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WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please be sure to register, complete the registration form and get Sunday donation envelope.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centre, or at the Church entrance.

If you are moving from the parish, changing address, or phone#, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Last Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 11am.

PREPARATION

Baptism Class is required for Parents and Godparents, offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 7pm.

Requirements must be all completed before attending the Baptism Class. Contact Parish Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday –
10am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

MASS TIMES

Weekends –

Saturday 5pm (anticipated)
Sunday 9am, 11am & 4pm

Weekdays –

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am
Tuesday 6pm
Friday 9am
First Friday 9am & 6pm
Saturday 9am

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Wednesday after 8:15am Mass

School Mass Wednesday 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am
in the church

MARRIAGE

Contact Father Joe through the Parish Office at least six months before making any plans.

FUNERALS,

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, COMMUNION FOR ELDERLY, AND HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS

Contact Father Joe &
Father Francesco anytime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

Classes on Sundays for Grades 1 to 7 & Post-Con, 10:30am to 12pm, from September 2023 to June 2024.

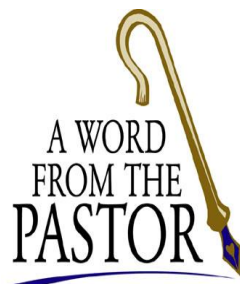
For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Non-Catholic adults who desire to join the Catholic Church and also Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

Every Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm from September 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact parish office @ 604.327.2824.



In few weeks, we will celebrate the 110th anniversary of our parish, St. Andrew. I invite you to join in our 9-day Novena & Retreat in honor of our patronal saint.

Let us take a moment to reflect on the countless blessings which come to us from God through the intercession of St. Andrew.

The Feast of St. Andrew usually marks the end of the Church calendar and the beginning of Advent. What a wonderful feast to celebrate as we prepare for Advent season!

Jesus invited Andrew to follow Him and to 'Come and See'. Without hesitation, Andrew was quick to act and then followed Jesus. He then shared this encounter with his brother Peter by saying, 'We have found the Messiah!'

Each day, Jesus always invites us to 'Come and See' Him, to know Him, and to follow Him faithfully. Like St. Andrew, we want to play our unique role as today's disciples, in sharing with others the blessings and the joy that we have found in Jesus Christ. Through St. Andrew's intercession, may we respond to God's calling and serve one another with joyful hearts.

Happy Feast Day everyone! St. Andrew, pray for us.

God bless you always and in all ways,

+ Father Joe



Andrew's origins were humble. He was a fisherman who came from Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee, but lived in nearby Capernaum. But the life of a fisherman does not seem to have satisfied him, for he was also a disciple of John the Baptist, the radical preacher in the desert, who told him about Jesus of Nazareth and called Jesus the 'Lamb of God'.

ANDREW MEETS JESUS

Jesus said 'Come and See!'

Intrigued, Andrew approached Jesus and soon became convinced Jesus was the Messiah. When Jesus later approached Andrew and asked him to join him in his ministry, Andrew readily agreed.

PETER MEETS JESUS

Andrew then finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Because of this, Andrew has been called 'the Peter before Peter' because he is the first (that we know) to bring others to believe in Jesus.

THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Andrew was also practical, and a problem-solver. It was he who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus (Jn 6:8). 'Here is a lad' he says 'with five barley loaves and two fish.' (Jn 6:4-14).

THE ENQUIRING GREEKS

He also brought the enquiring Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-26) in the tense hours before the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Olives. When a number of Greek Jews wished to speak with Jesus, they approached Philip and Andrew to introduce them to Jesus. This is an important point. Every time Andrew is mentioned as an individual, it is because he is bringing someone to Jesus.

THE DEATH OF ANDREW

Tradition says that he was crucified at Patrae in Achaea on an X-shaped cross which has become the traditional St. Andrew's cross. He had protested that he was unworthy to be executed on a cross that was the same shape on which Jesus died. It is said he took two agonising days to die.

REFLECTION

One can draw inspiration from St. Andrew's selflessness and his dedication to spreading the teachings of Jesus. Consider how his qualities of compassion and commitment to faith can be applied in our own life, fostering a sense of community and kindness towards others.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2024

Envelopes will be available in the Luminous Hall after all weekend Masses on the following dates:

November 11 & 12 **Env# 1-400**

November 18 & 19 **All numbers**

Thank you for generously supporting our parish community by using Sunday envelopes. Please ensure your addresses and names are correct when picking up your envelopes. Please inform parish office, 604.327.28 for any changes of address, phone #, or name for income tax purposes.

PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL 2023
"EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION"

Update as of November 13, 2023

Total Number of Pledges: **256**

Total Amount of Pledges: **\$ 77,377.50**

THANK YOU to all parishioners who have generously made a gift to Project Advance. Your participation and contribution will make a difference.

Thank you to all our hardworking volunteers.

Parishioners' Participation



- Parishioners who have Donated
- Parishioners who have not yet Donated



Congratulations for a successful Fundraising Campaign! It raised **\$13,078.94** which will be used to upgrade our parish audio system.

The Masquerade Night could not have happened without a lot of volunteers, countless volunteer hours and endless

preparation and planning.

Thank you to the tireless efforts and commitment of all volunteers, the generosity of all donors and all those who supported the event.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the gam St. Andrew's Parish Choir and the Cebuano Society of BC. Job well done!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR HOME MISSIONS

This appeal supports parishes and dioceses which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. For many decades, the Church has sent missionaries overseas to serve the people in far away countries. Home missions are parishes and dioceses in our region that need the same kind of support. Please help your fellow Catholics in the practice of their faith. Please give generously or give online at rcav.org.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 20 – DECEMBER 3, 2023

Mon Nov 20

8:15 am Lk 18:35-43 Jasmine Cruz (*Thanksgiving*)
Annie may Seduco (*Special Intention*)
Michelle Fierro (*Special Intention*)
Souls in Purgatory

Tue Nov 21

6 pm Lk 19:1-10 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #1**
Daniel Botelho (*RIP*)
Dominic Ausan Regoniel (*RIP*)
Lana Hall (*RIP*)
Souls in Purgatory

Wed Nov 22

6 pm Lk 19:11-28 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #2**
Sarah Sullivan (*Thanksgiving*)
Brenda (*Special Intention*)
Steven Leo Ruskey (*Special Intention*)
Souls in Purgatory

Thurs Nov 23

6 pm Lk 19:41-44 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #3**
Pancrasio Alojado Jr. (*RIP*)
Victorio Maglio (*RIP*)
Souls in Purgatory

Fri Nov 24

6 pm Lk 19:45-48 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #4**
Alicia Fernandez (*RIP*)
Pamela Alojado (*Thanksgiving*)
Alberto Calderon (*Thanksgiving*)
Souls in Purgatory

Sat Nov 25

9 am Lk 20:27-40 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #5**
Hilario Cuerpo (*RIP*)
Paula Villarosa (*RIP*)
Brenda (*Special Intention*)
Querico & Lucila Moleta (*RIP*)
Leonora Rabor (*RIP*)

Sun Nov 26

9 am Mt 25:31-46 **Solemnity of Christ the King**
Elias Planas III (*Thanksgiving*)
Hilario Cuerpo (*RIP*)
Dionisio & Dominga Garcia (*RIP*)
Dimaculangan Family (*Thanksgiving*)
Ernesto Llagas (*RIP*)
Deceased Members of Espiritu Family
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Deceased Members of Silvero & Magao Families
Father Wilfred Gomes (*Thanksgiving*)

Mon Nov 27

6 pm Lk 21:1-4 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #7**
Nicoletta Maglio (*RIP*)
Ireneo & Elena Sialsa (*RIP*)
Souls in Purgatory

Tue Nov 28

6 pm Lk 21:5-11 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #8**
Alfonsa Maglio (*RIP*)
Deceased Members of Moradilla Family

Wed Nov 29

6 pm Lk 21:12-19 **St. Andrew's Novena Day #9**
Darryl & Darren Ragasa (*Thanksgiving*)
Prudencio Macarayan (*RIP*)

Thurs Nov 30

6 pm Mt 4:18-22 **St. Andrew's Feast Day**

Fri Dec 01

9 am Lk 21:29-33
Lourdes & Mariano Relevante (*RIP*)
Hilario Cuerpo (*RIP*)
Deceased Members of Magbanua Family

Sat Dec 02

9 am Lk 21:34-36
Ugo Anzivino (*RIP*)
Hilario Cuerpo (*RIP*)
Silvestre Lacerda (*RIP*)
Brenda (*Special Intention*)

Sun Dec 03

9 am Mt 13:33-37 **First Sunday of Advent**
Aquilino Gutierrez (*RIP*)
Baldomero Camarillo Jr. (*RIP*)
Hilario Cuerpo (*RIP*)
Antonio Sinocruz & Family (*Thanksgiving*)
Francisco Dimaculangan (*RIP*)
Joyce Gache (*Thanksgiving*)
Fulgencia La Guardia (*RIP*)
All Parishioners

11 am

4pm

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –



ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Cindy Ferrer, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina Moser, Linda Navalta, John Smith, Josie Taboada, Katherine Tomei, and John Topp.



ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD. AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Upcoming Events

CANADIANS FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Join us for an exploratory conversation with:

- Most Reverend Michael Miller, CSB
- Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Sisters of Mercy
- Ms. Catherine Clifford, Theologian

This virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn from Canadian participants (an archbishop, a religious sister, and a lay woman) as they share their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged. Join us online on **Wednesday, November 22** at 3:30pm. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

HOLINESS IN ADVENT

You're invited to come and spend an hour of prayer, music, and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Reflection by Fr. Robert Allore, SJ on **Tuesday, December 5** at 6pm, St. Mark's Parish at UBC. This season of Advent is an opportune time to spend time with God, holding fast to the "*blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour*", and to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events to ensure we have enough food.

FOLLOWING YONDER STAR

Join us for a prayerful entry into the Advent season, journeying with the Magi as they follow the star, guided by their holy desire to encounter the Divine. This online morning retreat will engage scripture, poetry, Ignatian discernment tools, music, art, and quiet time for personal prayer and small group sharing. Takes place **on Saturday, December 9** from 9am until 12pm online. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events. Registration is open until Friday, December 8 at 8pm.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 16** at 12pm. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30am and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.



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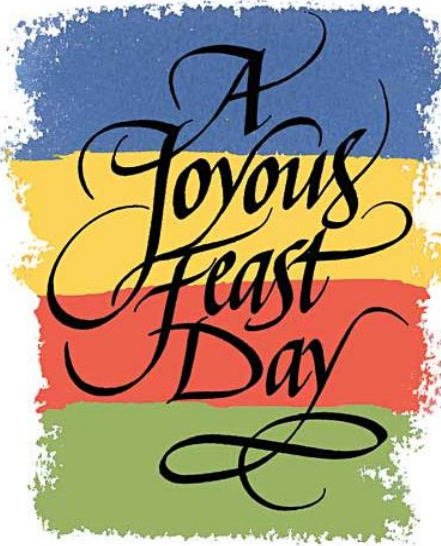
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