

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)

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].

“Wake up, O human being!



For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come.”

ST. AUGUSTINE



St. Monica Parish

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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

Donate online at projectadvance.ca

DECEMBER 10, 2023 - YEAR B

Today's Readings

ISAIAH 40.1-5, 9-11

PSALM: 85

2 PETER 3.8-14

MARK 1.1-8



Reflection... “PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD...”

Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven? [Copyright © 2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis]

DECEMBER 10 - PATHWAY TO A FRUITFUL ADVENT

is through our faithful obedience to God's will in our lives. Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the Woman of the “yes” who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration. **DEVOTE OURSELVES TO PRAYER** - Preparing ourselves to receive him requires first and foremost an attitude of intense and trusting prayer. Making room for him in our hearts demands a serious commitment to convert to his love. (St. John Paul II)

PARISH GOAL: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 47,965 (64%)

Participation: 91 out of 374 families (24%)

St. Monica Parish, Richmond

AGUINALDO MASSES, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

MASS SCHEDULE 2023-2024

DAY 1 - DECEMBER 16 - SATURDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:45 – 10:30 AM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

DAY 2 - DECEMBER 17 - SUNDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass

DAY 3 - DECEMBER 18, MONDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass

DAY 4 - DECEMBER 19, TUESDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 6:30 PM Parish Penitential Service

DAY 5 - DECEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help

DAY 6 - DECEMBER 21, THURSDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass

DAY 7 - DECEMBER 22, FRIDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Holy Hour

DAY 8 - DECEMBER 23, SATURDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:45 – 10:30 AM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

DAY 9 - DECEMBER 24, SUNDAY

6:00 AM Aguinaldo Mass
 9:00 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass

DECEMBER 24, SUNDAY

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
 9:00 PM Singing of Christmas Carols
 10 PM Misa de Gallo

DECEMBER 25, MONDAY

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

DECEMBER 26, TUESDAY

9:00 AM Mass

DECEMBER 27, WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

DECEMBER 28, THURSDAY

9:00 AM Mass

DECEMBER 29, FRIDAY

9:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Holy Hour

DECEMBER 30, SATURDAY

9:00 AM Mass
 9:45 – 10:30 AM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

DECEMBER 31, SUNDAY

9:00 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Mass
 5:00 PM New Year's Eve Mass

JANUARY 1, MONDAY

11:00 AM New Year's Day Mass

Have a Holy Christmas & a Blessed New Year!



Let us entrust ourselves to our Mother, prayer particularly for peace, peace in Ukraine, peace in Palestine and Israel, and in every land wounded by war. Let us ask for peace, that hearts might be at peace, that there might be peace! .

To communicate God, the joyful credibility of the testimony, the universality of the proclamation and the timeliness of the message are not enough. Without the Holy Spirit, all zeal is vain and falsely apostolic: it would only be our own and would not bear fruit.



God chose poverty when He took on our human condition. We too are called to return to what is essential in our lives, to discard all that is superfluous and can become an obstacle on the path to holiness.



Simbang Gabi

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

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 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!



Join us for our *Parish Advent Mission* on Monday, December 11th, at 6:30 pm right here in our parish. Sr. Izah Aldover, OSA, and Sr. Ana Lorena Lara, OSA, will guide us in preparing for this Advent season, helping us deepen our anticipation for the arrival of our Savior this Christmas.

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!

ARCHBISHOP MILLER'S MESSAGE FOR ADVENT

You are welcome to re-publish Archbishop Miller's Advent Message which can be found at rcav.org/announcements/17028

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is pleased to release its Annual Report for 2022/2023. Read the full report at rcav.org/annual-report