

OBITUARY—ANGELA EBNER

We gather in prayer and remembrance for our beloved mother Angela Ebner, who peacefully passed away on June 18, 2024, at 9:30 am at her home with family at her bedside. Angela was a devoted member of St. Monica's parish, marrying Rudolf Ebner here and being the last of the Hirsch family generation who immigrated from Romania in the 1950s. She leaves behind a legacy of faith and family, cherished by her children Christine, Richard, John, and Cynthia, all residing here in British Columbia. We offer our prayers for Angela's eternal rest and for comfort to her family during this time of mourning. May she rest in peace.

CHILDREN, CARRY YOUR PARENTS JUST THE WAY THEY CARRIED YOU

Fr. Albert Nwosu' (Nwachinemere)

There is a duty that is sacred but often overlooked and neglected, and that is the duty to care for our parents just as they cared for us when we were helpless babies. It is a duty that transcends cultures, religions, and generations; a duty rooted in love, respect, and gratitude. When we were infants, our parents fed us, clothed us, and comforted us. They sacrificed their sleep, their time, and their own needs to ensure our well-being.

They nurtured us with tenderness and dedication, dreaming of the day we would grow up to be strong, independent individuals. Now, as they age, some of them may become sick, helpless, or lonely. It is your turn to repay their love and sacrifice with your care and compassion. Do not neglect them in their time of need. I am deeply troubled when I see children who organize extravagant burial ceremonies for their parents. They spare no expense, feeding hundreds of people, displaying bundles of naira and dollars, boasting about the number of cows, sheep, goats, and chickens slaughtered. But where were these displays of wealth and generosity when their parents were alive? During their parents' lives, they received no food, no meat and no medical care. Their parents suffered silently, their needs unmet, while their children turned a blind eye. If you can't give it to them when they are alive, please keep it away when they die. Stop the hypocrisy!

This hypocrisy is not just a betrayal of filial duty; it is a profound moral failure. It is easy to flaunt wealth and generosity when you kick the bucket, but the true test of your character lies in caring for your loved ones when they are still with you, and in alleviating their suffering and ensuring that they felt this love and care from you while they still had breath in them. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus admonishes us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Your parents who raised you and sacrificed for you, deserve your utmost respect, care, love and provision. Show them that compassion, humility, and gratitude for giving their all in bringing you up. Honour them not just with words but with your actions. Visit them, spend time with them, listen to their stories, hold their hands, and ensure they receive the medical care they need. Remember, their wealth is not in the cattle slaughtered for their burial but in the love and sacrifices they made for you. That love and those sacrifices deserve to be returned with equal measure. I implore you today to take good care of your parents as they took care of you when you were babies. Do not wait until it is too late to show them the love and respect they deserve. Let your actions speak louder than your words and let your gratitude shine through in the care you provide. Love them and carry them just the way that they carried you...



ST. MONICA PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
SATURDAYS: **9:00 am & 5:00 pm**
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am, 11:00 am**
& 4:00 pm (YVR)

CONFESSION SCHEDULES
SATURDAYS: **9:45 am—10:30 am**
20 minutes before Daily Mass

BAPTISM every Saturday @ 11am
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 9am Mass
FRIDAY:
Holy Hour after 9am Mass
1st SATURDAY:
Rosary for Vocation after 9am Mass

PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

St. Monica Parish – a community of faith committed to the call of Christ to holiness.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the parishioners of St. Monica, sharing our spiritual and cultural values commit to:

- ◆ Inspire people to love the Eucharist.
- ◆ Promote devotion to Our Lady of Consolation, St. Monica and St. Pedro Calungsod.
- ◆ Evangelize people through a life of love and service.
- ◆ Renew, strengthen and uphold the sanctity of life, marriage and family.
- ◆ Support and enhance the life of the youth and elderly.
- ◆ Pursue Catholic Social Teaching.
- ◆ Encourage ecumenical and interfaith dialogue.
- ◆ Foster camaraderie in the community through fellowship.

Project Advance as of 17 June 2024: Building our Parish Community

Your support of Project Advance will help grow our parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most. Parish Projects for 2024: (1) Installation of acoustic panels in the church & hall, (2) Installation of laser projectors in the parish hall, (3) Painting & repair of the church roof. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online. Learn more and donate at projectadvance.ca.

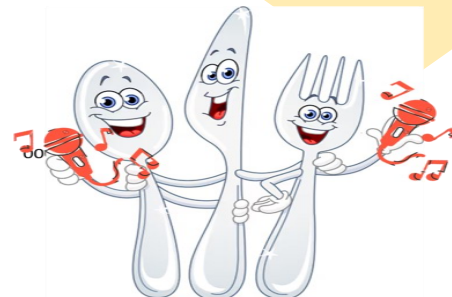
PARISH GOAL: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 15,805.00 (21%)

Participation: 63 out of 374 families (17%)



Council 12861—St Monica Parish
Every 4th Sunday of the month @ 10am.
Minimum \$5 donation per person.



POTLUCK DINNER & KARAOKE NIGHT
St. Monica Parish Hall
June 30, 2024, Sunday, 6:00 pm

Come let us eat. Come let us sing!
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of June 22/23, 2024

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus commanding the wind and sea to be at peace, to be still. The Gospel scene depicting Jesus and his disciples on a boat seems appropriate for the summer. It is a season to contemplate nature and to find God in the wonders of His creation. It is also a time to contemplate, as stewards of the Lord's abundant gifts, all of creation as God's gift and that ultimately it is God who has control over the world and not us.



IS MISSING SUNDAY MASS A MORTAL SIN?

- Catholic Online

"Missing Sunday Mass is a serious sin because you are putting something else at a higher priority than God. This is always the case unless you are physically unable to attend (e.g., illness, no transportation...). If missing mass involves full knowledge and full consent (basically you know you should go but chose not to), then it is a mortal sin. For a sin to be a mortal sin three conditions must be met (1) Grave offense- it's seriously wrong, 2) full knowledge -I fully know it's wrong, and 3) full consent -I freely choose to do it.

To attend Mass is a privilege, and any and all Catholics should want to attend Mass. The ability to receive Jesus in the Eucharist on Sunday at mass, is the greatest gift Jesus gave us on Earth. We should be excited to attend mass for the Eucharist.

Lastly, if someone intentionally misses Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation, then he/she should not receive Holy Communion until he/she goes to Confession. The reason for this is because we can never receive the Body and Blood of Christ in a state of mortal sin. And to receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is a mortal sin."

If you pray with your lips but your mind wanders, who benefits? -St Gregory of Sinai