

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



Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, We gather in your name as stewards of this hour: to reflect, learn, give and receive. This time belongs to you, entrusted to us to shine Christ's light on whomever we encounter; among our family and friends, colleagues and strangers, in our Church or in our world, desperate for your presence. Teach us to use this time prayerfully, with prudence, and with hearts that listen for the promptings of Your Spirit. May we return this hour to You with a fruitful account of our stewardship, hopeful you will find us trustworthy in the small matters, so we may be entrusted with even greater ones. We ask this through Christ Jesus, Our Lord, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH (C. 110 A.D.) ON THE EUCHARIST

I have no taste for corruptible food nor for the pleasures of this life. I desire the Bread of God, WHICH IS THE FLESH OF JESUS CHRIST, who was of the seed of David; and for drink I DESIRE HIS BLOOD, which is love incorruptible. (Letter to the Romans 7:3)

Take care, then, to use one Eucharist, so that whatever you do, you do according to God: FOR THERE IS ONE FLESH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and one cup IN THE UNION OF HIS BLOOD; one ALTAR, as there is one bishop with the presbytery... (Letter to the Philadelphians 4:1)

They [i.e. the Gnostics] abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer, because they do not confess that THE EUCHARIST IS THE FLESH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in his goodness, raised up again. (Letter to Smyrnians 7:1)

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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

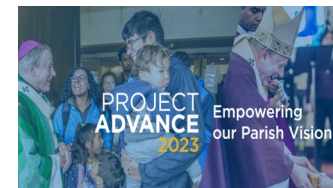


FRIDAY: Holy Hour after the 9:00 am Mass



FIRST SATURDAY

Rosary for Vocations after the 9:00 am Mass



PROJECT ADVANCE AS OF 9 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$30,155(40%)

Participation: 58 out of 374 families (16%)

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023 - YEAR A

Today's Readings

ISAIAH 25:6-10A; PSALM: 23; PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Reflection... In these times, it's easy to be consumed by present cares and distractions, forgetting what truly matters - living for the Kingdom of Heaven. The stewardship way of life, focusing on the virtuous use of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, helps us keep eternity in mind. In the First Reading, Isaiah envisions a heavenly feast with God wiping away our tears. How can we decline such an invite? Yet, we often neglect our relationship with God, prayer, and selflessness, prioritizing the "immediate" over the "eternal." St. Paul's secret to an eternity-focused life in the Second Reading is simple: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me," and "My God will supply your needs." In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus shares the parable of a wedding feast for his son. We, by Baptism, are the invited guests. Some refuse, others are preoccupied. Are we like them? God constantly invites us to join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven, here and now. By putting God first, participating in the sacraments, and setting an example, we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven today. Embrace the stewardship way of life, knowing you can do it through Christ's strength. Live with eternity in mind, and you'll feast now and forever!

[Summary Reflection from www.CatholicSteward.com]

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.

"BEING WITH" VOLUNTEER TRAINING: The Archdiocese of Vancouver and Compassionate Community Care present "Being With" Volunteer Training, a free two-session training to gain the confidence to journey and visit those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, in order to renew their hope and purpose in life. This practical training session will give you the tools you need to make a difference in someone's life. On Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock or via Zoom. Registration deadline: Monday, October 25. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING WELL SEMINAR SERIES: Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well is a two-part video series examining our "very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying and everlasting life through Eternal Rest." Join us on November 3 and 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver as we examine "the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life." The free video series will be followed by a guided discussion. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Learn more and register 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.

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.

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.



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.

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

Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge, and only cause each to suffer. The Middle East need a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity.

I invite all people of good will to help the people of Afghanistan, who are suffering after the devastating earthquake that hit them. Let us contribute in a spirit of fraternity to alleviate the sufferings of the people and supporting the necessary reconstruction.

To feel sorry for means to suffer with victims of the world's inhumanity, & to feel sorry for those who commit errors & injustices, not justifying, but humanizing, through forgiveness always open to another chance, to open up paths of hope & allow for change.

The right to life is threatened in those places where the death penalty is legal. The death penalty cannot be used for a supposed State justice, since it is not a deterrent, nor does it render justice to victims, but only fuels vengeance.

Let us start from the poor and we will discover that we all share an interior poverty, that all of us need the Spirit of God to free us from the spirit of the world, and that humility is the grandeur and fraternity is the true wealth of every Christian.

One of the tasks of the Synod is to journey together and to listen to one another, so that the Spirit can suggest to us new ways and paths to bring the Gospel to the hearts of those who are distant, indifferent or without hope, yet continue to seek "a great joy".