

Being Good Stewards of Our Priests *(continued from last week)*

6. Recognize that the ministry of priesthood requires a great deal of emotional energy (e.g., responding to deaths, conflicts in the parish and multiple demands from parishioners). Be especially sensitive to the times of the liturgical year that demand more of a priest's time such as the Advent and Lenten seasons.
7. Respect a priest's responsibility to keep many issues and information confidential. He may know of private information about parishioners or others, but he can not share it with you.
8. Discuss any conflicts or disagreements you may have with your pastor directly and confidentially. Give him the benefit of the doubt and seek reconciliation, not a "win." Encourage others to do the same.
9. Support the pastor in setting expectations by parishioners for his time and scheduling priorities. Many pastors are so busy that an appointment with him may take weeks if it is not an emergency. Consider asking a staff person to assist you if that is possible.
10. If you are a lay leader in the parish, work with the pastor to identify which parish programs and activities truly require his presence and which might be equally guided by lay leadership. Some people expect the priest to be at every parish event and that is just not possible.
11. Assume that a priest strives for holiness and integrity each and every day. Discuss theological differences in a respectful manner, recognizing that Catholics can come to somewhat different understandings on some issues depending on their background, life situation, and the Holy Spirit's guidance in their lives.
12. Understand that "social" events with parishioners, although fun for everyone, are not always truly social events for a priest who can be pulled into a pastoral role at any time.
13. Don't have expectations that the priest is able to be your personal friend. Many priests need to set boundaries in today's climate. When they may have hundreds or thousands of souls to be the spiritual leader of, it is difficult for them to have many personal relationships outside of family and close friends.
14. Extend a simple "thank you" to a priest, and especially your pastor, when the occasion arises. An appreciation card or note is often needed, and will be welcome at any time and not just special occasions.
15. The best support you can offer and gift you can give to a priest is to practice your faith, offer to help him where needed and share your gifts of time and talent so he can direct you to a ministry or apostolate where you can serve him, the parish and the people of God.

All Saint's Day Prayer (Nov 1st)

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.
St Joseph of Arimathea, pray for us.
St Nicodemus, pray for us.



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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.

Lord,
I want to
SEE
MARK 10:46-52



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of October 26-27, 2024

After healing the blind man in today's Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man decided to follow Jesus. Being a disciple

of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Christ?

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.

Bereavement Ministry Remembrance Mass on Oct. 31, 2024 in memory of the deceased members, relatives and friends of St. Monica Parish. Photo collage will be on display during the mass. To be included in the collage & Mass Intention please contact Fe Arias 604-270-1465 or Pat Diamzon 604-214-2930.

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.

Project Advance as of 14 October 2024: Building our Parish Community

Projects we have accomplished this year. Your support to Project Advance is greatly appreciated.

1. Acoustic panels in the Church and Hall
2. New amplifiers in the Church
3. Repair of the roof
4. New colored lights and speakers in the parish hall
5. Installation of 32 CCTV cameras
6. New projector, speakers and motorized projector screen in the Upper Room
7. New roller blinds in the Crying Rm
8. Painting of the ceiling in the rear area of Church
9. Installation of speakers in the choir loft and the foyer
10. Installation of awning in the balcony of the rectory.

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: \$ 50,506.80 (67%)

Participation: 129 out of 374 families (34%)

PARISH EVENTS

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 .