

CATHEDRAL NEWS

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY, OCT. 7

This Tuesday, October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. It is the patronal feast of the Cathedral and of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Masses on this day will have special readings and we will have a special Latin Mass at 6:30 PM, all are welcome to attend.

MONDAY NIGHT YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

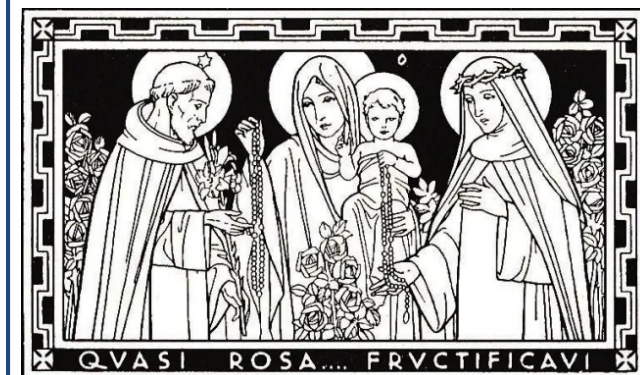
Join Holy Rosary Cathedral Young Adults for *When You Pray*, a 7-week study exploring the journey of prayer and how we can grow in our relationship with God. We begin on Monday, September 14 at 7 PM in Holy Rosary Hall and continue every Monday for seven weeks, excluding statutory holidays. Info: hrc.youngadults@gmail.com.

THE SORROWFUL MOTHER CHAPLET

The month of September has ended but we still have available at the Cathedral Gift Shop the Sorrowful Mother chaplet. For Gift Shop inquiries, please send an email to giftshop@holynosarycathedral.org

ORDINATION OF J. ROBLES TO THE DIACONATE

The ordination to the Diaconate of Jerome Robles 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.



LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Little Flower Academy is hosting an Annual OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00 PM. This evening is designed for prospective students currently in grades 6 and 7 and their parents to learn more about an LFA Education. It is an opportunity to explore our campus, meet members of our community, and learn more about life at LFA before beginning the application process for grade 8 admission. All students wishing to apply for our 2027-28 Grade 8 classes must sit the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, December 5th, 2026. For more information and online application, please visit www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 x114

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM & 1 - 4:30 PM
(604) 682 6774 ext. 0

*Please note, the Cathedral office
will be closed on Monday,
October 12 for Thanksgiving.*

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October 4, 2026
XXVII SUNDAY IN
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Rev. Anthony Diaz, CMF
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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 catherineorganist@gmail.com for more info.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

For more info, please contact: Father Stanley Galvon .

HRC YOUNG ADULTS

Contact: hrcyoungadults@gmail.com;
http://facebook.com/hrcyoungadults

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: 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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OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On October 7, 1571, the Christians won the naval battle of Lepanto, one of the most decisive battles for the future of Europe and Christianity.

At Lepanto, the combined navies of Spain, Venice, the Papal States, Malta, Savoy and Genoa, under the alliance known as the Holy League, commanded by the brother of Philip II of Spain, Don Juan of Austria, defeated the numerically superior navy of the Ottoman Empire, which threatened to conquer Rome and spread Islam throughout the Christian Mediterranean. The Ottoman Turkish threat to Christian kingdoms had been growing since the conquest of Constantinople in 1453.

The Ottoman Turkish drive led to the creation of an empire, which in addition to extending its dominion over almost the entire Muslim world, conquered numerous Christian kingdoms in Western Europe until it reached the very gates of Vienna in 1529. Aware of the danger posed by Ottoman maritime domination, and great power in the eastern regions of the Mediterranean, Pope Pius V called on Christians to pray and fast.

In particular, he asked for the protection of the Virgin Mary through the recitation of the Rosary and called on the great European maritime powers to form a military alliance, the Holy League, to confront the Ottomans in defense of the Christian faith.

However, the Rosary prayer is even older than this. It originated in the 13th century when Saint Dominic during his stay in Toulouse, had an apparition of the Virgin Mary, who gave him the Rosary in response to a prayer in which he asked her for help in combating the Albigensian heresy. His victory led him to see the Rosary as a ‘shield’ to overcome heresy, as well as a means of finding refuge and consolation, strength and confidence in facing and overcoming the difficulties of life. The

‘giving’ of the crown by the Virgin Mary and the simplicity of this prayer contributed to its spread among the people.

During the time of Ottoman expansion, St. Pius V fixed the manner of praying the Rosary. Three groups of five mysteries were established: joyful (infancy of Jesus), sorrowful (Passion of the Lord) and glorious (with the risen Christ). In each mystery an Our Father, 10 Hail Mary’s and a Glory Be are recited, while meditating on a passage from the life of Jesus or Our Lady. Later, St. John Paul II introduced 5 new mysteries, called luminous mysteries, about the public life of the Son of God. Saint John Paul II indicated that the Rosary was his favourite prayer. Finally, in in 1573 Pope Gregory XIII established the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary for the first Sunday in October. But over time it came to be celebrated every 7th of the same month.

The Cathedral of Vancouver is dedicated to the Queen of the Holy Rosary and it reminds us that in Vancouver we have Our Lady as our shield to combat sin and her mantle to help us grow in virtue and love of her son. The Cathedral, which was established as a parish in 1885, continues to be a place where the Rosary is prayed daily for Vancouver. During this month of October it is a great opportunity to re-enliven our love for Mary and Jesus through this wonderful devotion.

