

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



From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. CCC 1032

A PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Source: A Prayer For The Dead – My Catholic Prayers



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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 30 OCTOBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 33,950.00 (43%)

Participation: 65 out of 374 families (17%)

Second Collection: Peter's Pence: This weekend's second collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - YEAR A

Today's Readings

MALACHI 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10; PSALM: 131

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13; MATTHEW 23: 1-2

Reflection... A CHALLENGE MORE THAN A PRIVILEGE

We have just started the month of November and we are all invited to remember with special love all the departed, especially those most dear to us. In this Eucharistic celebration we will pray in a special manner for our leaders who have already gone to their eternal reward. But while praying for the dead, let us not forget our present leaders, both religious and civil. We need leaders who can guide us with gentle firmness to the attainment of the common good. We need leaders who lead us by their example, who are deeply honest, humble and sincere; leaders who put the interest of the people before their own. But as we raise this intention to the Lord, let us renew our commitment to become ourselves the good persons we expect others to be. SOURCE: [EUCH-31OTa.pdf]

QUOTE FROM ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

ON DEATH AND PURGATORY

"It is not Death that will come to fetch me, it is the good God. Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the catechism it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body, that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever."

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].

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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends – November 5

Reminder to set your clock 1 hour backwards.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS @PONTIFEX

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION - FOR THE POPE
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

HOLINESS is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life.

Let us continue to pray for Ukraine, as well as for the serious situation in Palestine and Israel, and for other regions at war. Particularly, in Gaza, may space be opened to guarantee humanitarian aid, and may the hostages be released right away.

In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbour. There is no authentic religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbor.

At this time, let us not allow the clouds of conflict to hide the sun of hope. Rather, let us entrust to Our Lady the urgency of peace, so that all cultures might be open to the Holy Spirit's outpouring of harmony.



You are cordially invited to attend the Misa de Gallo or Aguinaldo Masses at St. Monica Parish, which will take place from December 16th to 24th at 6 AM. Envelopes for Mass Sponsorship can be found at the Foyer. The minimum donation amount is \$50. Kindly include your contact number and the date of your sponsorship. You can drop off your envelope at the Parish Office. Your generous contributions for Mass sponsorship during the Misa de Gallo or Aguinaldo Masses will be used to buy the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, venerated as Our Lady of Consolation. But who is Our Lady of Consolation?



Mary, Our Lady of Consolation [4 September]

The Blessed Virgin Mary is honored as the Mother of Consolation because God sent Jesus Christ, the Comforter, to the world through her. This title, "Our Lady of Consolation" or "Our Lady of the Cincture," has been important to the Augustinian Order since the 17th century. The significance of this title for the Augustinians is closely connected to the lives of Saints Monica and Augustine, a mother and son. They are often depicted with Mary and the Child Jesus in various artworks. In these depictions, Jesus gives a cincture to Saint Monica and Saint Augustine as a symbol of consolation.

In 1439, the Augustinian Order received permission to establish groups of laypeople known as the "Confraternity of the Cincture." In 1495, the "Confraternity of St. Mary of the Cincture" was formed in an Augustinian church in Bologna. In 1575, several confraternities were merged to create the Archconfraternity of the Cincture, which received numerous indulgences from the Holy See.

According to tradition, Saint Monica, who was grieving the loss of her husband and the waywardness of her son, had a vision of Mary and the Child Jesus. They offered her comfort and handed her a leather cincture to wear as a visible reminder of their presence and encouragement. Monica wore the cincture from that moment on and, after her son's conversion, recommended it to him as a symbol of Mary's protection. This tradition made the cincture a primary symbol for all who follow the Rule of Saint Augustine.

The Augustinian Order venerates Mary – Our Mother of Consolation – to convey an understanding of the Mother of God as benefactress or patroness of her people, as one who responds to the many needs which humanity experiences. Mary is truly mother and sister to us, because as faithful disciple of her Son, she learned well the lessons of selfless love and generous service. As Mother of Consolation she is particularly near to those in need of companionship and comfort.

In 1652, Pope Innocent X encouraged the devotion to Our Lady of Consolation by establishing a confraternity. In 1642, a copperplate engraving representing Our Lady of Luxembourg was installed in a sanctuary that was also erected in the same year. This site stands as one of the most frequently visited Catholic pilgrimage destinations in north-western Europe and was honored with a visit by St. Pope John Paul II in 1987. Today, devotion to Our Lady of Consolation holds great significance in places such as Luxembourg, England, France, Japan, Manila, Turin, Malta, Australia, Venezuela, and others. Pope St. John Paul II visited the shrine in Germany. **Source: Mary - Mother of Consolation (osa.org.au)**



We are continually requesting parishioners to contribute Christmas lanterns with LED light or "PAROL with LED LIGHT" to enhance our Church's festive decor for the Christmas season. Additionally, we are also looking for food sponsors during the nine days of Novena masses. 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!