

CATHEDRAL NEWS

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 details and information: catherine.organist@gmail.com

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

2024 Tax receipts were mailed out this week. 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.

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.

HOLY HOUR & HAPPY HOUR, FEB. 21 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/ or send an email to hrc.youngadults@gmail.com

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Join this monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end every first Saturday of the month from February 1 until August 2, 2025. The next Mass will be on March 1 at Precious Blood parish in Surrey at 9 AM.

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

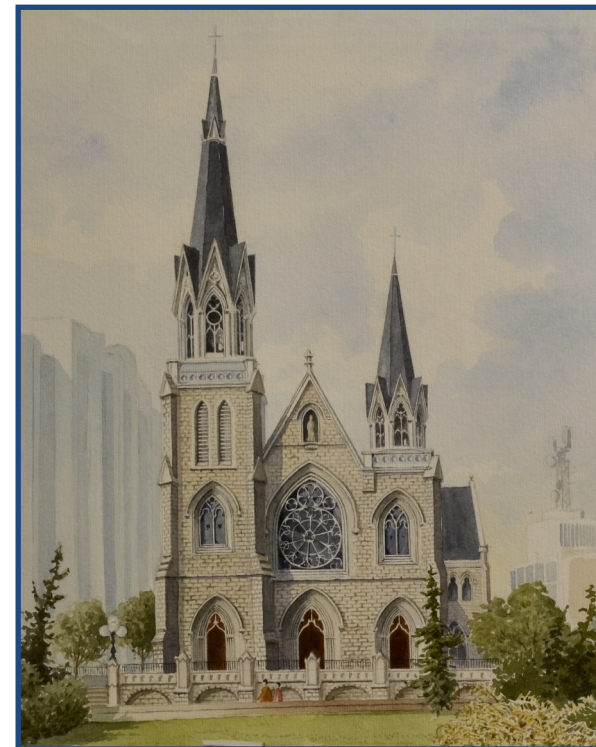
Please note, the Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Family Day .

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VI Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB
Very Rev. Stanley Galvon
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: 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.

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER February 22 (based on an article by Fr. Jeffrey F. Kirby cruxnow.com)

In the coming week, the Catholic Church will observe a feast day that has a rather peculiar name: the Chair of St. Peter. How exactly does a chair of an apostle merit a holy day? What is the meaning and importance of this unique feast day? In order to find answers to these questions, we could best look at the great basilica on the Vatican Hill in Rome that was built over the burial place of the Apostle Peter.

There in the basilica, at the far end of the main aisle, we see the massive image of the Chair of St. Peter (see the front cover of the bulletin). The chair is not intended to be a regal throne or an empty assertion of raw power. It is placed in the basilica to be an authentic reflection of the office entrusted by Jesus Christ to the shepherds of the Church.

As a symbol of Christian authority, therefore, the chair is a summons for leadership to be meek and humble of heart like Jesus Christ. The Chair is to be a provocation to gentleness, kindness, and compassion.

In his teachings, Jesus admonished the apostles: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave." (cf. Mt 20.25)

Jesus did not just teach such lessons, but lived them. He said of himself: "Even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (cf. Mt 20.28)

The Chair of St. Peter, therefore, reminds the entire Church that selfless service, given out of love for God, must be the only impetus and inspiration to the taking on and exercising of authority. The human shepherds of the Church

lead, teach, and sanctify God's people in Christ's name. There is to be no room for power or control, territorialism or jealousy. It is Christ's Church, and his alone.

Standing before the Chair, the heart of every deacon, priest, and bishop, as well as every Christian parent, employer, and public servant, should reverently quake at the responsibility placed in their hands by Jesus Christ.

Above the great chair is Bernini's great "Glory" window. The window depicts the Holy Spirit as a dove with stretched wings. The lesson is clear: only by the power of the Holy Spirit can fallen humanity carry authority, and only by his help can such authority be exercised humbly and for the common good of all.

In case the lesson of the great Chair is somehow missed or badly interpreted, the world-renown statue of the chief apostle sits nobly to the right of the main altar, a few steps from the Chair. If we look closely we see that the statue of the chief apostle has his left hand in a sling holding the keys of his papal office. The symbol of the sling is a powerful one.

We are weak and fallen. From the pope in Rome to a Christian parent in a home, all of us, in order to fulfill our responsibilities well, need the help of God's grace. We cannot carry the weight of authority by ourselves and exercise it well and kindly.

This is the lesson of the Chair of St. Peter. Not a misplaced symbol of triumphalism or a hurtful image of domination, the Chair is a reminder of the gentle Shepherd and a summons for us all to imitate him in whatever authority we've been given.

