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Chaplain, Riverview Hospital (1999-2008)  
Asst. Pastor, St. Bernadette Parish, Surrey (2000-2003)  
Pastor, Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish, Aldergrove (2003-2006)  
Pastor, Precious Blood Parish, Cloverdale (2006-2012)  
Pastor, St. Joseph’s Parish, Squamish (2012-2018)  
Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam (2018 – 2023)  
Pastor, St. Monica Parish, Richmond (2023 - )

*"I will give you shepherds after my own heart."*  
Jeremiah 3:15

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle;  
be our protection 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.

Saint Michael the Archangel

Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels. Archangels have unique roles as God’s messengers to people at critical times. Among all the angels, they have the most special and protective love for all people and for the earth. The Church recognizes Michael the Archangel as one of the greatest of the archangels. He is the guardian of the Church, as well as the patron saint of police officers, grocers, mariners, and paratroopers. The feast honoring Michael the Archangel is September 29.



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DEACON: **Wilbur Victoria**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday – Friday  
**9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

It shall not  
return to me empty  
Isaiah 55:10-11

**MASS SCHEDULES**  
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**  
SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**  
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULES**  
SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm—4:55 pm**  
10 minutes before Daily Mass

**BAPTISM, WEDDING, FUNERAL,  
HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL**  
Please call the Parish Office

July 16, 2023  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Liturgy of the Word**  
*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.*

The first reading speaks of God’s word, like rain, doing his will and achieving the end for which it is sent. In the second reading, we hear that creation is groaning, but that *we have the firstfruits of the Spirit* while we wait for redemption. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed that fell on rich soil.

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**Today’s Readings:**  
*1st: Isaiah 55.10-11*  
*Psalms: 65*  
*2nd: Romans 8.18-23*  
*Gospel: Matthew 13.1-23*



A Stewardship Moment

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”- Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

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WELCOME to Fr Mark Bautista as our new Pastor here at St Monica. Let us greet & pray for him as he shepherds us for the coming years.

FAREWELL to Fr Robert Wong, SJ as he takes his Sabbatical Leave. He has been a Pastor at St Monica Parish since 2017 (Asst. Pastor from 2016-2017). Thank you for your spiritual care, kindness & generosity.

PROJECT ADVANCE as of 10 July 2023

Parish Goal: \$35,000.00 | Donations: \$10,910.00 (31%)

Participation: 27 of 374 families (7%)

Mass Intentions | Jul 16 - 22, 2023

Mon, Jul 17 - John/Maria Au Yeung (+)	Thu, Jul 20 - Edgar Alalayan (+)
Tue, Jul 18 - Dennis/Primo Bernales	Fri, Jul 21 - Guiseppe Inserra (+)
Wed, Jul 19 - Cesar Diangkinay ((+)	Sat, Jul 22 - Elizabeth Jubida (+)

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for July

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

When you feel the assaults of passion and anger, then is the time to be silent as Jesus was silent in the midst of his ignominies and suffering.—St Paul of the Cross

REV. FR. MARK BAUTISTA

Parents: Dr. Domingo Bautista (San Carlos City, Pangasinan) and Alicia Macaraig (Batangas City)  
Youngest of 5 children.

Studied at:

Dominican School (Elementary), Dagupan City  
Mary Help of Christians High School Seminary (1974-1978)  
San Pablo College Seminary (1978-1982)  
San Beda College of Law (1982-1985)  
Regent – Mary Help of Christians Minor Seminary (1987-1988)  
Immaculate Conception School of Theology (1988-1992)

Ordained priest: November 30, 1992

At St. John the Evangelist Metropolitan Cathedral, Dagupan City, Philippines  
by the late Archbishop Oscar V. Cruz

Assignments:

Philippines / Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan

Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish (1992-1995)  
Director, Malasiqui Catholic School (1996)

Canada / Archdiocese of Vancouver

Asst. Pastor, St. Anthony’s Parish, West Vancouver (1997)  
Asst. Pastor, Holy Rosary Cathedral (1997-1998)  
Chaplain, Mt. Saint Joseph Hospital / St. Vincent Hospital  
[Heather, Langara and Arbutus] (1998-1999)  
Chaplain, Royal Columbian Hospital (1999-2001)

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