

## 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



### *Why St. Gerard Spent Hours in Eucharistic Adoration*

St. Gerard Majella consistently seized opportunities to spend hours in silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. While many know him for his heavenly intercession on behalf of pregnant mothers, few realize his profound devotion to the Holy Eucharist. According to the early 20th century biography "The Life of Saint Gerard Majella," he made it a priority to be in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist whenever possible. Father Margotta celebrated Mass daily at the Church of the Oratorian Fathers, and after Mass, Gerard would remain in prayer, often prostrate on the ground. He also diligently visited any church where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed during Forty Hours Adoration. This was a testament to his deep love for Jesus, knowing His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament. As a result, St. Gerard is a significant patron of Eucharistic adoration, and we can seek his intercession, asking God to instill in us a similar love and devotion.

**PRAYER:** *St. Gerard true lover of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, do thou who didst kneel long hours before the Tabernacle, and there didst taste the joys of Paradise, obtain for us we pray thee, the spirit of prayer and an undying love for this Most Holy Sacrament, that receiving frequently the Body and Blood of Jesus, we may daily grow in His holy love and merit the priceless grace of loving Him even to the end.*



# St. Monica Parish

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### PASTOR

REV. MARK BAUTISTA

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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 16 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$31,110(41%)

Participation: 58 out of 374 families (16%)

### *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

OCTOBER 22, 2023 - YEAR A

### *Today's Readings*

ISAIAH 45.1, 4-6; PSALM: 96; 1 THESSALONIANS 1.1-5AB

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 22.15-21

**Reflection...** Today's readings remind us, as Christian stewards, to be constantly aware of our identity and our devotion to God in every aspect of our lives. In our First Reading from Isaiah, the prophet emphasizes, "I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me," underscoring a fundamental truth often overlooked in our fast-paced digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must consciously allocate our Time, Talents, and Treasure each day, ensuring that these aspects of our lives reflect our service to God alone. Putting God first requires courage, especially in today's world. St. Paul, in our Second Reading, reminds us of the power we possess through our faith, emphasizing that our gospel comes with both word and conviction. Through our Baptism, the graces bestowed upon us, and the support of our faith community, we have all we need to embrace the stewardship way of life. We belong to God, and there is no other. In the Gospel passage, Jesus skillfully responds to the Pharisees' attempt to trap Him over paying taxes to Caesar. He makes it clear that while we should obey civil authorities, we ultimately answer to a higher Authority—God, the Lord of all. Our lives are a gift from God, and in gratitude, we should utilize every aspect of our lives as a response to Him. Let us express our gratitude to God through the joyful way we live our daily lives, for we belong to Him alone. [Summary Reflection from [www.CatholicSteward.com](http://www.CatholicSteward.com)]



## SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

On World Mission Sunday, we remember our baptismal call to share the Gospel so that others may come to know Jesus. This year, Pope Francis focuses on the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (cf. Lk 24:13-35), inspired by the disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus. The second collection this weekend will provide essential support to churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Your gift and prayers will make a difference to world missionaries as they continue the work of evangelization in the most vulnerable of communities. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online at [rcav.org/second-collection](http://rcav.org/second-collection).

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

**THE HALLOWTIDE TRIDUUM** consists of All Hallows' Eve (October 31), All Saints' Day (November 1), and All Souls' Day (November 2). This is a time to connect and remember the members of the entire Church – those here on earth, those suffering in purgatory, and those in heaven. All are invited to a candlelight vigil procession on All Hallows' Eve and to our Masses on All Saints' Day and on All Souls' Day, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery in South Surrey. Learn more at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events).

**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](http://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](http://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.

### SIMBANG GABI at St Monica Parish from December 16-24 @ 6am.

All are invited. Envelopes for Mass Sponsorship are available at the Foyer. Minimum donation is \$50. Please include your contact # and the date of your sponsorship. Please drop your envelope to the Parish Office.



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** [[spsmallare@gmail.com](mailto:smallare@gmail.com)]

**WILBUR/EVELYN VICTORIA** [[wevnet1@gmail.com](mailto:wevnet1@gmail.com)]

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



## POPE FRANCIS TWEETS @PONTIFEX

I HAVE DECIDED TO DECLARE FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER, A DAY OF FASTING, PENANCE AND PRAYER FOR PEACE. I INVITE THE VARIOUS CHRISTIAN CONFESSIONS, MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIOUS, AND ALL WHO HOLD THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD AT HEART TO PARTICIPATE.

*The proclamation of Christ is one of hope. He knows the anguish and hope we bear in our hearts, the joys and struggles that mark our lives, the darkness that assails us, and the faith that we raise to Heaven like a song in the night.*

*War does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction, increases hate, multiplies vengeance. War erases the future. I exhort believers to take only one side in this conflict: the side of peace – not in word, but in prayer.*

*Joy is the thermometer that measures the warmth of our proclamation of Jesus, the One who is good news for everyone.*

*Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war. I invite all believers to join with the Church in the Holy Land and to dedicate next Tuesday, 17 October, to prayer and fasting.*

*Often we struggle to have free time, but today Jesus invites us to find the time that frees us: the time we dedicate to God, that lightens and heals our hearts, that increases peace, confidence and joy in us and saves us from evil and loneliness.*