

**Me:** Hey God.

**God:** Hello.....

**Me:** I'm falling apart. Can you put me back together?

**God:** I would rather not.

**Me:** Why?

**God:** Because you aren't a puzzle.

**Me:** What about all of the pieces of my life that are falling down onto the ground?

**God:** Let them stay there for a while. They fell off for a reason. Take some time and decide if you need any of those pieces back.

**Me:** You don't understand! I'm breaking down!

**God:** No - you don't understand. You are breaking through. What you are feeling are just growing pains. You are shedding the things and the people in your life that are holding you back. You aren't falling apart. You are falling into place. Relax. Take some deep breaths and allow those things you don't need anymore to fall off of you. Quit holding onto the pieces that don't fit you anymore. Let them fall off. Let them go.

**Me:** Once I start doing that, what will be left of me?

**God:** Only the very best pieces of you.

**Me:** I'm scared of changing.

**God:** I keep telling you - **YOU AREN'T CHANGING!! YOU ARE BECOMING!**

**Me:** Becoming who?

**God:** Becoming who I created you to be! A person of light and love and charity and hope and courage and joy and mercy and grace and compassion. I made you for more than the shallow pieces you have decided to adorn yourself with that you cling to with such greed and fear. Let those things fall off of you. I love you! Don't change! ... Become! Become! Become who I made you to be. I'm going to keep telling you this until you remember it.

**Me:** There goes another piece.

**God:** Yep. Let it be.

**Me:** So ... I'm not broken?

**God:** Of course Not! - but you are breaking like the dawn. It's a new day

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## ST. MONICA PARISH

### Archdiocesan Shrine of St Pedro Calungsod

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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 24 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](http://projectadvance.ca).

PARISH GOAL: \$75,000.00

Donations: \$ 16,985.00 (23%)

Participation: 68 out of 374 families (18%)

All are invited to the **Sumba & Line Dancing** work-out every Monday, from 7pm to 9pm. Fees: \$30/month or \$10 drop-in.



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.

### Archdiocesan Mass for Civilly Married Couples

Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity as Archbishop Miller celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. It will be a beautiful community celebration that will cost very little for the individual couples! For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at [rabella@rcav.org](mailto:rabella@rcav.org) or 778-512-9163. On Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. **Registration deadline: Sunday, July 21.**



### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Weekend of June 29/June 30, 2024

In today's second reading, St. Paul offers the community at Corinth a spirituality of giving. He urges them to give and maintains that through their generosity, they will in turn be given in return much spiritual abundance. They will receive from those who are the beneficiaries of their own giving; a reciprocal gift that amounts to an equality of giving, made possible through the generous mediation of Christ himself. This is an excellent reading for reflecting on the spirituality of giving. This week, take time to reflect on the ways you might discover a deeper joy in Jesus Christ because of your own generosity toward others.

- Twenty Simple Stewardship Ideas for the Month of June**
- Join or start a summer bible study group.
  - Plan an outing with your family.
  - Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
  - Help a neighbor who is physically unable clean their yard.
  - Invite someone to attend a weekend liturgy with you.
  - Make a blood donation.
  - Show genuine hospitality to visitors at your church.
  - Don't text when you drive.
  - Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
  - Drive courteously.
  - Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time.
  - Take time to pray each day.
  - Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum.
  - Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
  - Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.
  - Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a park or other location.
  - Collect stuffed animals from friends and neighbors, write messages to tie or clip onto the animals and give them to a local police department to use in comforting children.
  - Don't drive while impaired by alcohol.
  - Donate gently used clothing.