

## 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** [smallare@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].

### THE SIGNS OF BREAD AND WINE: CCC 1335

The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.



## St. Monica Parish

21011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1G2

WEBSITE: [stmonicaparish.ca](http://stmonicaparish.ca)

TEL. 604.278.0844

EMAIL: [parish.smon@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smon@rcav.org)

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 2023** Empowering our Parish Vision



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### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - YEAR A - WORD DAY OF THE POOR

#### Today's Readings

PROVERBS 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31; PSALM: 128

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6; MATTHEW 25:14-30

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant.  
Since you have been faithful in small matters,  
I will give you great responsibilities."  
Matthew 25:21*

**Reflection...** God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you. [Copyright © 2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis]



**PARISH GOAL: \$75,000.00**

Donations: \$ 36, 250.00 (48%)

Participation: 69 out of 374 families (18%)

**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

**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](http://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](http://KofcCharity.ca)

**ADVENT RETREAT: CHOOSE THE BETTER PART:** Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. To 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this event a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season. Registration is only \$25, offering you a chance to delve into spiritual reflection, strike the perfect balance between contemplation and action, and foster connections within our Catholic community. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm.

**DATE NIGHT:** All married couples, including mentor and mentee couples under the Witness to Love Program, are invited to join us for a joy-filled dinner of celebration and encouragement. It's a time set aside to: Have intentional marriage-strengthening conversations; Learn and laugh with other couples with the same values; Hit pause and make space for your relationship, allowing the grace of God to shed wisdom and light to see each other in a new way. Cost is \$30/couple. On Thursday, December 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. Registration deadline: Thursday, November 30. Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

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



Everyone is our neighbor, regardless of the color of their skin, their social standing, where they come from. We are called to encounter every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning our indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being.

In today's confused environment, we may find ourselves living our faith with a subtle sense of renunciation, believing that the Gospel is no longer heard. Instead, this is precisely the time to return to the Gospel to discover that Christ is the constant source of newness.

The Gospel's compassionate outlook leads us to serve those who are poor, excluded, outcast, discarded, frail, and defenseless – those most beloved of God, who made Himself poor for us (2 Cor 8:9). They are the Church's true treasure. They are God's "favorites"!

Every human being, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that a sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart.



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.

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!*



**INSTALLATION OF  
Fr. Mark Bautista**

as pastor of St. Monica Parish on  
December 17, 2023, 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!

**TIPS FROM A SAINT TO GIVE YOU  
STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE**



St. María Soledad Torres Acosta

**TRUST AND PRUDENCE**

If we want to bear fruit, we need to have a healthy dose of realism while also trusting in God. Take good care of yourselves, so that you may have strength and take good care of the sick poor. Even in good things, prudence is necessary. God's Providence is greater than all the foresight of his creatures.

**SEEK TO SERVE GOD AND HE WILL GIVE YOU  
STRENGTH**

We need to remember that God gives meaning to all we do. It is through him and for him that we do good works. The sick are the image of the suffering Christ, and it is he whom we serve.

**LOVE THE CROSS**

Caregivers often find themselves faced with the mystery of pain, human limitations, and death. At such moments it helps to keep in mind the enormous value of the cross in order to persevere in spite of difficulties: Have faith that God will not allow more than we can bear. Let us work by doing and suffering, with much patience and acceptance, what God commands, and we shall have a home in the eternal abodes of glory forever. ([aletea.org](http://aletea.org))



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**2023-24  
OPEN HOUSE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Tuesday, November 21st, 2023  
6:00PM

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