

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Bill Gates was invited by a high school to give a lecture. He arrived by helicopter, took the paper from the pocket where he had written eleven items. He read everything in less than 5 minutes, was applauded for more than 10 minutes non-stop, thanked him and left in his helicopter. What was written is very interesting, read:

1. Life isn't easy — get used to it.
2. The world is not concerned about your self-esteem. The world expects you to do something useful for it BEFORE you feel good about yourself. A former cleaning lady becomes a chef and fulfills her dream of having her own organic restaurant.
True story: A simple (but powerful) gesture of kindness from a CEO
3. You will not earn \$20,000 a month once you leave school. You won't be vice president of a company with a car and phone available until you've managed to buy your own car and phone.
4. If you find your teacher rude, wait until you have a boss. He will not feel sorry for you.
5. Selling old newspapers or working while on vacation is not beneath your social standing. Your grandparents have a different word for it: they call it opportunity.
6. If you fail, it's not your parents' fault. So do not whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as critical as they are now. They only got that way from paying your bills, washing your clothes and hearing you say they're "ridiculous." So before saving the planet for the next generation wanting to fix the mistakes of your parent's generation, try cleaning your own room.
8. Your school may have blurred the distinction between winners and losers, but life isn't like that. In some schools, you don't repeat more than a year and you have as many chances as you need to get it right. This looks like absolutely NOTHING in real life. If you step on the ball, you're fired... STREET!!! Do it right the first time!
9. Life is not divided into semesters. You won't always have summers off, and it's unlikely that other employees will help you with your tasks at the end of each term.
10. Television is NOT real life. In real life, people have to leave the bar or the club and go to work.
11. Be nice to the CDFs (those students that others think are failures). There is a high probability that you will work FOR one of them."



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 1 July 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: \$ 17,910.00 (24%)

Participation: 70 out of 374 families (19%)

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick: We pray that the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

RICHMOND GENERAL HOSPITAL patient visit

If you have family member/s or relatives confined @ RGH and require a Catholic priest visit for blessing/prayer, confession/communion and/or anointing, please make your request to the attending nurse. Pastors are now restricted to visit patient included on the hospital list only.

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

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 or 778-512-9163. On Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. **Registration deadline: Sunday, July 21.**



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Weekend of July 6/7, 2024

Today's Gospel reveals Jesus being amazed that the people in his hometown of Nazareth do not accept his teaching and ministry; he is amazed at their lack of faith (Mk6:6). Good stewards recognize and participate in Christ's teaching, reconciling and healing presence in their community. Are we good stewards of our family of faith? Do we value and support the ministries that take place in Christ's name? Are we attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish and encourage those who work to enhance our life of faith?

PRAYER FOR JULY — Good and Gracious God, We thank You for this gift of summer; of being able to pause, relax and enjoy the abundant gifts You have given us. At this time of year, our thoughts may turn to vacations and outings. We may experience seashores, mountains or lakesides. We may enjoy fishing, swimming and barbecues. But whatever our summer opportunities, we realize they are ultimately gifts from You and these gifts, Lord, are ultimately meant to be shared. Show us the joys of generosity, keep us mindful of others and open our hearts to our parish, neighborhood and world. They need the generous spirit of good stewards. As we enjoy the leisure that summer brings, we thank You for Your many gifts, and ask that You make us a gift to others as well. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Let us speak the truth in our hearts & not practice treachery with our tongues,
so that by pouring forth charity more & more in our hearts,
the Spirit of truth may teach us recognition of all truth.

–St Bede the Venerable