

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

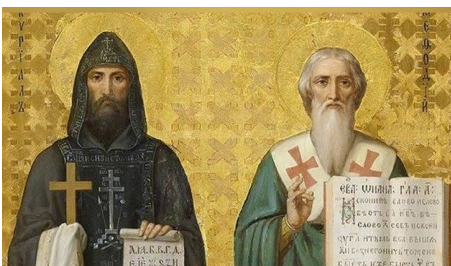
RELIGIOUS GOODS: Linda Zamora

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



POPE AT AUDIENCE: SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS, 'APOSTLES OF THE SLAVS': During his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis continued his catechesis series on individuals exemplifying apostolic zeal. He focused on Saints Cyril and Methodius, known as the 'Apostles of the Slavs,' Co-Patrons of Europe. Their legacy can inspire a renewed commitment to peace, heart transformation, and fraternity. Pope Francis praised the brothers for their missionary work

among the Moravian people. They renounced their aristocratic lives to embrace monastic life and played a significant role in inculturating the Word of God among the Slavic peoples, even developing the Cyrillic alphabet for this purpose. Facing opposition, they sought support from the Pope in Rome, displaying great courage. Cyril died in Rome, while Methodius, ordained a Bishop, continued evangelizing the Slavic lands and ultimately died as a martyr. In 1980, Saint Pope John Paul II declared Saints Cyril and Methodius Co-Patrons of Europe, recognizing their contributions to Christian faith and culture. Pope Francis concluded by praying for the inspiration of these Saints to promote reconciliation, unity, and peace in Europe, fostering a culture of true justice and fraternity. [Pope at Audience: Saints Cyril and Methodius, 'Apostles of the Slavs' - Vatican News]



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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 23 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 32, 010.00 (43%)

Participation: 60 out of 374 families (16%)

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2023 - YEAR A

Today's Readings

EXODUS 22.21-27; PSALM: 19

1 THESSALONIANS 1.5C-10; MATTHEW 22.34-40

Reflection... Today's readings highlight God's radical love for His people and our duty to reciprocate this love. Stewardship is the practical application of loving God and our neighbors. God's compassion, especially for the vulnerable, is evident from the beginning. The First Reading in Exodus exemplifies this by emphasizing compassion in our treatment of one another. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus simplifies God's message: "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the common thread. Loving God and neighbor defines stewardship, a concept both simple and lifelong. How you express this love is unique to you. It may involve prayer, family time, or helping others in various ways. In essence, stewardship is how we live out these two greatest commandments in our daily lives, all centered around love. [Summary Reflection from @www.CatholicSteward.com]

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" please grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

STAND FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: St. Pope Paul VI reminds us, "If you want peace, work for justice." Let us stand united in prayer and respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Get updates and learn about the ways you can help through CNEWA Canada at cnewa.org.

INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB, ON THE CANADIAN CHURCH LEADERS NETWORK (CCLN) PODCAST: Archbishop Miller, CSB, was recently interviewed on The Canadian Church Leaders Network (CCLN) Podcast. In this conversation, we had the privilege of interviewing Archbishop Michael Miller. [Host Jason Ballard] and Archbishop Miller engaged in a captivating discussion, delving into the journey that eventually brought the Archbishop to Vancouver. Archbishop Miller generously shared his experience in overseeing seventy diverse parishes and navigating different challenges, including criticism. He also offered profound insights into the process of nurturing future priests and shared valuable resources on prayer, silence, and solitude from sages within the Catholic tradition. We hope you are encouraged in your own journey of prayer, leadership, and following Jesus in today's contemporary landscape. Listen to the full episode at ccln.ca/podcast/2023/archbishopmichaelmiller.

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is an unforgettable educational experience that features a historical display of Church-approved miracles, Eucharistic Adoration, and veneration of a first-class relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis. Additionally, you can view a replica from Spain of the Santo Cruz (Holy Cup of Valencia) and watch a film about Blessed Carlos Acutis. All are welcome to the exhibit at St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge. Full schedule is as follows: Wednesday, November 1: 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m./ Thursday, November 2 to Saturday, November 4: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 – 8:30 p.m./ Sunday, November 5: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 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.

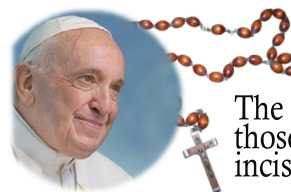
FUN-RAISING CHARITY EVENT November 4, 2023, Saturday St. Monica Parish Hall 12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC Doors open at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. Join us for a fun-raising charity event benefiting St. Monica Parish, CWL Charity Projects, and CFC-ANCOP. For more information, please contact CWL's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



Everyone is warmly invited to participate. Mass Sponsorship envelopes, with a minimum donation of \$50, can be conveniently found in the foyer. Remember to include your contact number and sponsorship date when you drop off your envelope at the Parish Office. We appreciate your support. Additionally, we kindly request parishioners to contribute Christmas lanterns or "parol" to enhance our Church's festive decor for the Christmas season. To sign up as a Food Sponsor, please check the sign-up sheet available in the Church foyer and indicate your preferred day to bring food. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

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

The mission is weaker without unity: a "splintered" Christ is a scandal for those who receive the proclamation. Today too, the Gospel will be more incisive if our unity in Christ grows.

We must not become accustomed to war, to any war. We must not allow our hearts and minds to be anaesthetized at the repetition of these extremely serious horrors against God and humankind.

When we seek first the kingdom of God, cultivating our a right relationship with the Lord, humanity and Creation, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures.

When we encounter difficulties in living and proclaiming the Gospel, we may be tempted to grow discouraged. But Jesus grants us the grace we need to continue on the path of Christian life with faithfulness and perseverance.

The sign of encountering the Lord is joy. Sadness, or fear, on the other hand, are signs of distance from God. Those who distance themselves from the Lord are never happy, even though they have an abundance of possessions and possibilities at their disposal.