

PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers Jun Lastica
Bereavement & Loss.....Fe Arias
CWL Amee Inocencio
Cenacle Prayer Group Elizabeth Tanase
ChoirVic Festejo (5pm)
Chris Mok (9am)
Michael Goco (11am)
Couples for ChristErick & Rhona Cadlaon
Development & Peace Evelyn Victoria
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.....Teresa Santos
Interfaith Alliance Edward Wong
Knights of ColumbusAddie Comilang
Lectors Marlytel Decena
Legion of MaryElizabeth Taboada
Legion of Mary Junior.....Fe Arias
Outreach MinistryDeacon Wilbur Victoria
P.R.E.P Teresa Santos
Project Advance Ed & Baby San Jose
Religious GoodsLinda Zamora
R.C.I.A.Sam & Chic Mallare
Sacristans & Ushers.....Marlytel Decena
Youth for ChristJavier San Pedro & Naomi Mallare

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER For Our Parish Family

Good and gracious God, Even in the midst of these extraordinary times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish. Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail. May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful. Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during times of stress and anxiety. By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner. And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

MEETINGS

LEGION OF MARY
Mary Mother of the Redeemer
Tue: 10 am - 12 nn
Junior Praesidium
Sun: 10 am—12 nn
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)
Tue: 6:30pm—7:45pm
MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE PRAYER GROUP
Thurs: 10 am—12nn
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
Thurs: 7pm—9 pm
CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE
2nd Sat. of the month: 10am -12nn
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Executive: 3rd Sat. of the month, 10am
General: 4th Sat. of the month, 10am
COUPLES FOR CHRIST
3rd Sat: 6 pm—10pm
KIDS FOR CHRIST
1st Sat: 4pm -6pm
YOUTH FOR CHRIST
1st & 3rd Sat: 12nn—4pm



ST. MONICA PARISH

12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1G2
Tel. 604.278.0844 Fax. 604.279.0334
Website: stmonicaparish.ca Email: parish.smon@rcav.org

PASTOR: **Rev. Mark Bautista**
DEACON: **Wilbur Victoria**

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

MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
SATURDAYS: **9:00 am & 5:00 pm**
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm (YVR)**

CONFESSION SCHEDULES
SATURDAYS: **9:45 am—10:30 am**
20 minutes before Daily Mass

BAPTISM every Saturday @ 11am
WEDDING – Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.
FUNERAL, HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL
Please call the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY: **Perpetual Help Novena after 9am Mass**
FRIDAY: **Holy Hour after 9am Mass**
1st SATURDAY: **Rosary for Vocation after 9am Mass**

September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word
Jesus is present when we gather together and love one another.

Ezekiel, in today’s first reading, is appointed watchman to guide his people in the ways of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul describes to the Roman Church how love fulfills the entire law and satisfies every commandment. The Gospel includes Jesus’ instructions for navigating conflict and correcting those who sin. He concludes by saying that he is present when people gather in his name for prayer.

Today’s Readings:
1st: Ezekiel 33.7-9
Psalm: 95
2nd: Romans 13.8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME, THERE AM I AMONG THEM. -MATTHEW 18:20

A Stewardship Moment

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”
-Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Copyright © 2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis

Second Collection: Healing & Reconciliation September 9-10, 2023

This weekend's second collection is for Healing and Reconciliation. Your tax-deductible gift to this collection will continue to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the following ways:

- Healing and reconciliation initiatives for communities and families affected by past injustices
- Culture and language revitalization projects aimed at preserving and celebrating Indigenous heritage
- Education and community-building initiatives that empower individuals and promote unity

Learn more and donate today: rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation

Thank you for your generous support!

PROJECT ADVANCE as of 4 September 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00 | Donations: \$20,840.00 (28%)

Participation: 42 of 374 families (11%)

Upper Room Conference 2023: Registration Now Open!

Proclaim's Upper Room conference connects hundreds of Catholics in pursuit of transforming their parishes into missionary outposts. Be inspired by our roster of engaging speakers, make meaningful connections, and discover strategies and tools to equip yourself for mission!

Join us on Saturday, September 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Cost is \$75, inclusive of food and two breakout sessions. Parking is free. To qualify for a \$10-discount, simply gather a group of 8 or more people and register together with a parish coupon code **'STMONICARICHMOND'**. Learn more and register at upperroomvancouver.com.

Good Stewards Avoid “Compassion Fatigue”

(catholicstewardship.com/August 2023 e-bulletin)

One of the spiritual maladies Christians face today is “compassion fatigue.” The media inundates us with details of disasters, natural and made, far and wide. We can't turn on the television without being assailed by news stories of another event that cries to us for help, and our mailboxes are full of pleas from worthy charities.

We try to give out of a sense of compassion, but the needs of the world overwhelm us. Generous givers become “fatigued” and grow weary. We can't respond to all the problems and crises in the world, can we?

Of course we can't respond to the cries of a suffering world with our comparatively meager resources. If we try to respond to every crisis, to say “yes” to every loud or consistent plea for help, it is no surprise that we feel tired and discouraged. Our efforts to respond generously can become scattered and not well thought out, and sometimes our giving becomes motivated by guilt rather than compassion. Eventually, we may stop giving.

Good stewards understand that, though Christ calls them to embrace a needy world with compassion, they cannot solve the world's problems themselves and that a balance must be struck in their spiritual lives. Christian stewards prayerfully discern how they are able to respond to the needs of the world. They budget their time and resources so that their response can be generous but focused, sacrificial but not overwhelming. They begin with a prayerful commitment to their immediate family of faith.

Being generous to one's faith community can go a long way toward meeting the needs of others. Their response to the diocesan annual appeal and to special collections also makes them part of a larger faith community's response to the poor and marginalized. For some, this focused generosity may be the extent of their ability to give financially. The decision to give is made prudentially and without guilt. For others, a well thought-out approach to supporting other charitable causes can be part of their stewardship planning as well. But for Christian stewards the giving does not stop there. Good stewards realize that the greatest gift they can give is the gift of prayer. Compassion, in its Latin roots, means “suffering with,” and through prayer we can be drawn powerfully into solidarity with those who suffer.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of St. Luke is often seen as Jesus' example of compassionate giving. The Samaritan saw the man near death lying at the side of the road not just with his eyes, but with a compassionate heart. It is the kind of compassionate heart good stewards seek to cultivate within themselves through prayer, planning and focused generosity; ready to respond, without experiencing fatigue or weariness, to the cries of the world.