

CATHEDRAL NEWS

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

All donations for tax receipting year 2024 **must be physically received by the Cathedral office by December 31, 2024** for donors to receive a 2024 tax receipt. All 2024 tax receipts will be mailed out in February 2025. **Please drop off your donation at the office or in the collection basket at Mass, to ensure the Cathedral receives it in 2024, if you wish to receive a 2024 tax receipt.**

MAJOR RELICS OF CANADIAN SAINTS

On Sunday, January 12, 2025 we will have the major relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf and Saint Catherine Tekakwitha at the Cathedral. There will be time for veneration of the relics from 12 noon to 1 PM, & from 2 to 4 PM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLY HOUR

On December 31 at 11 PM we will have a holy hour to bring in the New Year. We will pray the *Te Deum* and the *Veni Creator* for those who would like to get the indulgences attached to those prayers.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND *TE DEUM*

On December 31 after the 5:10 PM his Grace the Archbishop will celebrate solemn First Vespers for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. After Vespers we will sing the *Te Deum* to give thanks to God for the year which is finishing. There is a plenary indulgence attached to the recital of the *Te Deum* on the last day of the year.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, January 1 the schedule is as follows: Masses at 8 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM (Latin), 6:30 PM (Spanish) & 8 PM.

Vespers & Benediction at 5:30 PM.

There will be no confessions on January 1

****A reminder that January 1, is a day of obligation for Catholics to attend Holy Mass.****

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

2025 Offering Envelope Boxes are now available for pick up from the entrance to the Cathedral. **Please do not use old envelopes from previous years in 2025.** If you currently do not use envelopes and would like a box for 2025 please contact the office.

SFA SCHOOL ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

Openings are available at St. Francis of Assisi Preschool and Elementary School for September 2025. We encourage anyone interested to reach out for more information: 604 253 7311 or via email at office@sfaschool.ca. For more info please visit www.SFASchool.ca.



NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS
DECEMBER 30, 31: 10 AM to 12 PM
& 1 to 3 PM
JANUARY 1: CLOSED

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December 29, 2024
THE HOLY FAMILY

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Rev. Pablo Santa Maria, JCL
Rev. Nicolas Tumbelaka
Rev. Jose Thomas, OP
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: 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 Info. grace.inonog@yahoo.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: Holy Family and the infant John the Baptist, by Bartolome Murillo. Wikipedia.

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Today, as we celebrate the Holy Family of Our Lord, we are presented with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of our families. It is in the nucleus of a family that Our Lord grew in his humanity hidden for 33 years, it is in the family, where we learn what it means to be human.

We have always understood the family as 'the natural society in which man and woman are called to the gift of self in love and the gift of life.' Pope Francis tells us: "When we care for our families and their needs, when we understand their problems and hopes, their efforts benefit not only the Church, but society as a whole." Gender ideology and the materialistic culture in which we live, sometimes seek to give a new definition to what a family is. This generates much confusion for many and what their role is in the broader human family. For this reason, it is very important to work on the formation of families with solid virtues and ethical foundations.

First of all, the family is a microcosm of society. It is the 'natural society,' where, although not based on legal norms, it is a group of people who relate to each other with a common purpose. For Catholics this goes even further: the family is 'the domestic church' where we are formed with virtues and an understanding of the meaning in life.

Secondly, the family is founded on the intimate union of life which is founded in the complementary nature of man and a woman, and the indissoluble bond of marriage open to new life. This complementarity, which is not only physical, but also emotional: man and woman have different gifts that they are able to pass on to their children.

No family is perfect, there are always difficulties, but even with all of this it is one of the most beautiful of God's creations. During the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Pope Francis said that "Families have difficulties. Families will quarrel. Sometimes plates can fly. And children bring headaches. I don't want to speak about mothers-in-law. But in families, there is always light." At the end of the day, the family will always be a privileged place where we learn the meaning of love.

Fr. Pablo

NEW YEAR PRAYER

To many, New Year is more than a night of TV or partying and singing "Auld Lang Syne". It's a time of looking forward and looking back, a time of rededication and commitment, a time of hope and a time of thanksgiving. Here is a prayer to consider using:

New Year's Blessing Prayer for Clocks & Calendars

LORD, YOU WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF TIME, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve) Upon Your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience. May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine. May we be free from clock watchers and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts- all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for Magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, As they teach us the secret That all life is meant for celebration, contemplation And sharing God's gifts to us with others. Bless, Lord, this new year, Each of its days and nights. Bless us with new moons and full moons. Bless us with happy seasons and a long life. Grant to us, Lord, The new year's gift of a year of love.

R. Amen

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*From all of us at the Cathedral,
we wish you a very blessed 2025!*