



ST. MONICA PARISH

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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

April 28, 2019

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

Jesus is God, and his mercy is both divine and eternal. His love is upon us for our sake. We ask for the grace to grow our trust in our Savior.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonder; many came to believe in. In Revelation, John, imprisoned, has a vision of Jesus in heaven and was commanded to write all that he saw. In the Gospel, the risen Jesus reveals himself to Thomas, who only then came to believe. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

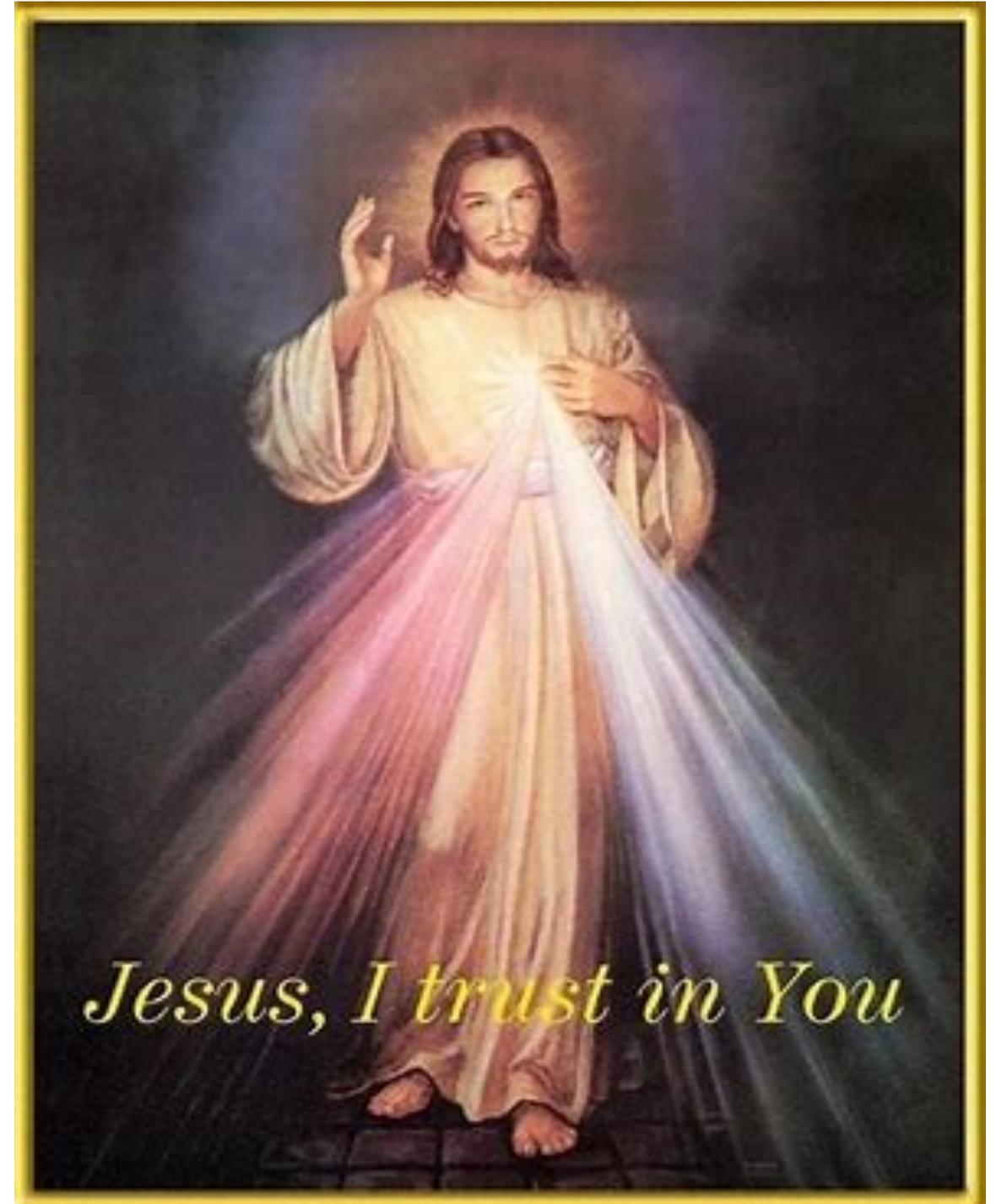
Today's Readings:

1st: Acts 5.12-16

Psalm: 118

2nd: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31



PARISH UPDATES

Project Advance 2019 – Building our Future upon a Foundation of Faith is this year's appeal. Next weekend, we'll watch the appeal video. Our archdiocesan commitment is \$26,000. Our parish project will be replacing the hot water heating system for the church, hall, office and rectory. Thank you for your on-going support.

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New Church Organ – A family in Vancouver has donated the music organ in memory of their parents. We are most grateful for their generous gift and kindness.

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Carpets in the loft – The water stained carpet, which were put down in 2002, will be replaced this week.

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Mexico Pilgrimage – Fr. Robert is the spiritual guide to the Shrines of Mexico, just after Thanksgiving, Oct. 15 to 24. For more information, you can pick up the brochure from the parish office or ask Fr. Robert to send it to your email address. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Vocation Weekend at the Carmel

Come and See! Are you discerning God's call to the religious vocation? You may be interested in spending a weekend of Prayer and Discernment at the Carmel of St. Joseph, the weekend of May 17 to May 19. Your chaplain will be Father Paul Simms, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Kamloops. Please RSVP at 250-546-8801.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2019

Celebrate your Milestone Anniversary with us! This Mother's Day, Archbishop Miller will be honouring couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Register your anniversary with us today at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary. Mass will be on Sunday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Richmond. Reception to follow in St. Paul Parish Centre. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others! Register today: <https://rcav.org/marriage-anniversary>

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Request for New or Gently Used Items - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is getting ready for their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, May 25th and needs your treasures! Proceeds will go towards helping to fund our outreach efforts. Donate new or gently used items that are still in good condition (toys, household items, clothes, craft supplies, tools, etc., but no large furniture items, car seats, cribs or electronics please). Donations can be dropped off at Holy Family Parish on Wednesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass until noon or on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Pick-up can also be arranged. Food donations are also welcome on the day of the garage sale. Please contact Sherri Marcotte 604-710-4269

***Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His steadfast love endures forever.***

Psalm 118

Understanding the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's prayer illustrates the variety of requests that one can and should make to God, as well as displaying the humble attitude that should accompany prayer. The use of the plural pronoun us throughout the prayer shows that it is not just the prayer of one person for his or her own personal needs, but a community prayer.

He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us to the time of trial [who has offended or wronged us]. And do not bring us to the time of trial [but rescue us from evil].'" Luke 11:2-4

YOUR KINGDOM COME

The references here is to God's program and promise. This is more affirmation than request, highlighting the petitioner's submission to God's will and the desire to see God's work come to pass.

FOR WE OURSELVES ALSO FORGIVE

The petitioner recognizes that if mercy is to be sought from God, then mercy must be shown to others. We need to adopt the same standard that we expect others to follow.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

This remark is often misunderstood as suggesting that perhaps God can lead us into sin. The point is that if one is to avoid sin, one must follow where God leads. In short, the petitioner asks God for the spiritual protection necessary to avoid falling into sin.

Which part of the Lord's prayer resonates most with you?

Stewardship Reflection

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

See John 20:29; Acts 5:14

Mass Intentions Apr 28 - May 4, 2019

Mon, Apr 29 - Roy Mesmana (RIP)
Tue, Apr 30 - (RIP)
Wed, May 1 - 9am, Felix Capitulo (RIP)
7pm, Erlinda Zamora (TG)
Thu, May 2 - Editha Casaje (RIP)
Fri, May 3 - Alma & Aida Goco (TG)
Sat, May 4 - 9:30am, Balong Laureta (RIP)
5pm, Jason D'Silva (RIP)

Pro-Life Prayer Service - Eastern Catholic Prayer Service of Supplication (Moleben) for all those victimized by the tragedy of Abortion: the Pre-born, their Parents, Professional Staff, et al. Takes place on Thursday, May 9 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Eastern Catholic Church in Richmond.