

A report from Fr. Gosbert Mgina in Tanzania, received on January 24, 2019

Dear Rev. Fr. Robert,

I hope you are doing well there.

Here below, you can also share with the faithful in the bulletin or speak to them, passing my greeting to all there. I have shared shortly what we have start doing here. I am just greeting you and the parishioners and wish you all a happy life.

Here we are all fine going well with our pastoral duties. Nowadays it is raining a lot. We are not free to go around the villages on Sundays as we do in other dry months. We can just walk to close churches/villages in some Sundays or weekdays, the roads are no longer friendly to drive. Only with timing we can drive. The rains are not heavy in fact, but they last for hours when they start.

A happy thing to us is that, nowadays we have solar power light in our house. Through the aid of one family from there, we bought solar panels and some batteries. We are no longer in dark, and we can now use and enjoy our TV.

Concerning our project that I came there for, we have started to prepare some bricks for the building to be built. However, we are very slow because of the daily ongoing rains. We hope in February the rains will stop for a week or two. We were not able to start our project in time, because there were some local governmental procedures to follow.

The first picture: Handy machine we are using to prepare bricks

The Second picture: Some bricks (made of cement and sand)

Otherwise, we are fine, everything is going well despite of some normal challenges.

I am always grateful to God for having opened the doors for me to come there and meet you such good and generous people. May God continue to bless you, that you may always continue to love and to serve Him in your daily life.

Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Gosbert



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February 10, 2019

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Simon encounters Jesus who calls him to follow the Lord. He abandons everything in response to Jesus' calling. Like Simon, we are being called day by day to say yes to Jesus. With God's grace, let us follow as faithful disciples.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recounts the calling of Isaiah, how the seraphim of the Lord came to him with an ember, touched his lips with it, and said, *your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out*. In the second reading, St. Paul recounts his own calling by the Lord. He outlines the faith that has been handed on to him, which he now hands on to the Corinthians. In the gospel, Jesus calls his first disciples, Simon Peter, James and John.

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### Today's Readings:

1st: Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8

Psalm: 138

2nd: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

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**

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### 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

## PARISH UPDATES

### **2018 Project Advance Final Report –**

The rebate affords us to replace the PA system in the hall and for a major repair of our church roof. We had some heavy rainfalls and there were no leaks in the choir loft balcony. Thank you for your generous participation. May Our Lord bless us with his love and grace always!

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**2018 Tax-Receipts –** Please collect your receipts from the Parish and Archdiocese's Project Advance. Volunteers ensure you have the correct records. May God bless you for your generosity!

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**Anointing of the Sick –** Monday, February 11, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Sacrament of Anointing will be distributed at the end of Mass.

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**Fiat Women's Vocation Discernment –** This is open to single Catholic women ages 18-35 who are open to and/or discerning a vocation to consecrated life. Annual retreat, March 1 -3, Westminster Abbey. For more info. Check out their poster or call Sr. Mary S. DeMuth, OP, 604-443-3254 or [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org)

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

### **The Art of Keeping Kids Catholic**

Learn how to listen to what matters to children for their involvement. Learn how to involve family in service and church activities. Learn ways to involve loved ones in a fun and social way to prioritize faith in their daily lives.

Join us for an evening presentation and mini workshop to help equip us with the skills for engaging and keeping children in the faith on Monday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Vancouver. *Dolores Madaisky, B.A. in Psychology, M.A. in Family Studies, is passionate about improving parenting through the development of communication skills. She has done many workshops for schools and for the Archdiocese.* To register, visit <https://rcav.org/event/the-art-of-keeping-kids-catholic>

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### **Wanted: Used Car for Redemptoris Mater**

The Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary Redemptoris Mater is in need of a used car. If you know of someone who would be willing to donate a used car, please have them contact Fr. Gilbert Nunez at [gnunez@rcav.org](mailto:gnunez@rcav.org) or call the seminary at 604-709-8509.

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### **Mass of Remembrance**

Join us for our month Mass of Remembrance as we pray for our family members that have passed away this month. Masses are on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in our Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani. <https://www.rccav.org/events/201>

## **Who Am I**

Through an experience of self-discovery and development explore the essential aspects of yourself. Join us on Feb. 23, 24 and March 2, 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. "Who Am I?" is a PRH workshop supporting Human Formation and is endorsed by the Ministries and Outreach Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver for parish leadership development. To register or for more info contact Jane Waldock at [jane.k.waldock@gmail.com](mailto:jane.k.waldock@gmail.com)

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### **Theology of the Body**

Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a "communion of persons in the sincere gift of self," giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin this Spring: April 1- June 24 at St. John the Apostle Parish, Vancouver and March 26-June 18 at St. Anthony Parish, West Vancouver. Register at [rcav.org/tob](http://rcav.org/tob).

*While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. - St. Francis of Assisi*

### **New Carpet Installation –**

Archbishop Miller has given us his blessings to spend some money from our savings to replace the carpets in the church. It will be done in phases to accommodate our daily Mass times. Your patience will be much appreciated.

### **Stewardship Reflection**

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

### **Mass Intentions February 10 - 16, 2019**

Mon, Feb 11 -	Federico Edward Pallan (RIP)
Tue, Feb 12 -	Kay Sullivan (RIP)
Wed, Feb 13 -	9am, Mario Orena (RIP) 7pm, Katherine Dee (RIP)
Thu, Feb 14 -	Marcelino Revita (RIP)
Fri, Feb 15 -	Ariel Arrieta (INT)
Sat, Feb 16 -	9:30am, Fr A Deignan SJ 5pm, Norberto Fedalizo (RIP)