

LIST OF PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALTAR SERVERS: Jun Lastica

BEREAVEMENT & LOSS: Fe Arias

CWL (CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE): Ameer Inocencio meets every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP: Elizabeth Tanase meets every Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CHOIR: Vic Festejo at 5:00 pm; Chris Mok at 9:00 am; Michael Goco at 11:00 am

COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Erick & Rhona Cadlaon meets every 3rd Saturday, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Evelyn Victoria

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Teresa Santos

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE: Edward Wong

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Addie Comilang [Executive Meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10:00 am]
[General Meetings: 4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 am]

LECTORS: Marlytel Decena

LEGION OF MARY: Elizabeth Taboada meets every Tuesday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR: Fe Arias meets every Sunday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

OUTREACH MINISTRY: Deacon Wilbur Victoria

P.R.E.P. (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM): Teresa Santos classes every Tuesday, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

PROJECT ADVANCE: Ed & Baby San Jose

RELIGIOUS GOODS: Linda Zamora

R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Sam & Chic Mallare meets every Thursday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

SACRISTANS & USHERS: Marlytel Decena

YOUTH FOR CHRIST: Javier San Pedro & Naomi Mallare meets every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

KIDS FOR CHRIST: 1st Saturday, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

*Thankful
Grateful
Blessed*

HOW TO MAKE THANKSGIVING AN HONORED, YEAR - LONG HABIT OF GRATITUDE? Maintaining an 'attitude of gratitude' year-round, as Scrooge did with Christmas, is a powerful force. THANKSGIVING doesn't demand much from us except gratitude, which fosters joy, kindness, and humility. Let's make it a daily practice, thanking God for our blessings and expressing gratitude to all in our lives. Extend thanks to strangers, service workers, friends, and family. Show appreciation through thank-you cards and gestures. Make gratitude your first response to kindness. Generosity, born from gratitude, can be expressed through acts of mercy. Share your blessings and pray for those in need. Take a moment each day to

acknowledge God's providence and thank Him for every blessing. Chronic gratitude fosters joy and appreciation, transforming your attitude. This Thanksgiving, pledge to carry the spirit of gratitude throughout the year. Pray for the grace to be more generous and merciful every day.

Lord, help me to remember, every day, the blessings you have poured into my life, that in my gratitude for your generosity and mercy, I might each day become more generous and more merciful in all of my dealings with others. Amen.

[Thanksgiving, habit of gratitude - Aletea](#)



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REV. MARK BAUTISTA

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WILBUR VICTORIA

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OCTOBER 8, 2023 - YEAR A

Today's Readings

ISAIAH 5:1-7; PSALM: 80;

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21:33-43



MASS SCHEDULES

Weekdays: 9:00 am

Saturdays: 9:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am / 4:00 pm (YVR)



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm



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

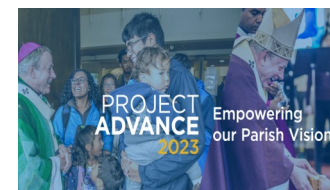


FRIDAY: Holy Hour after the 9:00 am Mass



FIRST SATURDAY

Rosary for Vocations after the 9:00 am Mass



PROJECT ADVANCE AS OF 2 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$25,625 (34%)

Participation: 49 out of 374 families (13%)

Reflection...

We've received countless blessings from our Heavenly Father, yet it's easy to take them for granted. Our readings today emphasize the need for intentional gratitude and responsible stewardship of these gifts. In Isaiah, we read about a landowner's vineyard, beautifully created but unproductive. It reminds us of God's mercy and justice. As Christian stewards, we must avoid complacency and use our blessings wisely to bear good fruit. St. Paul's letter to the Philippians highlights the gift of our thought life. We're urged to be disciplined, replacing anxiety with prayer and gratitude. Focusing on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy leads to God's peace and joy amidst life's challenges. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches through a parable about tenants in a vineyard. We, as baptized members of God's Kingdom, are tenants called to produce fruit. Neglecting this gift of salvation has consequences. Let's live each day with profound awareness of our blessings, using our gifts for God's glory. Through gratitude and responsible stewardship, we find peace, joy, and purpose.

[Summary Reflection from www.CatholicSteward.com]



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

Fr. Mark will be away, leading a Marian Pilgrimage from October 5 to 15. Let us thank Fr. George Edattukaran, Fr. Claude Saldanha, OP, and Deacon Wilbur Victoria for covering in his absence.

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.

JOIN US FOR "IN THE SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION," a one-hour film journey directed by Father Larry Lynn, exploring the profound question, "How do we forgive?" Through the personal stories of residential school survivors in Canada's Northwest Territories, this documentary confronts the history of the residential school system and honors the courageous efforts of survivors on their path to reconciliation and healing. Don't miss this impactful event on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Upper St. Anne's Hall, in Coquitlam. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

JOIN US FOR THE SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING LECTURE on Saturday, October 21, at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission. Dr. Michael J. Naughton will explore the integration of work and leisure in our lives, guiding us toward unity, fulfillment, and divine peace and love. 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." Admission is free and open to all. Join us for Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Minor Seminary chapel before the talks. Visit beholdvancouver.org/events for more details. Don't miss this opportunity for profound reflection on life's questions!

A TIME OF GRACE: All are invited to this talk by Fr. Petar Ljubičić, OFM, to help people live Our Lady's call to conversion in their lives. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842 119 St., Delta. Holy Mass at 6.30 pm; talk at 7.15 pm. For more information, email angelyndee@hotmail.com or call 604 773-1995.

THE BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS MINISTRY will hold its Annual Remembrance Mass on Oct. 31 (Tues), 9:00 am to commemorate the departed members, relatives and friends of Saint Monica Parish. A collage will be displayed during mass to honor them. A light snack will be at the foyer after Mass.

SERRA CLUB Pray the rosary for increase in vocations for priests, deacons and consecrated religious life. Every Wednesday night via zoom. Register at www.serrarosary.org



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.

Shake Rattle & Roll



FUN-RAISING CHARITY EVENT November 4, 2023, Saturday St. Monica Parish Hall 12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC Doors open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Join us for a fun-raising charity event benefiting St. Monica Parish, CWL Charity Projects, and CFC-ANCOP. For more information, please contact CWL's Ameer Inocencio at 778-238-4771 or CFC's Erick Cadlaon at 604-783-4884.

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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.



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.

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 learning 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 your questions and explore the possibilities. We also have a program for Catholics who are returning to the practice of their faith.

FIND OUT MORE, WITH NO OBLIGATIONS, BY CONTACTING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

SAM/CHIC MALLARE [spmallare@gmail.com]

WILBUR/EVELYN VICTORIA [wevnet1@gmail.com]

TEL DECENA [tel.decena@hotmail.com]

TERESA SANTOS [artasantos@hotmail.com]

YOU CAN ALSO REACH OUT TO ST. MONICA PARISH AT [parish.smon@rcav.org].



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS @PONTIFEX

Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world.

We are here to walk together with the gaze of Jesus, who blesses the Father and welcomes those who are weary and oppressed. Let us start from the gaze of Jesus, which is a blessing and welcoming gaze.

The Synod serves to remind us of this: our Mother the Church is always in need of purification, of being "repaired", for we are a People made up of forgiven sinners, always in need of returning to the source, who is Jesus, to reach everyone with his Gospel.

At the side of every person is a protector the Lord gives to help us, to nudge us to get up when we have stumbled, to show us the way when we have chosen the wrong path. Let us listen to the voice of our Guardian Angels!

Saint Francis of Assisi, in a time of great struggles and divisions, did not criticize or lash out at anyone. He took up solely the weapons of the Gospel: humility and unity, prayer and charity. Let us do the same!

For the sinner there is always hope of redemption; for the corrupt, instead, it is much more difficult. His hypocrisy, his false pretenses, which had become habitual, are like a thick "rubber wall", behind which he takes cover from the qualms of his conscience.