

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.

LATIN MASS, SEPTEMBER 14

For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross we will have a special Latin Mass on Monday September 14 at 6:30 PM followed by public veneration of the Lignum Crucis (relic of the True Cross). 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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CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



XXII Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 30, 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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LABOUR DAY

As Labour Day approaches, Catholics are invited to contemplate a profound truth: work is not merely economic necessity or secular duty, but a sacred participation in God's creative activity. This understanding transforms how we approach our daily labour and gives deeper meaning to this national holiday dedicated to workers.

The Catholic understanding of work begins in Genesis, where we see God as the first worker who creates and then invites humanity to share in this creative mission. When God places Adam in the Garden of Eden "to till it and keep it," work becomes humanity's first vocation, not punishment, but privilege. Through our labour, we become co-creators and co-workers with God, shaping the world according to His design and contributing to the common good.

Saint Josemaría Escrivá offered the Church and the world a revolutionary understanding of work's spiritual significance. He taught that ordinary work, performed with excellence and offered to God, becomes a path to holiness accessible to all people, regardless of their profession or social status.

Saint Josemaria once wrote that "work is one of the highest human values and the way in which men contribute to the progress of society... but even more, it is a way to holiness." This teaching shattered the false dichotomy between sacred and secular, showing that the business executive and the street sweeper, the teacher and the farmer, all have equal opportunity to achieve sanctity through their daily work.

Labour Day was established to honour workers and their contributions, however, this takes on richer meaning when viewed through Catholic teaching. While the holiday rightfully celebrates the rights of workers and their dignity in the workplace, Catholic social teaching adds dimensions that go beyond the purely economic or political perspective.

The Church's social doctrine, developed through the teachings of Pope Leo XIII in his landmark encyclical *RERUM NOVARUM*, insists that work must serve human dignity rather than reducing humans to mere factors of production. Workers possess inherent dignity not because of their economic productivity, but because they are created in God's image. This principle challenges both the dehumanizing of socialist collectivism and exploitative practices as well.

Furthermore, Catholic teaching emphasizes that work should enable workers to support their families, contribute to their communities, and develop their human potential. When work systems fail to provide these opportunities, they violate human dignity and call for reform guided by principles of justice and solidarity.

Saint Josemaría's message resonates powerfully in our contemporary world, where work often feels fragmented from meaning and purpose. His teaching offers a path forward: transforming work from mere labour into prayer, from burden into gift, from necessity into opportunity for sanctification.

This transformation requires both interior conversion and external action. Internally, we must cultivate the right intentions, offering our work to God and performing it with love. Externally, this interior disposition manifests in professional competence, ethical conduct, service to others, and efforts to create more just working conditions.

This vision challenges common misconceptions about Catholic spirituality. Holiness is not reserved for monasteries or achieved through withdrawal from the world. Rather, the ordinary Christian finds God precisely within the world of work, family, and civic responsibility.

FR. PABLO SANTA MARIA, JCL

