

PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS: Jun Lastica
 BEREAVEMENT & LOSS: Fe Arias
 CWL: Ameer Inocencio
 CENACLE PRAYER GROUP: Elizabeth Tanase
 CHOIR: Vic Festejo (5pm), Chris Mok (9am)
 Michael Goco (11am)
 COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Erick & Rhona Cadlaon
 DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Evelyn Victoria
 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Teresa Santos
 INTERFAITH ALLIANCE: Edward Wong
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Addie Comilang
 LECTORS: Marlytel Decena
 LEGION OF MARY: Elizabeth Taboada
 LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR: Fe Arias
 OUTREACH MINISTRY: Deacon Wilbur Victoria
 P.R.E.P.: Teresa Santos
 PROJECT ADVANCE: Ed & Baby San Jose
 RELIGIOUS GOODS: Linda Zamora
 R.C.I.A.: Sam & Chic Mallare
 SACRISTANS & USHERS: Marlytel Decena
 YOUTH FOR CHRIST: Javier San Pedro & Naomi Mallare

MEETING SCHEDULES OF THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PARISH

LEGION OF MARY
 Mary Mother of the Redeemer
 Tuesday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Junior Praesidium
 Sunday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)
 Tuesday: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
 MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST CENACLE PRAYER GROUP
 Thursday: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 Thursday: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)
 2nd Saturday of the month: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Executive Meetings:
 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:00 am
 General Meetings:
 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 am
 COUPLES FOR CHRIST
 3rd Saturday: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
 KIDS FOR CHRIST
 1st Saturday: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 YOUTH FOR CHRIST: 1st & 3rd Saturday: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday to Friday
 9:30 am to 1:00 pm / 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm



MASS SCHEDULES
 Weekdays: 9:00 am
 Saturdays: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm
 Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 and 4:00 pm (YVR)



CONFESSION SCHEDULE
 Saturdays: 9:45 am to 10:30 am
 [20 minutes before Daily Mass]



BAPTISM
 Every Saturday at 11:00 am

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 the 9:00 am Mass



FRIDAY
 Holy Hour after the 9:00 am Mass



FIRST SATURDAY
 Rosary for Vocations after the 9:00 am Mass

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



Today's Readings

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 - 28:9
 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103:1-4,9-12
 SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9
 GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35



LITURGY OF THE WORD A Stewardship Moment

We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves; God's mercy is for all.

The readings today offer profound lessons on forgiveness and Christian discipleship. In the first reading, we learn that forgiveness is a reciprocal act - in order to receive forgiveness, one must also extend forgiveness to others. In the second reading, Paul emphasizes that our lives are not lived in isolation but rather for the Lord and together with others. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of a debtor who, despite receiving mercy from his master, refuses to show the same mercy to others. This story continues to highlight the importance of forgiveness, with Jesus instructing us to forgive an individual up to 77 times. These passages compel us to reflect on one of the most challenging aspects of Christian discipleship: FORGIVENESS. While it might seem easier to embrace feelings of vengeance, bitterness, and hatred, we are reminded that forgiveness is the path Jesus walked, even to the cross. Forgiveness is undoubtedly a difficult road to travel, yet it is the only path that leads us to life in Christ. As we go about our week, let us consider whom we may need to forgive. [based from ICSC, Sep 2023]

A Stewardship Prayer for September

Lord Jesus Christ, As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life. Open the Scriptures to us that we may know you, see you, hear you – in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread. Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path. Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency. Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*God does not require of us fine prayers,
 but prayers which come from the bottom of our heart.*

- St. John Mary Vianney -



PROJECT ADVANCE AS OF 11 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.

ADVANCE PLANNING ESTATE AND MEMORIAL PRESENTATION

The Archdiocese has gathered local Catholic experts to share wisdom and practical advice on topics of advance care, estate, wills, legacy, and memorials. This is a unique opportunity to plan ahead so your family can have peace of mind. On Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Canadian Martyrs Parish in Richmond. Learn more and register at rcav.org/planning.

THE EARLY CHRISTIAN TRADITION AND THE ACTIVE IMAGINATION

Discover the hidden depths of Christian tradition! Join Fr. Scott Lewis, a member of the Society of Jesus and Dean Emeritus of Regis College, as he delves into the early Christian apocrypha, exploring lost gospels, letters, and prophecies. The last session of the series, 'Acts' of the Various Apostles, will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. A recording will be available for registrants. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY: ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND THE ARTS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) invites leaders of catechesis and evangelization to The Way of Beauty webinar, which reflects on beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church. The last session of the series, Beauty and Liturgy by Fr. Paul Massel, will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. A recording and reflection guide will be available for later release. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO

Dec. 7-14 with Fr. Robert Wong SJ to celebrate feast of Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Saint Juan Diego (Dec. 9), Mass at Jesuit Martyr - St. Miguel Pro, SJ (10 or 11), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12), Farewell dinner (Dec.13) with Mexican feasting music. \$3,300 CND all inclusive plus \$80 USD tips. Contact Royale Orchids Tour, 778-866-8118 royaleorchidstours@gmail.com

BE GENEROUS AND PRUDENT WITH PARISH COMMITMENTS

For millions of kids in the Northern Hemisphere, September marks the beginning of school. Little ones bid a teary farewell at the kindergarten door, and college students embark on their first steps towards adulthood. For everyone in between, it's a time when the lazy days of summer are transformed into a season of routines, schedules and commitments.

The same goes for grown-ups, even those of us who don't have kids. If you're not being besieged to sign up for a long list of volunteer opportunities at school, sports or scouts, your parish may be gearing up for the ministry fair and "commitment Sunday." A good steward will approach this season of "sign-ups" with the right attitude and prayerful reflection.

Here are some considerations for using your gifts of time and talent wisely and generously: a smart person once said that your vocation is the place where your greatest happiness intersects with the world's greatest need. So commit yourself to something you can get excited about. Don't sign up from a guilt complex, or a "nobody's going to do this so I guess I should" frame of mind. Feel free to try something new; don't think that since you joined one committee last year, you're stuck for life. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, BUT DON'T OVER-COMMIT. Think of the time you spend surfing the web or watching television, and then think about how you can channel some of that time into service for your parish family. Just don't overbook yourself.

Remember that stewardship of your family, and taking care of your own spiritual health, are of primary importance. BE SELECTIVE ABOUT THE PARISH COMMITMENTS YOU MAKE, AND THEN GIVE YOURSELF WHOLE-HEARTEDLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO YOUR CHOSEN ROLE. Be a person your committee can always count on. And when you're pondering commitments, don't forget to consider the commitments of your whole family and how they intersect. Today's kids are often over-booked, and all these "sign-ups" should never take away from family nights around the dinner table and evenings spent together. Plan a family discussion, and family prayer, before everyone plunges into a fall and winter of busyness. Make this year's commitment of time and talent enriching for all!



WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in over 22 languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. Join Father Richard Zanotti and Father Tom Smith in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters on Saturday, September 23, at

5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond. There will be a reception with food and entertainment following Mass in the gym. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

*"It is not by their clothes that Christians are known,
BUT BY THEIR WORKS."*

--- St Marguerite Bourgeoys ---