 29 - 30