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M E E T I N G S

LEGION OF MARY

Handmaid of the Lord
 Sat: 10 am - 12 nn

Mary Mother of the Redeemer
 Mon: 10 am - 12 nn

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

3rd Sat. of the month after 9:30 am mass

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Thurs: 9:30 am at the Family Room

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Executive: 3rd Sat. of the month,
 10:15 am

General: 4th Sat. of the month, 10:15 am
 (except Summer)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Tuesday, 7:45 pm-9:00 pm
 (except in December)

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

General Assembly every 1st Saturday
 Teaching Night every 3rd Saturday

**ST. MONICA PARISH YOUTH
 MINISTRY**

Regular Meeting every 1st Saturday
 12 nn - 4 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Monday & Thursday 7 pm - 9 pm

RCIA

Thursday 7pm-9 pm

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers— Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

- From Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Mother's Day 2017



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
 SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**
 SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**
 CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY
 MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

NOVENA TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
 WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**
 MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA
 & BENEDICTION

BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

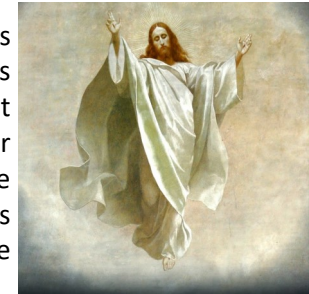
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

May 13, 2018

Ascension of the Lord

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When Jesus ascends into heaven, he does not abandon us, but goes to that place for which we all long. He does not leave us orphans but sends the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, the disciples see Jesus being taken up to heaven in a cloud. In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul prays that the spirit of wisdom will be given to the audience he is addressing. Jesus, before his Ascension, tells his disciples to go out and preach the Gospel to the whole world.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Acts 1.1-11
 Psalm: 47
 2nd: Ephesians 1.17-23 or 4.1-13
 Gospel: Mark 16.15-20

PARISH UPDATES

Happy Mother's Day – We extend our prayers and gratitude to the mothers, grandmothers and mothers-to-be on this day and all the days of our life. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you always. Thank you for your maternal love and care. May Our Blessed Mother Mary smile on you!

MARIAN MONTH – May is the traditional month when we focus on the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Mother. You are welcome to join us in praying the rosary before the daily Mass.

Santa Cruzan – The procession of the statute of Mary around the church property will be **after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 26th**. Mark your calendar. All are welcome!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy” is the theme for this year's Appeal. Our share is \$25,000.00, an increase of \$5,000. We would keep our total goal the same as previous year, \$75,000.00.

Our Project Advance volunteers are available in the foyer to assist with your gift donation. You may make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca May Our Lord bless you abundantly!

Tree of Gratitude – A few new inscriptions of Leaf plaques have been added to the beautiful sculpture on the wall. Thanks to our generous parishioners and friends. May the Lord bless you with his love and grace!

Project Advance Stewardship Prayer

*O God, the Father of every gift,
all that we are and have comes from your hand.*

*In Jesus Christ, your Son,
you have given us the greatest of all gifts.*

*Fill our hearts with his love,
so that we may be parish communities
of faithful, caring people.*

*Grant us the grace to be good stewards
who, in the name and spirit of Jesus,
Share our gifts of time, talent and treasure
for the building up of your Kingdom
in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.*

*May we see Project Advance as our way
to live gratefully and give generously
for your honour and glory.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Managing Difficult Conversations with Children—This presentation will provide parents with some tools and strategies on how to practise holding difficult conversations with children (and adults!). The following topics will be explored:

Creating systems and strategies in the home that help children develop the skills required to hold difficult conversations.

Provide a framework when dealing with children who are angry and upset.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 23, from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish, West Vancouver.**

Today, in other years, we commemorate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This title was given to the BVM after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. see next page >

ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel in need of mugs—“It's FINALLY that time of year again... Spring cleaning! If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please give them to our guests in our emergency homeless shelter. We believe it's much more welcoming to drink from a nice previously loved mug than from a Styrofoam cup. And it's better for our environment too. We always need mugs. We encourage our guests to choose a mug for themselves to claim as their own and keep with them when they stay with us and to take with them when they leave. All you need to do is drop them off directly at our shelter at **828 Cambie Street, Vancouver, or the John Paul II Pastoral Centre.**

Discipline that Doesn't Divide

One of the biggest challenges faced by parents, caregivers and educators is the safe discipline of children and teens in their care. Given that connection is the greatest need a child has, discipline that protects this attachment is critical. Seven principles of attachment safe discipline will be discussed along with an understanding of the four most common principles that erode attachment and threaten development. Join us on **Wednesday, May 16, from 7-8 p.m. in the church basement of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, followed by discussion and refreshments until 8:30 p.m.**

from previous page > *The three messages or 'secrets' of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication to Our Lady, especially through daily prayer of the Rosary.*

Stewardship Reflection

Ascension of the Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Mass Intentions

May 13-19, 2018

Mon, May 14— Marcelino Revita (RIP)
Tue, May 15— Benjamin Aldaba (RIP)
Wed, May 16 — 9am, Felina Salandanan (RIP)
7pm, Pascual Fernandes (RIP)
Thu, May 17— Romeo Beringual (Intention)
Fri, May 18— Federico Imperio (RIP)
Sat, May 19— 9:30am, Alvaro D'Silva (RIP)
5pm, Simon Ip (RIP)

Our new website, stmonicaparish.ca is now live. Also, visit and like us on Facebook: 'Smon Monica'.