

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

On Wednesday, March 5 we begin the holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday: 7:15 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM, 6:30 PM in Latin & 8:30 PM in Spanish. The Mass at 5:10 PM will be celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop.

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.

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.
Phone: (604) 682 6774 ext. 0



Prayer for Pope Francis

V. Let us pray for Francis, the Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

Let us pray.

God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

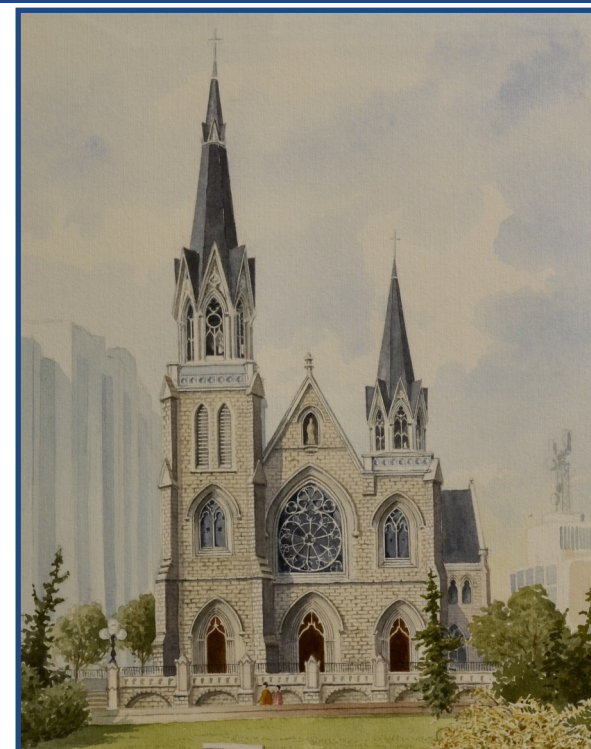


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VII Sunday in
Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Canadian Bishops write in the Liturgical Guide, the Ordo, that the World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the First Friday in March.

Prayer is about lifting the heart to God. When we pray we enter into a personal relationship with God, a relationship of friendship with God.

Prayer is the elevation of the soul to God or the request to the Lord for goods in accordance with His will. Prayer is always a gift of God who comes to meet us. Christian prayer is a personal and living relationship of the children of God with their infinitely good Father, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

Since praying is an extremely important part of the Christian life, it is logical to ask how to pray? Praying is not learned in an empirical way, as we do when we study things, rather, prayer is learned by praying. Prayer is a gift from God, but strangely enough it is obtained by praying.

Prayer is learned like swimming or driving a car: you have to swim to learn to swim, and you have to drive to learn to drive a car

Pope Benedict XVI once remarked: "We... must bring the events of our daily lives into our prayer, in order to seek their most profound significance. And we too, like the first Christian community, allowing ourselves to be illuminated by the Word of God and meditating on Sacred Scripture, may learn to see that God is present in our lives, even at moments of difficulty, and that everything ... is part of a plan of love in which the final victory over evil, sin and death is truly that of goodness, grace, life and God".

At the end of the day, what really drives people to pray is the desire for God, which is imprinted in the soul of every person. This is because God has created us for Himself. God has impressed upon us the need to communicate with Him. That is what prayer is a response to His desire for us.

Those who do not like spirituality or contact with God very much, if a moment of helplessness or anguish or loneliness comes to them, it is in that situation that they almost naturally and without much thought cry out to God. We have only to listen to the testimonies of people who have been terminally ill, unjustly imprisoned or are going through some very challenging situation to realize how instinctively they sought God.

But we don't have to wait to be in extreme situations to seek Him out; because God is always there for those who want to search Him.

Sometimes we forget God, or we begin to live as practical atheists: acting as if God does not exist or is not always with us. We should endeavor to remember something we learned when we first made our First Holy Communion or went to catechism classes as children: God is everywhere. And everywhere means also beside us.

Even if we deny God or try to avoid Him, He is always there for us. He seeks us before we seek Him. That is the gift of prayer, that God is always looking for us. If we feel lonely, if we think we have no one to talk to, God is there... He is always there. He doesn't abandon us.

Prayer is as human and as necessary as eating, as breathing, and as loving.