

**PROJECT
ADVANCE** Live gratefully,
give generously.
2018

Thank you for your gift this year to Project Advance. Your contribution and generosity are greatly appreciated and make a real difference to our Archdiocesan family.

Your gift to Project Advance has accomplished a great deal. You have made our community richer in faith and service. You have helped build our churches where we worship, our schools where we educate our youth, and our parish halls where we gather for fellowship and service. You have helped welcome refugee families and reached out to those in need, and you have provided comfort to the marginalized.

I am truly grateful for your support and am inspired by the impact you have had on our Catholic community through your participation in Project Advance.

If you have not yet made a gift this year, I ask that you consider supporting Project Advance 2018. Your gift will allow your parish to meet its needs and to build a solid foundation for carrying out the Church's evangelizing mission.

Let us continue to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings of faith, family and treasure that he has bestowed on us.

Invoking God's abundant blessings upon you and your family, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Michael Miller CSB*

+J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

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Letter from the **Archbishop**
FALL 2018



Archdiocese
of Vancouver

Celebrating the Canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero

Blessed Oscar Romero will be canonized in Rome on Sunday, October 14. The Mass will be broadcast at 9:30 a.m. (EST) on Salt + Light Television. He will be one of 8 icon paintings for our church. Saint Oscar Romero, pray for us!



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October 7, 2018

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are made for one another and for relationships. Christ became one with us in the flesh and shared all our human experiences so we might realize that true love is possible only when we are united with him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Genesis, God creates a suitable partner for man: woman. The epistle to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus *was made "lower than the angels"* for our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus answers the Pharisees' question regarding divorce by referring to the scriptural account of creation and God's design for man and woman.

Today's Readings:

1st: Genesis 2.7ab, 15, 18-24
Psalm: 128
2nd: Hebrews 2.9-11
Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

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
& BENECTION

BAPTISM COURSE

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

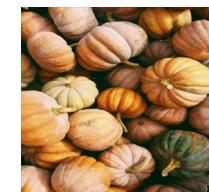
BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

*Happy Thanksgiving to
our Parish Families,
Benefactors and
Friends!*



PARISH UPDATES

KUDOS – Parish Anniversary – On this Thanksgiving Weekend, we thank God for blessing our parish with many generous parishioners, friends and benefactors who shared their time, talents and treasures. May the Lord reward you with a *good measure, pressed down, running over, put into your lap.* Lk 6:38.

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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. Place your donation in the box provided. RFB also accepts monetary donation. Thank you and God bless you!

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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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Altar Server Robes (Albs) – A special envelope has been prepared for your donation to replace the worn-out albs. You will be credited for your generosity with a charity tax receipt. The envelopes are available at the Project Advance table.

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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.

Icons of the Saints Sponsorship – The Sponsorship form is now available at the Parish Office for anyone who wishes to sponsor the 8 icons, which has been commissioned to the iconographer, Andre Prevost. Thanks for your interests and support.

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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!

You may also make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca anytime.

Archbishop’s Dinner 2018—

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Reception at 6 p.m. Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the Seventh Annual Archbishop’s Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church’s presence in hospitals, First Nations communities, ports, and ecumenical gatherings, among many other places. Purchase tickets today at rcav.org/dinner2018.

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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Infant Loss Awareness Mass with Archbishop Miller

On Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, I wish to reach out to all parents who have lost a little one, whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or soon after birth. Your little one is dear to the Lord (Mt 18:19), and in His mercy Jesus shares the pain of your broken hearts. - Archbishop Miller, CSB

October 15 is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. On that day, we remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honour them, Archbishop Miller will be celebrating Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special Mass on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 8, 2018 in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Stewardship Reflection

The phrase in today’s psalm, “May you see your children’s children,” is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!”

See Psalm 128

Mass Intentions

Oct. 7 - 13, 2018

- Mon, Oct 8— Betty Tam (TG)
- Tue, Oct 9— Paulo Vaz (RIP)
- Wed, Oct 10— 9am, Francis Vaz (RIP)
7pm, Eliza Fernandes (INT)
- Thu, Oct 11— Anne Lo (TG)
- Fri, Oct 12— Viv John Lee (RIP)
- Sat, Oct 13— 9:30am, Robert Wong, SJ (TG)
5pm, Alfredo Baluya Pates (INT)