

CATHEDRAL NEWS

RCIA RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 13

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. Sessions are on Sundays from 9:20-10:30 AM. To learn more about RCIA visit: holyrosarycathedral.org/becoming-catholic/



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.

SINGERS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY 5:10 PM MASS

We are looking for female voices to join us for the Saturday evening Mass. Repertoire includes some Latin pieces. Please contact Gemma at: jsmay4138@gmail.com for more information.

HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, SEPT. 18 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



ORDINATION OF J. ROBLES TO THE DIACONATE

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully announces the Ordination of Jerome Robles to the Diaconate. The ordination will take place through the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by Archbishop Richard W. Smith. It will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 7 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral. The faithful are warmly invited to attend and join in prayer for Jerome as he prepares to serve the Church as a deacon.

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 & 1 - 4:30 PM
(604) 682 6774 ext. 0

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ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



XXI Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 23, 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: 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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THE WITNESS OF THE BAPTIST

The martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist (August 29) is one of the starkest scenes in the Gospels. A man of unimpeachable holiness, the last and greatest of the prophets, chosen from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord is executed not for blasphemy, not for sedition, but for telling a king the truth about his own sin. Herod feared Saint John, respected him, even found him “a righteous and holy man” and liked to listen to him. Yet fear of losing face before his guests outweighed his conscience, and Saint John’s head was given on a platter to satisfy a grudge and a drunken oath.

There is something instructive in the smallness of the reasons for his death. Saint John was not killed by a great empire threatened by his doctrine. He was killed because he said “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife,” and that truth was inconvenient to people who had power and no wish to change. This is how the world often turns against the truth; not always with dramatic persecution, but with irritation, embarrassment, and the quiet decision that an uncomfortable voice must be silenced or ignored.

This is the world Catholics are called to witness in today. We live among people who are not necessarily hostile to religion in the abstract, but who grow uneasy the moment truth touches their arrangements: their marriages, their ambitions, their comforts, their politics. Like Herod, many will listen to the Church with a kind of fascinated respect, right up until the truth asks something of them. The temptation for us, as for Herod, is to keep

the prophet on hand for entertainment or moral decoration, but to silence him the moment obedience becomes costly.

The Baptist’s witness teaches us three things about giving testimony to the truth. First, truth-telling is not optional charity we extend when convenient; it is the very meaning of martyrdom, or witness. Saint John did not soften his words to preserve his position or his life. Second, the world’s refusal to hear the truth does not change the truth, nor does it excuse us from speaking it. Saint John did not stop preaching repentance because Herod was unlikely to divorce Herodias. He spoke because the truth was true, not because it would be received. Third, faithfulness to truth often costs something real. Saint John’s head, not merely his reputation, was the price. We should not be surprised when our own witness costs us friendships, reputation, or standing only naïve if we expected otherwise.

Yet Saint John’s beheading is not the end of his story, nor a defeat. His head on a platter was, in the world’s eyes, the silencing of an inconvenient voice. In God’s eyes, it was the completion of a mission: to point beyond himself to Christ, saying, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” Every faithful witness participates in that same movement; decreasing so that Christ may increase, even when the world would rather look away.

We are asked, like the Baptist, to speak plainly, love truly, and trust that even a silenced voice can still point toward the Lamb of God.



- Fr. Pablo