

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

FROM PSALM 51

Pleading for Mercy and Forgiveness of Sin

O loving and gracious God, have mercy.
Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my sin.
Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again.
For I admit my shameful deed-it haunts me day and night.
It is a sin against You and Your infinite mercy.
Create in me a new, clean heart, O God.
Purify me and make me white as snow.
Cleans my thoughts and desires.
Restore to me again the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
Jesus, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

PLEADING FOR MERCY AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN - MY CATHOLIC LIFE!



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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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



Today's Readings

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55.6-9
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1.20-24, 27
GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 20.1-16



LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Stewardship Moment

GOD REWARDS GENEROUSLY
THOSE WHO PLACE THEIR
TRUST IN HIM.

While we can't fully grasp God's infinite perfection, Scripture shows His priorities differ from the world's. As disciples and stewards, our way of life should reflect this.

Isaiah urges us to seek the Lord now, valuing time as a gift from Him. We must prioritize differently from the world's pursuit of success and wealth.

St. Paul's words in Philippians emphasize that life is about Christ, not us.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches Godly logic through a parable about workers in a vineyard. The landowner pays all equally, challenging human thinking. We can fall into the same trap when comparing our contributions to others.

Instead, we should embrace the privilege of working in God's vineyard, finding meaning and purpose in the stewardship way of life. Let's thank Him for this calling.

[Summary Reflection from www.CatholicSteward.com]



PROJECT ADVANCE AS OF 18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00 | Donations: \$20,840.00 (28%)
Participation: 42 of 374 families (11%)

SECOND COLLECTION: NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER 23-24

This weekend's second collection will assist bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.



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 CHURCH, Martyr - St. Miguel Pro, SJ (10 or 11), Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12), Farewell dinner (Dec.13) with Mexican feasting music. \$3,300 CAD all inclusive plus \$80 USD tips. Contact Royale Orchids Tour, 778-866-8118; royaleorchidstours@gmail.com.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is hosting our Annual OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm and is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, December 2, 2023. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

On the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, September 30, join us in honouring the Indigenous experience. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) is an eye-opening journey through the history of Indigenous peoples. It is a powerful and immersive educational workshop that offers participants a unique opportunity to delve into the history of Indigenous peoples and their interactions with colonial powers. Through a combination of storytelling, interactive activities, and discussions, the exercise sheds light on the injustices, challenges, and resilience that Indigenous communities have faced over generations.

ADDICTION: FROM PORNOGRAPHY TO SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

Pornography continues to spread worse than a pandemic, infecting more consumers—men and women of all ages, and increasingly adolescents at a younger age. To meet consumer demands, pornography moves into extreme forms, which in turn, leads to sexual trafficking. This talk by Father David Bellusci, OP, addresses not only changing bad habits but also how pornographic consumers contribute to the sexual trafficking industry. On Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. No registration required. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

FATHER AND SON CLUB, SOUTH VANCOUVER

The Father and Son Club aims to empower the next generation of young men by nurturing virtues, life skills, and strong character traits through shared father-son experiences. The program's major goal is to shape boys into resilient, respectful, and principled young men while providing opportunities for fathers and sons to bond and build stronger relationships. All fathers and sons aged 8-13 are welcome! Every third Sunday of the month until June 16, 2024. Venue varies each session. Free to join, but each family is responsible for any costs related to outings, activities, etc. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



MAY WE ASK PARISHIONERS TO PLEASE DONATE CHRISTMAS LANTERNS OR PAROL IN OUR CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.



SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT WEEK FOR FOOD SPONSORS DURING THE MISA DE GALLO (DECEMBER 16 -24, 2023)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS) PROGRAM FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS.

Are you or do you have friends who are interested in finding more about the Catholic Church? Whether you or your friends were baptized in another Christian denomination, or have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, we will be happy to answer questions and explore the possibilities.

We also have program for Catholics who are returning to the practice of their faith.

Find out more, with no strings attached, by emailing one of the following:

Wilbur/Evelyn Victoria [wevnet1@gmail.com]

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POPE TWEETS @PONTIFEX

Let us not get used to considering shipwrecks as news stories, and deaths at sea as numbers: no, they are names and surnames, they are faces and stories, they are broken lives and shattered dreams.

God will bless us, if on land and at sea we know how to take care of the weakest, if we can overcome the paralysis of fear and the disinterest that condemns others to death. In this, we representatives of different religions are called to be an example.

I think of so many brothers and sisters drowned in fear, along with the hopes they carried in their hearts. Faced with such a drama, we need deeds, not words. Before that, however, we need to show some humanity: silence, weeping, compassion and prayer.

Let us open the doors, not only of churches and rectories, but especially of the heart, to show through our meekness, kindness and acceptance the face of our Lord.

The cry of the children, the women and men wounded by war rises up to God like a prayer that breaks the heart of the Father. Every war is solely a path of death by which some are led to believe that they are the victors.