

CATHEDRAL NEWS

LATIN MASS ON AUGUST 15, 6:30 PM

There will be a special sung Latin Mass at the Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiations for Adults is for those who are interested to know the Catholic Faith and would like to receive the Sacraments of Initiations. To learn more about RCIA visit: holyrosarycathedral.org/becoming-catholic/



HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, AUG. 21 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

ROSARY FOR PEACE WITH ARCHBISHOP SMITH

Join Archbishop Richard Smith at the Cathedral on Saturday, September 5 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.



PRO LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL, SEPTEMBER 5

Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. The next Mass will be at Immaculate Conception parish in Vancouver. Mass begins at 9 AM followed by the rosary and other prayers. All are welcome.

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, August 3 for BC Day.

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



CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



XVIII Sunday in
Ordinary Time
AUGUST 2 , 2026

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

**ARCHBISHOP
RECTOR
VICE RECTOR
ASSISTANT PRIESTS**

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).

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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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Transfiguration is one of the key episodes in the life of Our Lord. Christ took three apostles: Peter, James, and John, and went up with them to a mountain to pray. While they were praying, Jesus' appearance changed, and his clothes became 'dazzling white.' At that moment, Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with the Lord about His impending death. A cloud covered them all, and the voice of God the Father was heard from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him.'

The Feast of the Transfiguration probably originated as an annual commemoration of the dedication of a basilica built on Mount Tabor to honour this miraculous event in the life of Jesus. It was already being celebrated at the end of the 5th century. According to an ancient tradition, the episode of the Transfiguration took place 40 days before Jesus' crucifixion; thus, the date of the feast was set 40 days before that of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September). It began to be celebrated in the West in the 9th century and was included in the Roman calendar by Pope Callixtus III in 1457, in gratitude for the victory of Christian troops against the Turks who were seriously threatening the West, in the Battle of Belgrade the previous year. At the heart of the feast is of course the mystery of the Transfiguration, which is linked to the vision of the Elder seated on the throne of fire and the appearance of the Son of Man.

This is a key episode in the life of Our Lord because he transforms and gives to his closest collaborators the appearance of his divinity. His humanity radiating his Majesty as the Son of God.

Two great representatives of the Old Testament appear with our Lord: Moses, the lawgiver and Elijah, the greatest of the Prophets; The Law and

Prophecy, both these men were known for their power and their fast that lasts 40 days. Both of them were rejected by some of their people; both encounter God's glory on the high mountain of Sinai. Both of them; the Law and the Prophecy point to this Man as the fulfilment of all scripture. The Transfiguration scene serves as "a great parallel" to the execution narrative of our Lord. In Transfiguration; a private epiphany, Christ is exalted, with garments glistening, there he stands on the high mountain and is flanked by two religious giants from the past. All is light. In his crucifixion, a public spectacle, Christ is humiliated, with his garment torn from Him; He is lifted up on the cross and flanked by two common convicted criminals. All is darkness.

The parallel scenes highlight the horror of Good Friday and the splendour of Jesus' love for us. It is no ordinary man that will be crucified on Calvary, but the beloved son of God revealed in glory at the transfiguration. This same glorified Son will freely submit himself to utter humiliation in order to redeem the human family.

With this feast and this moment Christ teaches us that we must keep going here on earth, even though we have to suffer, with the hope that He is waiting for us with His glory in Heaven and that any suffering is worth it to reach Him. Also, He teaches us to understand that suffering, when offered to God, becomes sacrifice and thus has the power to save souls. Our Lord suffered and thus gave up his life to save all mankind.

The Transfiguration reminds us that God gives His grace through prayer and the sacraments. His grace can make up for all our weaknesses.

