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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 *2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Sunday Masses –

Saturday 5pm  
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.

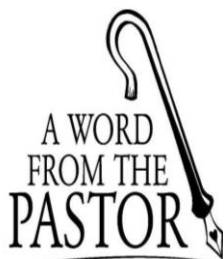
For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

### 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.



As we leave one year behind and roll into the next one, let us look back and rejoice. The year of 2023 has been fruitful in the life of our parish. Thanks to all parishioners who shared your time, talent and treasure to make this parish what it is now. All our parish events and celebrations were successful and more meaningful because of your committed service and enthusiasm in serving our Church. May we continue to be united as we work together in building up our community through your active participation in all our parish projects.

I, together with Father Francesco, the Office Staff, the Parish Pastoral Council, and the School Principal, gratefully extend our gratitude and thanks for all your well wishes, gifts, and prayers during this season. Your loving kindness and generous support to us and to our parish community will always be an inspiration to me as we seek to deepen and grow in our faith together.

Wishing you a Happy New Year that is filled with love, joy and peace. May God bless and protect you and your families throughout this New Year!

+ Father Joe



Today's Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus.

Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus his gifts to us on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, talents and time.

As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us – Himself.

*Excerpt from Radio Vaticana on Liturgical Reflections*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*  
- Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### C.W.L. UPDATE

**Membership and Coin Drive** on (Saturday) January 13 and (Sunday) January 14 during all Masses.

**Filipino Breakfast** on January 21, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses; and **General Meeting** @ 5:30 pm in the church basement.

**Membership Fee** of \$42 is now due. Please bring it to the meeting or drop it off in the collection basket during weekend Masses.

### LUNCH FOR SENIORS

Inviting all Seniors to join us for lunch on **Thursday, January 11 @ 11:30 am** in the church basement. All Seniors are welcome!

### NOVENA TO STO. NINO (INFANT JESUS)

The 9-day novena to the Infant Jesus will start on **Thursday, January 11 thru Friday, January 19**. Masses during the novena will be @ 6 pm except on **Saturday, January 13 ~ Mass @ 5 pm; and on Sunday, January 14 ~ Mass @ 4 pm**. Everyone is welcome.

### PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

**THANK YOU** to all parishioners who have generously made a gift to Project Advance Appeal 2023. Your participation and contribution made a difference. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you also to all our hardworking volunteers.

### PARISH ENVELOPES 2024

There are still some 2024 Envelopes available for pick-up in the Luminous Hall. If you have not pick up yours, please do so after all Masses.

**THANK YOU** for generously supporting our parish community by using Sunday envelopes or through online giving.

**Make sure to use ONLY envelopes for 2024.** Envelopes from previous years will be disregarded. For all envelope users, please inform the parish office (604.327.2824) of any changes of address, name or phone number, for income tax purposes.

### Sacramental Preparation



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING (#3)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 @ 7 PM

All parents of those children who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time **must** attend.

Special Mass on Sunday, January 28 @ 9 am

### CONFIRMATION MEETING (#2)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 @ 7 PM

Calling all Candidates for Confirmation, their Parents and Sponsors. Attendance is mandatory.

### R.C.I. A.

Our RCIA Team looks forward to meeting you every Thursday, from 7pm - 8:30pm, in church basement. For more information, please contact parish office, 604.327.2824.

## READINGS &amp; MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 8 – 21, 2024

<b>Mon Jan 8</b> 8:15 am	Mk 1:7-11	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Esther Daniel ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Deceased Family Members of Andres Emnacen
<b>Tue Jan 9</b> 6 pm	Mk 1:21-28	Yvonne Ng ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Michael Hughes ( <i>Special Intention</i> )
<b>Wed Jan 10</b> 8:15 am	Mk 1:29-39	Deceased Members of Ng & Der Families Judith Roxas ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Esther Fajardo ( <i>Special Intention</i> )
9:30 am		
<b>Thurs Jan 11</b> 8:15 am	Mk 1:40-45	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 1</b> Salvacion Fuentesbella ( <i>RIP</i> ) Ludyvina Baniqued ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
6 pm		
<b>Fri Jan 12</b> 9 am	Mk 2:1-12	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 2</b> Ligorio Cruz ( <i>RIP</i> ) Mila Moser ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
6 pm		
<b>Sat Jan 13</b> 9 am	Mk 2:13-17	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 3</b> Josephine Alabazo ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Evelyn Marbella ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Aiesha Handley ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Al Khul ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
5 pm		
<b>Sun Jan 14</b> 9 am	Jn 1:35-42	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosella Armentia ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Kyla Padernilla ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Evelyn Marbella ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Rosebelinda Sanico ( <i>RIP</i> ) All Parishioners Nancy Ragasa ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Aquilina Lorenzana ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
11 am		
4 pm		
<b>Mon Jan 15</b> 8:15 am	Mk 2:18-22	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 5</b> Felizardo Alojado ( <i>RIP</i> ) Barbara Balingit ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
6 pm		
<b>Tue Jan 16</b> 6 pm	Mk 2:23-28	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 6</b> Santore Patron ( <i>RIP</i> ) Allan Marigomen ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
<b>Wed Jan 17</b> 8:15 am	Mk 3:1-6	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 7</b> Alicia Fuentesbella ( <i>RIP</i> ) Grace Quinto ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Malvyn Jess Karunungan ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
9:30 am		
6 pm		
<b>Thurs Jan 18</b> 8:15 am	Mk 3:7-12	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 8</b> Evelyn Marbella ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Lita Isagunde ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
6 pm		
<b>Fri Jan 19</b> 9 am	Mk 3:13-19	<b>Sto. Nino Novena – Day 9</b> Nancy Ragasa ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Manuel Patron ( <i>RIP</i> ) Intentions of Gimilami Sponsors
6 pm		
<b>Sat Jan 20</b> 9 am	Mk 3:20-21	Imelda Fernandez ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Evelyn Marbella ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Lindo Family ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Elias Vicente Sr. ( <i>RIP</i> )
5 pm		
<b>Sun Jan 21</b> 9 am	Mk 1:14-20	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Hernando Robles ( <i>RIP</i> ) Ana Alayan ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Lorna Falloran ( <i>Thanksgiving</i> ) Tomas Diaz ( <i>RIP</i> ) Manuel Taboada ( <i>RIP</i> ) All Parishioners Rosebelinda Sanico ( <i>RIP</i> ) Reynaldo Isagunde ( <i>RIP</i> )
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, Esther Fajardo, Cindy Ferrer, Michael Hughes, Elisa

Mohammed, Kristina and Mila 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.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church ~** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

## Upcoming Events

in our Archdiocese

### SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Cost is \$30. Learn and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### BIOETHICS SYMPOSIUM ON MENTAL HEALTH ~ APPLICATIONS OPEN

Those interested in the topic of Mental Health are invited to apply to this special symposium hosted by Physicians for Life. This year's symposium will bring together 15 professionals from all across Canada to Vancouver during the weekend of February 1-3, 2024.

Competitively selected participants will explore assigned interdisciplinary readings in order to form participants in a broad intellectual tradition related to life-affirming mental healthcare. The aim of this humanistic study over an intentionally convivial weekend will be to enhance participants' moral impact in both their personal and professional lives. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, so please apply as soon as possible at [physiciansforlife.ca/bioethics-symposium](http://physiciansforlife.ca/bioethics-symposium).

### BE A VENDOR AT THE 2024 CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

Be a part of something truly special and grand. Register as a vendor at our 2024 Catholic Educators' Conference. Your presence at our conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board. This year's conference is on Thursday, February 24, 2024 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre. Register online at [cisva.regfox.com/cec2024](http://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024)





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