

DST ENDS

It's that time of the year when we fall back one hour. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov 3 @ 2am. Please remember to change your clocks on Nov 2 before going to bed.



Second Collection: Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. Make a contribution at Mass or at support.rcav.org

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.

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.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them. –St Teresa of Calcutta



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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.

For the weekend of November 2/3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus said: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It was not meant to be a suggestion or an option. He didn't say when it fits into our day or suits our time schedule, or after we've completed our various recreations. It is a requirement for Christians; to exercise good stewardship over the neighbors entrusted to us by God. It is a requirement often ignored when we put up barriers of anger, fear, or intolerance for a neighbor. How can we look beyond our own personal difficulties to see what we can do to love the person who lives next door, works next to us, or who sits next to us in the church pew?

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.

The Triduum of Hallowtide

<h3>Halloween</h3> <p>Halloween gets its name from "All Hallows Eve," and is the vigil of All Saints' Day. The spooky imagery of Halloween reminds us of the evil that is defeated when we gain eternal life in heaven.</p>	<h3>All Saints' Day</h3> <p>We celebrate the Communion of Saints in heaven who pray for us and look to them for encouragement in our own journey to salvation. This year, All Saints' falls on a Sunday, so we will celebrate at our regular Sunday Masses.</p>	<h3>All Souls' Day</h3> <p>We pray for and remember all who have died in the hope of eternal life. All are invited to pray with us for the souls of those in our community who have died.</p>
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Please note that this year All Saints' Day falls on Friday.

Project Advance as of 28 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: \$ 50,906.80 (68%)

Participation: 129 out of 374 families (34%)

MASS ETIQUETTE

APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR DURING MASS

1. **FAST.** Do not eat any food for one hour before mass starts. Drinking water is allowed.
2. **COME EARLY.** Allow for 10-15 minutes of meditation before Mass
3. **DRESS PROPERLY.** Show decency in God's house
4. **USE HOLY WATER.** Bless yourself in the sign of the cross, as a sign of your baptism, as you enter and leave the church
5. **DO NOT EAT, CHEW, OR DRINK.** The church is a place of prayer and reflection
6. **NO PHONES.** Silence or turn off your mobile phones
7. **GENUFLECT.** Kneel towards the tabernacle before sitting
8. **BE SILENT.** Avoid talking and take loud children to an appropriate place
9. **LET OTHERS SIT.** Allow others to sit in your pew
10. **PARTICIPATE.** Sing, respond, listen, and pray
11. **BE CONSIDERATE.** Respect personal spaces
12. **STAY UNTIL MASS ENDS.** Leave after the priest leaves

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