

## Icons of Saints for Our Church

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you find the new art glass windows of St. Monica, our patron and the four mysteries of the Holy Rosary spiritual and inspirational. Next weekend we welcome the artists, Sarah Hall and Amy Kwan, in our midst when we celebrate our parish's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the blessing of their beautiful works. Bishop Stephen Jensen of Prince George will honour us for making himself available to preside the 11am Mass and the blessing.

In God's providence, I read the article, written by André Provost, in the July 30<sup>th</sup> issue of the BC Catholic – *The uncharted waters of Indigenous iconography*. He is an iconographer, who made a visit to our church in early September.

I have commissioned André to write or 'paint' a series of 8 icons for our church. There are images of the following female and male Saints: **St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Francis Xavier, St. Oscar Romero, St. Lorenzo Ruiz.**

Each of the icons measures 30" W x 48" H, with a rounded top. They will be mounted on the eight spaces below the windows on the east and west walls. Hopefully, the Saints intercede for us in our spiritual journey towards the kingdom of God.

On our Tree of Gratitude, there are enough blank leaf plaques for sponsorship to meet the cost of this meaningful project. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the icon of a specific saint, please contact the parish office. A sponsorship form is available for your support. Income tax receipt will be issued for your perusal.

May God bless your generosity!

Saints of God, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,



(Rev.) Robert K Wong, SJ  
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September 23, 2018

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In our world arguments and conflicts are common for selfish reasons. Jesus in today's gospel calls us to set ourselves apart from the world and serve others. This is how we can be the greatest in his eyes.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear how the wicked plan to condemn and torture the just one, putting God to the test of defending him. Saint James contrasts the character of those who have wisdom from above with those who are bound by earthly things. In the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples of his impending death and resurrection, but they fail to understand.

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#### Today's Readings:

1st: Wisdom 2.12, 17-20

Psalm: 54

2nd: James 3.16 - 4.3

Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

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

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

#### HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

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## PARISH UPDATES

**KUDOS -- Mission Appeal** – We received the sum of \$8994.70 in our collections last weekend for Fr. Gosbert Mgina’s Diocese of Iringa, Tanzania. THANK YOU and *May God bless our generosity!*

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**PREP and RCIA** – For those who has missed the registration, you can still enroll in these faith formation programs. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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**THIS WEEKEND – Parish Ministry Fair: Embracing Stewardship as a Way of Life** – Please visit our parish groups and ministries, sharing their talents and time, in the Parish Centre. You are welcome to participate in these ministries.

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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 presiding. Sarah Hall and Amy Kwan, who designed the windows will also join us.

**Prayer Service for the Church’s Purification & the Consolation of Abuse Victims**  
Byzantine Rite Service of Supplication for the Church’s Purification & the Consolation of Abuse Victims. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at Eastern Catholic Church, Richmond.

**Pot-luck Luncheon** – A sign-up sheet in the foyer is available for your contribution. If you need specific information, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity!

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**Religious articles** – A visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth from Belarus (Eastern Europe) will be here on Friday, October 12, before and after the morning Mass to promote their items of devotion. Your purchase helps to support their works and mission. Check the notice board for more info.

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**Thanksgiving Sharing** – Let us celebrate our THANKSGIVING by donating to the Richmond Food Bank. Our parish is accepting non-perishable food and canned goods until October 4<sup>th</sup> in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. Place your donation in the box provided. RFB also accepts monetary donation. Thank you and God bless you!

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**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy.”** 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!

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## ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES

**Men's Hostel in need of men’s socks and underwear**—We are so thankful for the many gifts of socks and underwear, but did you know we have a real shortage of another clothing item we don’t often talk about – **belts!** Please bring them to the Men’s Hostel at 828 Cambie Street Downtown, or at John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Thank you for helping our guests be comfortable. We appreciate your gifts of clothing and your including our ministry in your prayers.

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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**

Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with greed and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, “With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, for it is good.”

See Psalm 54

### **Mass Intentions September 23-29, 2018**

Mon, Sep 24— Chow Mui (RIP)  
Tue, Sep 25— Archie Dean (RIP)  
Wed, Sep 26— 9am, Julie Dean (RIP)  
7pm, Justin Lee & David Tam (RIP)  
Thu, Sep 27— Bianca Tam & Albert Man (TG)  
Fri, Sep 28— Romy Santillian (RIP)  
Sat, Sep 29— 9:30am, Angelo Mario Fernandes & Maria Rozario Dias (RIP)  
5pm, Peter Lobo (RIP)