

# CATHEDRAL NEWS

## MAJOR RELICS OF CANADIAN SAINTS

On Sunday, January 12, 2025 we will have the major relics of Saint 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. On Monday January 13 at 12:10 PM, there will be a special Mass with the relics and further opportunity after Mass for veneration of relics.

## 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](mailto: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.



## HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, JAN. 17 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: [www.facebook.com/hrcyoungadults/](https://www.facebook.com/hrcyoungadults/) or send an email to [hrc.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:hrc.youngadults@gmail.com)

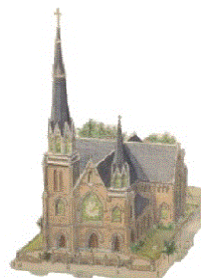
## SFA SCHOOL ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

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](mailto:office@sfaschool.ca). For more info please visit [www.SFASchool.ca](http://www.SFASchool.ca).

## CATHEDRAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 12 PM and 1 - 4:30 PM.  
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January 12, 2025  
The Baptism of  
the Lord

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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: 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: comunidadhispahanrc@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.

ON BAPTISM

Leon Bloy once wrote, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." The vocation to become a saint is the vocation of each baptized person, therefore it is a vocation for all of us who have been baptized. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism and how this sacrament has re-defined us as persons, and what it means to be a baptized person. Saint John Paul II in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christi Fideles Laici* summarizes this in the following way: "Baptism regenerates us in the life of the Son of God; unites us to Christ and to his Body, the Church; and anoints us in the Holy Spirit, making us spiritual temples." In other words, the Sacrament of Baptism serves many purposes; amongst others, baptism washes away our sins; it regenerates us, (gives us new birth) and it is because of this new birth that we are incorporated into the Church. Finally, through the Sacrament of Baptism we are given the tools necessary to strengthen our will to remain in the state of grace.

Baptism washes away our sins, which means that all of our sins are forgiven: Original sin and actual sin (those actually done by us, whether mortal or venial). However, even after all sins have been forgiven there remains, as an effect of Original Sin, the inclination to sin, which is called concupiscence. This inclination to sin shows itself in what is sometimes referred to as a darkening of the mind and a weakening of the will, that is, the inability to know clearly the right from wrong of an action and/or the lack of strength to resist temptation and always do the right thing no matter how hard it may be. The effects of Original Sin need not harm us as long as we seek the strength to resist temptations through the Sacrament of

Penance, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, prayer, a deepening spirituality, growth in virtue, and a wholehearted dependence on God.

Baptism regenerates us as children of God and through it, we become sharers of divine life and Baptism of the Lord temples of the Holy Spirit. Thanks to this, we are made righteous by God and live in a state of grace, that is, we live in union with God because of his gracious and loving initiative. Our permanence in the state of grace is called sanctifying grace because God "sanctifies" us, that is, makes us his holy people by giving us his life. God continues to assist us through spiritual gifts that are called actual graces. Because of this regeneration in baptism we become members of the Church and form bonds of communion with all those who have been baptized.

It is fitting that as we finish the Holy Season of Christmas and transition into Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. First, to remember that because of our baptism we are called to be saints and that this calling is to be lived out in our ordinary lives. Secondly, because of our baptism we are all called by Christ to bring others to baptism so that they can share with us in the gift that He has given to us.

Fr. Pablo

