

CATHEDRAL NEWS

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.

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. For more info. contact hrc.youngadults@gmail.com.

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 send an email to hrc.youngadults@gmail.com

CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE GALA WITH FR. FESSIO

Join Catholic Pacific College for "Seasons of the Vine," our Fall Gala, Thursday, Sept. 24 at The Manor, Langley. Keynote speaker Fr. Joseph Fessio, SJ, founder of Ignatius Press, makes the case for why a Catholic liberal arts education is still the best preparation — for a career and for a meaningful life — in an AI world. Seats are limited — RSVP by Sept. 14. For seat/table reservations, visit: catholicpacific.ca/cpcgala



END-OF-LIFE CARE PANEL | SEPTEMBER 26

Panel Discussion on end-of-life care for Catholic physicians and nurse practitioners on Saturday, September 26th, from 9 AM to 12 noon, at Holy Name Parish. (Cambie & W. 33rd) The event is listed in the RCAV Behold as Catholic End-of-Life Care Panel. It is free, but registration is required. Ten Catholic physicians and one nurse practitioner across from RCAV will be on the panel.

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.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM & 1 - 4:30 PM

(604) 682 6774 ext. 0

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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 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.

Cover Picture:

Luca Giordano - La Gloria celestial y El triunfo de la casa de Austria, la monarquía Hispánica - 1692-1693

Real Monasterio San Lorenzo del Escorial Madrid

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THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Every 14th of September, we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day on which we remember and honour the cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ died. Contemplating that wood, on which our Saviour shed his precious blood, opens the door to the mystery of divine love, poured out without measure upon the human race.

The cross of Christ, Pope Saint John Paul II taught, is the cross ‘on which one dies in order to live; to live in God and with God, to live in truth, in freedom and in love, to live eternally.’

According to tradition, in the 4th century, Empress Saint Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, found the cross on which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died in Jerusalem after an intense search. The relic remained in the city until around 614 AD, when it was stolen by the Persians as a “war trophy”. Years later, the Eastern Roman Emperor Heraclius rescued the holy wood so that it could be sent back to the Holy City, Jerusalem, on 14 September 628 AD. Since then, every 14 September, this event has been remembered and celebrated and later established as a liturgical feast day.

Based on historical records, upon recovering the precious wood, the emperor Heraclius wanted to carry the cross, as Christ had done throughout the city, but as soon as he put the wood on his shoulder and tried to enter a sacred enclosure, he was unable to do so and was paralysed. Patriarch Zechariah, of Jerusalem, who was walking beside him, pointed out that all that imperial splendour was at odds with the humble and painful appearance of Christ as he carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem. The emperor then stripped himself of his imperial purple robes and dressed in simple clothes, advanced without difficulty, followed by all the people, until he left

the cross in the place where it had previously been venerated. The fragments of the Holy Cross were found in the silver chest in which the Persians had taken them, and when the patriarch and the clergy opened the chest, all the faithful venerated the relics with great fervour, and even many miracles were performed.

Subsequently, the holy wood was divided into pieces. One fragment was sent to Rome, another to Constantinople, while a third remained in Jerusalem. The remaining piece was reduced to splinters, which would be distributed to different churches around the world. These splinters were called the ‘relics of the Vera Crux’ (the true cross).

When we honour the Cross, what we Christians are doing is primarily recognising Christ himself. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 617 states: The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us." And the Church venerates his cross as she sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope."

In many places we see how this symbol of ignominious defeat has been turned into a sign of victory. That is why we see it inside our Cathedral and all Catholic churches of the Archdiocese, but also other buildings, schools, and hospitals, and even our homes. We do this so that we can gaze with devotion at the greatest sign of love, hope, and salvation.

This Monday after the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral we will display our *Lignum Crucis*, the relic of the True Cross so that all the faithful may come and venerate and unite themselves with the Cross of our Lord, and we may make ours the anthem and the prayer: *Ave Crux Spes Unica!*

Fr. Pablo Santa Maria