

St. Monica Parish

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November 21, 2018

Dear Parishioner of St Monica,

May the Lord bless you as we prepare the birth of Jesus, our Saviour!

Our parish has been blessed with many graces and gifts. The generosity of our parishioners and benefactors has provided us the means to improve our worship space. The beautiful tabernacle, the sanctuary lamp and the procession candles were donated to us from the estates of our benefactors. The new art glass windows would not be possible without previous Project Advance and Tree of Gratitude's supporters. The new windows on the inside entrance doors to the church carry the theme – *The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5)*. The Lord has shown us his generosity beyond our imaginations.

We have much to give thanks to God. Our 2018 Project Advance continues to the end of the year. Almost a third of our registered parish families have made a gift and I am grateful to them. If you are still considering a gift, please remember December 31st is the closing date for this year's appeal to get your tax-deductible receipt. Your support will offset the installation of a new public address system in the parish hall and the roofing repairs of our church building.

Your prayers for our parish are appreciated if that is what you can offer for now.

Come, Lord Jesus and fill the hearts of your people at St Monica and Vancouver Archdiocese.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Robert Wong, SJ
Pastor



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November 25, 2018

Christ the King

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Jesus, our King, has all the power in heaven and earth. He rules with love, service and compassion. He calls us to do the same.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's readings address the idea of kingship. Daniel's vision sees the king in the everlasting glory being served by all nations. The second reading names the King as Jesus Christ. It affirms his reign is everlasting. Jesus, in the gospel, confirms his kingdom is not of this world.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Daniel 7.13-14

Psalm: 93

2nd: Revelation 1.5-8

Gospel: John 18.33b-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 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH UPDATES

All Souls Mass Intention in November –

The Archdiocese has instituted the practice of one Mass intention for one deceased member. Extra requests will be forwarded to the Chancery for distribution. Please use the special envelope provided by them.

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Advent Day of Recollection – Our Knights of Columbus will host this Advent Day. Fr. John Tritschler will lead the recollection of Saturday, Dec. 1, beginning with 9:30am Mass and continue until 3pm.

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Organist/Pianist/Musicians – Our Saturday, 5pm Mass, needs your musical talents to praise and glorify God. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible. God bless you.

Remember Lord those that have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially those for whom we now pray. May these and all who sleep in Christ find in your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer to St. Michael— St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Advent Penitential Service – Thursday

December 6, 7pm. Mark it in your calendar.

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ICON Installation – Thank you who have pledged in sponsoring the **8 Icons of the Saints.** The icon of *St. Francis Xavier*, patron of the mission will be installed later this week. The Sponsorship form is available at the Parish Office.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT – “Generations,” a miniature of *the Holy Family, St. Ann and St Joachim* is available for your keeping or a gift to a beloved and family in time for Christmas. The cost is \$70.00 including taxes and shipping. A display sample is on the PA table. You may place your order there too. Thank 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. Our parish total goal is \$75,000. God Bless YOU!

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



Quo Vadis – Men’s Discernment Events

Join us for a day of recollection with Fr. Nick Meisl and Fr. Lucio Choi – *Hearing the Voice of God in the Eucharist* on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver. Event open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.

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Fiat: Women’s Discernment Events – Day of Recollection

Join us for an advent evening of recollection – *Fiat of Women in the Old Testament* on Saturday, Dec. 15, at 5 p.m. at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 2811 Venables Street, Vancouver. Fiat, the women’s vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is getting ready for another year of events. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God’s call in their life. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. Email womensvocations@rcav.org for more information. <https://rcav.org/event/fiat-day-of-recollection-2>

Stewardship Reflection

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

Mass Intentions

Nov 25 - Dec 1, 2018

- Mon, Nov 26— Manuel Barrera (RIP)
- Tue, Nov 27— Conchita Catli (RIP)
- Wed, Nov 28— 9am, Conrado Dungo (RIP)
7pm, Eric Dungo (RIP)
- Thu, Nov 29— Rosemarie Pe (RIP)
- Fri, Nov 30— T D—All Souls (RIP)
- Sat, Dec 1— 9:30am, Teodoro Verzosa (RIP)
5pm, Bishop Tomas Camacho (RIP)