

**ST. MONICA PARISH  
MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS**

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| Altar Servers .....            | Jun Lastica<br>Sonny Magno                                  |
| Bible Study .....              | Teresa Santos<br>Tel Decena                                 |
| CWL .....                      | Cynthia Diangkinay  |
| Cenacle Prayer Group .....     | Elizabeth Tanase  |
| Choir .....                    | M McVicker (5pm)<br>Neil Macoy (9am)<br>Michael Goco (11am) |
| Couples for Christ .....       | John & Anne Ramos   |
| Development & Peace .....      | Evelyn Victoria   |
| Extraordinary Ministers .....  | Teresa Santos<br>Michelle Irineo                            |
| Funeral Music St. Monica ..... | M McVicker  |
| Interfaith Alliance .....      | Edward Wong   |
| Knights of Columbus .....      | Teody Parejo  |
| Lectors .....                  | Marlytel Decena   |
| Legion of Mary .....           | Elizabeth Taboada<br>Pat Diamzon                            |
| Outreach Ministry .....        | Edith Perez   |
| P.R.E.P .....                  | Teresa Santos   |
| Parish Pastoral Council .....  | Pete Capitulo   |
| Project Advance .....          | Ed & Baby San Jose  |
| Religious Goods .....          | Baby Santos<br>Lala Revita<br>Linda Zamora                  |
| R.C.I.A. ....                  | Wilbur & Evelyn Victoria                                    |
| Sacristy .....                 | Lala Revita   |
| Ushers .....                   | Larry Navasca<br>Robert Sullivan                            |

**MEETINGS**

**LEGION OF MARY**

Handmaid of the Lord  
Sat: 10 am - 12 nm  
Mary Mother of the Redeemer  
Mon: 10 am - 12 nm

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month,  
10:15 am

General: 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month, 10:15 am

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Bi-Monthly 7:30-9:00 pm

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

General Assembly every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 6 pm

Teaching Night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 6 pm

**ST. MONICA PARISH YOUTH**

**MINISTRY**

Regular Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
12 nm - 4 pm

**BIBLE STUDY**

Monday & Thursday 7 pm - 9 pm

**RCIA**

Thursday 7pm-9 pm



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September 2, 2018

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

**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 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

**BAPTISMS**

4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

Today, we think about the best way to live out God's commandments, passed on to us through Moses, by witnessing God's blessings and presence in our midst. We seek to go beyond our earthly life by ridding of evil thoughts and desires. We practice it by caring for all who are vulnerable and in need.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the reading from James, he asks God's people to follow the Word of God and not the ways of the world. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the Pharisees, scribes and the crowd (us) not to simply observe human tradition and rituals. Rather, they and we too need to examine our hearts and clean out evil thoughts.

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**Today's Readings:**

1st: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8

Psalm: 15

2nd: James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Feast of the Nativity of the all-holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary**—Join us in celebrating the Nativity of the all-holy Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary. Vigil Service in the Byzantine Rite (Festal Vespers & Festal Matins) with Anointing and Festal Litiya blessed bread and wine. **Friday, Sept. 7, from 7-9 p.m. at Eastern Catholic Church Richmond, 8700 Railway Ave, Richmond.**

**PARISH UPDATES**

**LABOUR DAY** – We give thanks for our ability to work in our homes, communities and church. May God be glorified in our efforts!

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**Parish Ministry Fair** - On **September 22 and 23**, all parish groups and ministries are encouraged to share your talents and time with our community. The Parish Centre will be the venue. Please welcome others to join your ministry.

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**Parish Anniversary** – On **September 30, Sunday, 11am MASS**, we celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the blessing of the art glass windows of the church. Bishop Stephen Jensen of Prince George will be with us. Sarah Hall and Amy Kwan, who designed the windows will also join us.

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**Pot-luck Luncheon** – Please prepare a pot-luck luncheon for our gathering after the Mass on September 30. A sign-up sheet will be made available for your contribution. Thank you in advance.

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**New Window Blinds** – We have replaced all the window blinds in the church hall, class rooms and in the upper room. *Please be gentle with the new blinds.* Thank you for your cooperation.

**LABOUR DAY**—The Office will be closed on Monday, Sep. 3.

**PREP and RCIA** – Registration for **PREP** is on **Tuesday, 6pm, Sept. 4**, in the hall. **RCIA** begins on **Thursday, Sept. 13, 7pm**. Please refer to the notice board for more information or call the parish office.

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**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy”** is the theme for this year’s Appeal. We have met our Archdiocesan commitment of \$25,000. THANK YOU for all our pledgers. We need others who have yet to make a gift to respond to the appeal. The rebates will help to recover expenses for the new sound system in the hall and the repairs of the church roof. Our parish total goal is \$75,000. Please see one of our Project Advance volunteers. God Bless YOU!

You may also make your pledge online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) anytime.

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**Mission Appeal** - Fr. Gosbert Mgina, from the Diocese of Iringa, Tanzania, has been approved by the Archdiocese to preach and make his appeal at all the weekend Masses on **Sept. 15 and 16**. We welcome his presence among us.

**Sept. 7, 1st Friday 4pm Mass @ YVR Chapel, International Arrival Level.**

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**—Join us in celebrating the Feast of the Universal Uplifting of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross. Vigil Service in the Byzantine Rite – (Festal Vespers & Festal Matins) with Anointing, Veneration of the Cross and Festal Litiya blessed bread and wine. **Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. at Eastern Catholic Church Richmond, 8700 Railway Ave, Richmond.**

**ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES**

**Donate to the Wildfires Relief Fund for Whitehorse Diocese**—Please continue to pray for those affected by the wildfires as well as for the firefighters, first responders, and volunteers. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse is asking for online donations and for material donations to be dropped off at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Whitehorse. To help financially, please visit <https://rcav.org/whitehorse/>

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**Stewardship Awards 2018**—The Archdiocesan Award for Stewardship honours members of the laity who have provided exceptional service toward our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals in time, talent or treasure to their parishes or the archdiocesan Church as an example of outstanding, Christian stewardship. Awarded every 3 years, recipients exemplify lives of gratitude and generosity and their lives are outstanding examples of “Stewarding God’s Gifts” in our community! Please submit your nominations to <http://rcav.org/stewardship-award-nomination/> by October 5, 2018. Awards will be presented at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, **Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.** All faithful are invited to attend. For more info. please contact [stewardship@rcav.org](mailto:stewardship@rcav.org)

**Stewardship Reflection**

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves *using* those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. *Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!*

See James 1:17

**Mass Intentions  
September 2-8, 2018**

- Mon, Sep 3— Artemio Aldana (RIP)
- Tue, Sep 4— Bert Kalaw (TG)
- Wed, Sep 5 — 9am, Emma Sy (RIP)  
7pm, Rosemarie Capitulo (TG)
- Thu, Sep 6— Elizabeth Gomez
- Fri, Sep 7— Alma & Aida (TG)
- Sat, Sep 8— 9:30am, Lawrence Laureta (RIP)  
5pm, Alfredo Baluya Pates (INT)