

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: holyroarycathedral.org/becoming-catholic/



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.

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: jsmmary4138@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 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

Please note, the office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labour Day.

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CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



XXIII Sunday in
Ordinary Time,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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

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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.

Picture on Cover: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
by Giotto, in the Scrovegni Chapel. Padua, Italy (c. 1305) Wikipedia Commons.

THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8

Only three birthdays are celebrated in the Church's liturgical calendar: the Nativity of Our Lord (25 December), the Nativity of His Precursor, John the Baptist (24 June), and the Nativity of His Mother on 8 September. Thus, the Church honours in a unique way the three principal figures associated with the Incarnation and Redemption.

Our Lady's birth is at the confluence of the two Testaments, bringing an end to the period of expectation and promises, and inaugurating the era of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Blessed Mother's birth is ordered in particular to her mission as Mother of the Saviour. Her existence is inextricably linked to that of Christ: she participates in a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan for the Incarnation of the Word also encompasses the Virgin, who is his Mother. In this way, the birth of Mary, like that of her Divine Child, is inserted into the very heart of the history of salvation.

This feast has been celebrated in the Eastern churches since the 5th century, while in the Latin Church it was introduced later, around the 7th century. In Rome, the feast was celebrated with a procession in which litanies to the Virgin Mary were recited, ending at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major.

The Church celebrates Our Lady's birthday on September 8th. This feast is exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The Church makes no claims about the historical merit of either date. Rather, the dating serves a liturgical purpose in recalling

the mysteries associated with Mary, in the same way as the nine months of the calendar between the Annunciation and Christmas.

The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is important because of her vital role in the history of salvation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 489) says:

"Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."

We celebrate this feast this week to remind us of the 'yes' of the Blessed Mother that made possible our salvation. Saint John Damascene said that "From her and through her, God, who is above all that exists, becomes present in the world bodily... Using her, God descended without undergoing any change, or rather, through his benevolent condescension, he appeared on Earth and lived among men."

FR. PABLO SANTA MARIA, JCL

