

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

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:

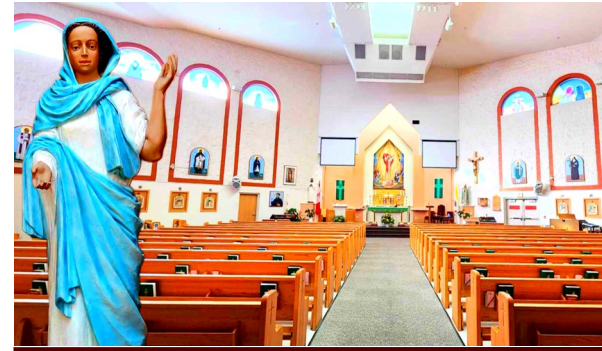
SAM/CHIC MALLARE [spmallare@gmail.com] **WILBUR/EVELYN VICTORIA** [wevnet1@gmail.com]

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].

A PRAYER FOR THE FORGOTTEN DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls
and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



St. Monica Parish

12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1G2

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TEL. 604.278.0844

FAX. 604.279.0334

PASTOR

REV. MARK BAUTISTA

DEACON

WILBUR VICTORIA



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 6 NOVEMBER 2023

Parish Goal: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 35,260.00 (47%)

Participation: 66 out of 374 families (18%)

QUOTE FROM ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST

“He does not come down from Heaven each day to stay in the gold chalice. He comes down to find another Heaven He cherishes infinitely more than the first, the Heaven of our souls, made in His image, living temples of the Most Blessed Trinity.”

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - YEAR A

Today's Readings

WISDOM 6.12-16; PSALM: 63

1 THESSALONIANS 4.13-18; MATTHEW 25.1-13

Reflection... Today's readings emphasize the importance of wisdom as one of the Holy Spirit's gifts, crucial for living a stewardship lifestyle in our intricate world. As Christian stewards, we should seek and rely on this wisdom, allowing the Holy Spirit to enhance it within us. The Book of Wisdom highlights that focusing on wisdom leads to the perfection of prudence and a carefree life. This wisdom, not of the world but from the Holy Spirit, allows us to trust God's guidance, relieving us from the pressure of having all the answers in life's complexities. St. Paul addresses the complex topic of death in our Second Reading, urging us to be wise in our approach. He emphasizes the Christian belief that death does not have the final say, as Jesus conquered it. Living with the inevitability of death in mind, we become wise stewards, prioritizing actions that prepare us for judgment day. In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the ten virgins, illustrating the importance of readiness. The wise virgins, prepared with enough oil, enter the wedding feast, while the foolish ones, unprepared, miss the opportunity. Jesus cautions us to stay awake, emphasizing that we don't know the day or hour. The stewardship way of life, with its commitments to offering God our best in Time, Talent, and Treasure, is the constant "oil" we carry. With this plan and a reliance on the Holy Spirit, we live wisely, always ready to respond when the Bridegroom calls. [Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc.]

PRIESTS' STUDY WEEK: Fr. Mark will be away from Nov 13 to 17 to attend the Annual Priest's Study Week. Deacon Wilbur will lead the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Nov 14-17. Rev. Francis Xavier Chang will celebrate the 8:30 am English Mass at Canadian Martyrs during this week.

CATECHISTS' EVENING WITH ARCHBISHOP MILLER: Come and join the hundreds of catechists in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this annual event where Archbishop Miller will honour, celebrate, thank, commission and give his annual exhortation to those involved in the catechetical ministry: PREP, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC), CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Vanspec, Youth Ministry (YM), Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and Lay Formation. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program includes testimonies, a Mass of Commissioning, recognition of first-time catechists, and reception. Cost is \$5. On Friday, November 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Vancouver. Registration deadline: Monday, November 13. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

VIRTUAL WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance, this weekend experience is for you—right from the comfort of your own home! The online experience is presented by a team of three couples and a priest who will help you to: Learn tools to make your relationship a priority; Communicate from the heart and grow in intimacy; Renew your commitment to each other and value the precious gift of your marriage; All married couples welcome! Cost is \$130. On the weekend of November 24-26. Registration deadline: Friday, November 17. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

BEREAVEMENT & LOSS MINISTRY (GRIEF SHARE) Invites you to a FREE video session "Surviving the Holidays" on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 1:30pm at the Upper Room. For registration, please contact Fe Arias at 604-270-1465 or Elsa Ong at 604-274-5466

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS: The Catholic Physician's Guild invites you to join the White Mass for Health Care Workers November 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. Mass is followed by dinner and discussion in the Rosary Hall beside the Cathedral. We are excited to have Brian Bird, a law professor at UBC, joining us for a presentation on conscience rights in health care. You are welcome to join us for a great evening of connection and fellowship!

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.

STAY UPDATED on upcoming events in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! Visit rcav.org and beholdvancouver.org/events. Check our parish bulletin and other events at St. Monica (stmonicaparish.ca). Join us for exciting events and activities. Thank you!



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS @PONTIFEX

Let's pray together for the people suffering due to war. Yes, they're suffering a lot. Children, the sick & elderly are suffering; many young people are dying. Let's not forget Ukraine. Let's think of the people of Palestine & Israel, that the Lord might bring them a just peace.

In every personal or social situation or circumstance of our life, the Lord is present. He calls to us to live in our own time, to share our lives with others, to mix in with the joys and sorrows of the world.

You need not be famous, rich or powerful to be happy. Only love slakes our hearts' thirst, only love heals our wounds, only love brings us true joy. This is the way that Jesus taught us and opened up before us.



Simbang Gabi
JOIN US AT ST. MONICA PARISH
December 16 to 24, 2023 at 6 AM



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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (BC) CHARITY FOUNDATION 62ND ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

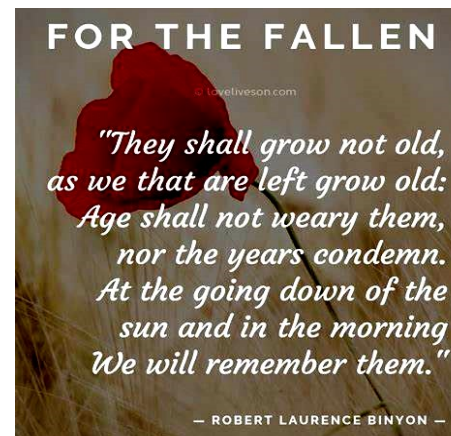
Join us for the 62nd Annual Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation Charity Appeal and stand a chance to win incredible prizes, including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, \$30,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000 in our early bird draws! Don't miss out—tickets are limited, so secure yours today at KofcCharity.ca. Sales will conclude on December 16th at 8:00 p.m. This cherished annual event is more than just a chance to win big; it is an opportunity for our community to come together and make a positive impact. Your support helps us give back to various beneficiaries, including Hospital Foundations, School PACs, Community Food Banks, Scholarships/Bursaries, Special Olympics, Dioceses in BC for outreach programs, Men's/Women's Shelters, and many others. Buy tickets online at KofcCharity.ca

INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB, ON THE CANADIAN CHURCH LEADERS NETWORK (CCLN) PODCAST: Listen to the full episode at ccln.ca/podcast/2023/archbishopmichaelmiller.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOV 13 IN OBSERVANCE OF REMEMBRANCE DAY.

RECIPE FOR HOLINESS: The key to being holy lies not in performing many religious actions with an empty heart. Instead, we are called to give to God our whole being, body and soul. Our actions must be followed-up by a tender heart, **a heart on fire with God's love.** If we do pray the Rosary every day, we must let the prayer penetrate our heart and soften it, so that we will help a neighbor in need. Source: (aleteia.org) Philip Kosloski



INSTALLATION OF FR MARK AS PASTOR OF ST. MONICA PARISH ON DEC 17, SUNDAY AT 11 AM, BY ARCHBISHOP J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB. After the Mass, archbishop will unveil the plaque recognizing St. Monica as the birthplace of Couples for Christ in Canada. There will be fellowship after Mass. Cash donations are much appreciated to help defray the cost of food. Thank you!