

BC CATHOLIC SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday's second collection supports the parish in its circulation of the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This collection is retained by the parish to defray the parish costs of distribution.

FEAST DAY CHOIR NEEDS TENORS AND BASSES

The Cathedral Feast Day Choir will soon start preparing for Lent and Easter: Tenors and basses needed! Men, if you have choir experience and can read music, we invite you to sing at the liturgical high points of the year. Please contact Catherine for more information: catherine.organist@gmail.com

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.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

2024 Tax receipts will be mailed out in February. If you recently moved, please contact the parish office to update your mailing address so that we can send your tax receipt to the correct address. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Cathedral over the past year both materially and in prayer.

SEMINARY VOCATIONS LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 8 - 9 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604 826 8975.

BLESSING OF THROATS, FEB.3

On Monday, February 3, the feast of St. Blaise, the custom is to bless the throats of the faithful. A priest will bless the throats of those who wish to receive the blessing after all Masses on that day.

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.

CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

Email: office@vancouvercathedral.org

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The Presentation of the Lord

FEBRUARY 2, 2025



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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: 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: The Presentation by Giotto

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Candlemas. This feast commemorates the occasion when the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2, 22 - 38).

In the early Church it was often celebrated on 14 February, 40 days after the Epiphany, in accordance with the practice of celebrating Christmas on that date in the East. Among the Orthodox it is known as the *Hypapante* ('Meeting' of the Lord with Simeon).

Pope Benedict XVI said that the Feast of the Presentation "is the meeting point of the two Testaments, the Old and the New. Jesus enters the old temple, which is the new temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing obedience to the Law to fulfilment and marking the beginning of the last times of salvation."

This Feast also commemorates the encounter of Simeon and Anna with Our Blessed Lord. When Simeon sees the Christ Child, he bursts in prayer and recites the canticle the Church recites at Compline, the *Nunc Dimittis*. This one, along with the *Magnificat* and the *Benedictus*, are the three principal canticles used in the liturgy of the Church.

After speaking about Our Lord, Simeon spoke to Mary of her role in accompanying her Son in His redemptive suffering. Simeon also reveals Mary's own mission of intercession and compassion for us, her spiritual children.

This feast is also called the Purification because it commemorates the ritual purification, necessary for worship, that is part of the Jewish way of life.

Our Lady, though morally pure, fulfilled her religious obligations by being purified forty days after the birth of Our Lord. Throughout her life, the Blessed Mother was always obedient to the Will of God, in this case expressed through the laws given to Israel through Moses.

We also call this feast Candlemas because on this day the candles that are used throughout the Liturgical year are blessed. Pope Saint John Paul II said: "The Christian traditions of East and West have intertwined, enriching the liturgy of this feast with a special procession in which the light of the candles, both large and small, is a symbol of Christ, the true Light who came to enlighten his people and all peoples."

Fr. Pablo



PRAYER

O BLESSED MOTHER, the sword is already in your heart. You foreknow the future of the Fruit of your womb. May our fidelity in following Him through the coming mysteries of His public life bring some alleviations to the sorrows of your maternal heart.

R. Amen