

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: **Sam/Chic Mallare** (spmallere@gmail.com)

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CHOIR: Vic Festejo (5pm), Chris Mok (9am)

Michael Goco (11am)

COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Erick & Rhona Cadlaon

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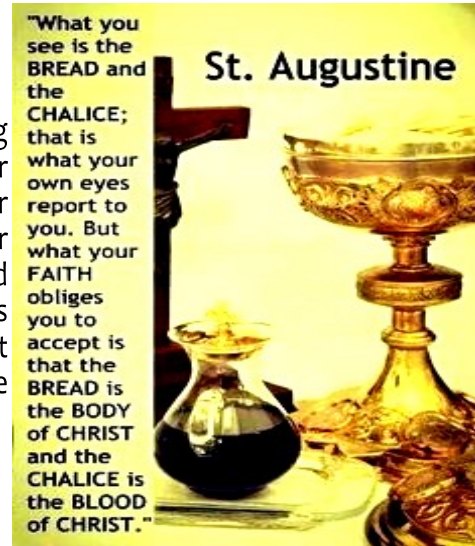
PROJECT ADVANCE: Ed & Baby San Jose

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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

St. Monica Parish

12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1G2

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 1, 2023

Today's Readings

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18.25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2.1-11

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21.28-32

REFLECTION: Today's readings challenge us to fully emulate Christ's actions and attitudes, reflecting the essence of our stewardship lifestyle. St. Paul, in the Second Reading from Philippians, urges us not to act selfishly or seek glory for ourselves. Instead, he emphasizes humility and prioritizing others, echoing Christ's own attitude. In all aspects of life, whether at work, school, or home, our actions should mirror Christ's selflessness. Furthermore, recognizing that everyone in our life, from family and neighbors to challenging colleagues, is a divine gift, enriches our stewardship. We should treasure and nurture these relationships for God's glory. St. Paul reminds us of Christ's incredible humility, despite His divine status, as He willingly embraced suffering and sacrifice. While this standard may seem daunting, God is understanding and patient with our efforts to imitate His Son. The Gospel of Matthew presents a parable of two sons, one initially disobedient but eventually obedient, and the other verbally compliant but ultimately neglectful. This story underscores that we can honestly express our struggles with God's will, and He will provide the grace needed to change our hearts. Our calling as Christ's disciples is lofty, but we can progress in small steps and even stumble at times, knowing that our merciful Father supports our journey. The stewardship way of life invites us to continually strive to emulate Christ's actions and attitudes.

[Summary Reflection from www.CatholicSteward.com]



PROJECT ADVANCE AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER 2023
Parish Goal: \$75,000.00 | Donations: \$24,495.00 (33%)
Participation: 46 of 374 families (12%)

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 in lieu of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

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.

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.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING LECTURE

Who does not on occasion feel that our modern life is divided? Work takes up a great portion of our waking hours but it dings into us the stifling refrain, "Stay productive!" At home, we long for the sharing of affection and mutual understanding but so often we isolate ourselves and zone out because we have to unwind. Are we meant to be divided in this way? Or is it possible to integrate labour and leisure in a unity of life that fulfills our humanity and raises us to the divine peace and love within the Blessed Trinity? These are the deep questions which Dr. Michael J. Naughton will stir up and address with the joyful light of the Gospel and of the Church's social teaching:

Morning Talk (10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.) Getting Work Right: The Integration of the Contemplative and Active Life

Afternoon Talk (1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.) Good Work: Building and Nurturing a Culture of Subsidiarity

Come and join the seminarians of the Seminary of Christ the King and the monks of Westminster Abbey as we reflect on these timely and timeless questions of life! On Saturday, October 21, at Seminary of Christ the King in Mission. Admission is free and open to the general public. Holy Mass will be offered prior to the talks at 9:00 a.m. in the Minor Seminary chapel. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, and for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters. On Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Learn more and register at rcav.org/dinner2023.



FUN - RAISING CHARITY EVENT

NOVEMBER 4, 2023, SATURDAY
ST. MONICA PARISH HALL
12011 WOODHEAD ROAD, RICHMOND B.C.
DOOR OPENS @6:00 PM DINNER @ 7:00 PM

PARISH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER: If you are a volunteer in the parish—e.g., ushers, readers, choir members, catechists, etc.—you are invited to the dinner, which will be held on October 28th in the parish hall after the 5 PM Mass. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend. Thank you!



The sign-up sheet for Food Sponsors is available in the foyer of the Church. Please indicate the day you wish to bring food.



May we ask parishioners to please donate Christmas lanterns or parol in our Church in preparation for the Christmas season.



POPE TWEETS @PONTIFEX

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

The work of God always passes through fraternity, through the eyes, the hands, the feet, the hearts of men and women who, in their respective roles of ecclesial or civil responsibility, try to build fraternal relationships and social friendship.

The possession of atomic weapons is immoral, because, as John XXIII observed in *Pacem in terris*, "there is no denying that the conflagration could be started by some chance and unforeseen circumstance". We are always losers before the threat of nuclear weapons!.

The Word of God invites us not to hide behind the complexity of problems, behind "nothing can be done about it." It urges us to unite worship of God and care for the human person. For Sacred Scripture has been given to us to go forth and meet others, drawing near to their wounds.

God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performance or our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional and freely-given love.

No one can fail to see the difficulties involved in welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating unexpected persons, yet the principal criterion cannot be the preservation of one's own well-being, but rather the safeguarding of human dignity.

People who are at risk of drowning when abandoned on the waves must be rescued. It is a duty of humanity; it is a duty of civilization!

