

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

There will be a Eucharistic Procession in honor of 'Christ the King' on Sunday, Nov 24 after the 11am Mass at the Parish parking (weather permits).

PARISH VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATION DINNER

If you are a volunteer in the parish—e.g., ushers, readers, choir members, catechists, etc. YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DINNER, which will be held on November 30th in the Parish Hall after the 5pm Mass. A \$30 refundable deposit is required payable to St Monica Parish to register. Deposit will be forfeited for non-attendance. Please call the office M-F, 10am-4pm for details. Deadline to register is November 15.

MISA DE GALLO/AGUINALDO MASS SPONSORSHIP

Masses will be 16-24 December 2024. Sign-up sheet & Donation envelopes are in the foyer. Minimum donation of \$50 is requested. Please don't forget to write your Complete Name, Envelope Number, Contact Number & Sponsorship Date. Proceeds will go to the purchase of 2 large TV monitors in the Church.

MISA DE GALLO FOOD SPONSORS

Sign-up sheet is @ the Foyer. Please include the date & food you wish to bring .

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 call the parish office. Please have an immediate kin with the patient during the visit. Due to sensitivity of this matter only the immediate family's request will be entertained.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOME BOUND

You or your immediate family may request the parish office a prayer if you are sick and/or home bound. You must be an active parishioner of St Monica. Only request from immediate family will be entertained. Please note that this is different/not related to your request for mass intentions.

The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey.

-St Anthony of Padua



ST. MONICA PARISH

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PASTOR: **Rev. Mark Bautista**
DEACON: **Wilbur Victoria**

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.



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend of October 19-20, 2024

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples that whoever wishes to be great among them must be a servant, just as he came to be a servant. **Today is World Mission Sunday**— a reminder of our call to be good stewards of the Gospel and to support those who make evangelization their servant ministry throughout the world. Not to be a servant of the Gospel would be poor stewardship. But how do we serve the Gospel? How do we support others who serve those who have never heard the Gospel or who have chosen to reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ

VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 2-3 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

ENVELOPES FOR THE SOULS OF PURGATORY

November is traditionally considered the month of the holy souls in purgatory, especially on November 2, All Saints' Day. However, it is important to pray throughout the year for our departed loved ones, so that they may attain the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church calls this final purification Purgatory. In reference to a purifying fire, we read, for example, in the First Letter to the Corinthians 3:15: "If anyone's work is burnt, that person will suffer loss; he will be saved, but as by fire." The practice of praying for the dead is found in Sacred Scripture. Referring to the actions of Judas Maccabaeus, we read in the second book of Maccabees 12:46: "Thus he made atonement for the dead, that they might be absolved of their sin."

No cheques please, as the mass allowance is used to supplement the livelihood of priests, especially those who are serving the **Mary Help of Christians Theology Seminary in Pangasinan**. Please pick up the "**All Souls Day Remembrance**" envelopes at the back of the church and give them to Tel Decena, drop them in the collection or bring them to the parish office.

Mission Sunday

What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday, celebrated on the second-to-last Sunday of October, is a day set aside by the Catholic Church to remember and support the mission work being done around the world. This special day is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is crucial for sustaining the Church's outreach in over 1,150 mission territories.

Our Missionary Legacy.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth. Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith in action, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

Tuesday, Oct 22

St John Paul II, Pope,

Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese of Vancouver

O God, who are rich in mercy and who willed that St. John Paul the Second Should preside as Pope over your universal Church. Grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Project Advance as of 14 October 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 hall, (3) Repair of the church roof, (4) Installation of new CCTV cameras, (5) new screenflex dividers in the hall, (6) new projector, sound system & screen in the upper room, (7) installation of coloured lights in the hall. 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: \$ 46,136.80 (62%)

Participation: 121 out of 374 families (32%)

Being Good Stewards of Our Priests

Catholic priests are precious commodities, gifts to our communion of faith. But little do we know of their joys, or the struggles they often face in maintaining integrity and sanctity in their priesthood. We may imagine they get up every day and respond to a never-ending line of spiritual needs. But we cannot imagine how their lives are filled with intense pastoral encounters each day. With the many demands on their time and energy, priests deserve our support. Here are 15 ideas, in no particular order, to help us start thinking more intentionally about how we can better affirm and steward the spiritual and emotional well-being of our priests:

1. Pray for priests, especially for your pastor and others with whom you are most closely connected. Let them know you are praying for them from time to time.
2. Respect a priest's need to take his scheduled day off each week and know what that day is. Don't contact him unless he asks. Follow the appropriate protocols for contacting a priest in case of an emergency.
3. Many priests get numerous gifts of sweets and baked goods during the holidays or as gifts of appreciation (A priest shared that one Christmas he received 37 different gifts of sweets and baked goods)! Consider other options to help keep our priests healthy and fit as they serve us in so many different capacities.
4. Respect a priest's privacy regarding personal health issues.
5. Expect and encourage priests to take their full allotment of vacation time each year as well as an annual retreat to help them, both physically, mentally and spiritually.

To be continued next week-

If you want to be always in God's company, you must pray regularly and read the Scriptures regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. –St Isidore of Seville