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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.

COME,  
FOLLOW ME



Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we grow by Faith to become witnesses for Him. And bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance any more than one can be a distant lover. To love Christ is to be drawn close to Him, to know Christ personally, to experience Him through the Bible, prayers and the Sacraments, and to inspire others to want to know Jesus. To help Christ is to share the Good News about Him with others. Blessed are we when we bring to others the gifts of love, peace, justice, tolerance, and mercy, thus becoming witnesses for Jesus Christ our Lord.

The essence of our witness-bearing is, first, to state what we have seen and believed and to invite others to "come and see". We tell others about good restaurants, doctors, beauty salons, etc.

Why isn't there the same fervor over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities? We hesitate to do so because of the false notion that talking about religion is taboo in our culture, or that religion is a private matter and shouldn't be shared with others. If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church?

- Excerpt from Radio Vaticana on Liturgical Reflections

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PARISH ENVELOPES 2024 – LAST CALL!!!

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

## TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023

For income tax purposes, please ensure that your mailing address is correct. Call parish @ 604.327.2824 during office hours for any changes.

Tax Receipts for 2023 will be available for pick-up in the Luminous Hall on February 17 & 18 and February 24 & 25, during weekend Masses.

**THANK YOU** for all parishioners who have continuously supported the parish in any way especially by using the Sunday Envelopes or through Online Giving.

**Make sure to use ONLY envelopes for 2024.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## C.W.L. UPDATE

**Membership and Coin Drive** on (Saturday) January 27 and (Sunday) January 28, during all Masses.

Due to inclement weather, **Filipino Breakfast** has been postponed to **January 28**, after the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

**General Meeting** on **January 21** @ 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.

## 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.

**Topics: January 25 ~ Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace:  
Why Do I need the Church?**

**February 1 ~ Mary and the Saints.**

For more information, please contact parish office, 604.327.2824.

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Catholic Church marks this annual World Day on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11. The theme of this year's observance is "It is not good that man should be alone ~ Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."

Each of us, says the Pope, came into the world because our parents welcomed us, and we

were each "made for love" and are called to communion and fraternity. The best therapy for those who are ill, he adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

Archbishop Miller will celebrate a **Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10 at 11 am** at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver. Reception to follow, all are welcome.

We also invite parishes to pray for the sick and their caregivers at Mass on this World Day. We are currently in the process of developing a Mass booklet with special prayers, readings and hymns for this World Day which will be made available on our website closer to the date. **If you plan to celebrate a World Day of the Sick Mass this year, please email Winetta at [win.nguyen@chabc.bc.ca](mailto:win.nguyen@chabc.bc.ca) to let us know.** Thank you.

## SECOND COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 4 FOR BC CATHOLIC

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray our parish's costs for mailing the paper. Help us to deliver the stories of Faith to your mailbox and inbox. Please be generous in giving.

It's award-winning publication to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Visit [www.bccatholic.ca](http://www.bccatholic.ca) for more information on the Catholic Press Collection and the Catholic Press Association

## ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ~

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, FROM 7 PM – 8 PM**



**It is not good that man should be alone**

Healing the Sick by  
Healing Relationships



11-02-2024  
WORLD DAY  
OF THE SICK

It is not good that  
man should be alone

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 22 – FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

<b>Mon Jan 22</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 3:22-30	Elias Alayan (RIP) Meliza Cenal (RIP)
<b>Tue Jan 23</b>		
6 pm	Mk 3:31-35	Esther Fajardo (Special Intention) Angel Joseph Mallonga (RIP)
<b>Wed Jan 24</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 4:1-20	<b>St. Francis De Sales</b> Antonio & Erlinda Quirante (RIP) Maria & John Lo (RIP)
9:30 am		
<b>Thurs Jan 25</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 16:15-18	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul</b> Emmie Santos (RIP) Daniel Aguila (RIP)
<b>Fri Jan 26</b>		
9 am	Lk 10:1-9	<b>St. Timothy and St. Titus</b> Amelito Cortes (RIP) Imelda Fernandez (Thanksgiving)
<b>Sat Jan 27</b>		
9 am	Mk 4:35-41	Charlotte Santos (Thanksgiving) Ana Alayan (Thanksgiving)
5 pm		Zoilo & Natividad Lindo (RIP) Mark Panganiban (Thanksgiving)
<b>Sun Jan 28</b>		
9 am	Mk 1:21-28	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Nancy Ragasa (Thanksgiving) Daniel Aguila (RIP) Rosita Yaneza (RIP) Deidre Ann Ward (RIP) Precila Pabo (Thanksgiving) All Parishioners
11 am		
4 pm		
<b>Mon Jan 29</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 5:1-20	Ed Bejar (Thanksgiving)
<b>Tue Jan 30</b>		
6 pm	Mk 5:21-43	Imelda Fernandez (Thanksgiving)
<b>Wed Jan 31</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 6:1-6	<b>St. John Bosco</b> Luz Diaz (Thanksgiving) Marettes Rillera & Family (Special Intention)
9:30 am		
<b>Thurs Feb 01</b>		
8:15 am	Mk 6:7-13	Monica Tobia (RIP) Milagros Penalba (RIP)
<b>Fri Feb 02</b>		
9 am	Lk 2:22-40	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Monica Tobia (RIP) Daniel Aguila (RIP)
6 pm		
<b>Sat Feb 03</b>		
9 am	Mk 6:30-34	Monica Tobia (RIP) Francisco Wong (RIP)
5 pm		
<b>Sun Feb 04</b>		
9 am	Mk 1:29-39	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Monica Tobia (RIP) Connie Evans & Family (Thanksgiving) Esther Daniel 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, 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, ESPECIALLY:** Daniel Aguila, Darnell Curameng, and Angel Mallonga. ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD... AMEN.

*Upcoming Events in our Archdiocese*

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL**

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am (8:30 am in April). It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome!

The next Mass and vigil takes place on Saturday, February 3, 9am at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**TOGETHER FOR GOOD MARRIAGE WORKSHOP**

One day could change your marriage! In partnership with FamilyLife Canada, we are offering the Together for Good Marriage Workshop that will give you tools, exercises and guided conversations to help you and your partner grow a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage. Each session will help you move past differences and drift to a place of greater closeness and trust. You'll strengthen your relationship in the important areas of communication, conflict, sex and spirituality.

On Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 am to 4 pm at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Cost is \$60 per couple. **Enjoy an early bird rate of \$50 per couple when you register by Friday, February 2.** Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**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).

**SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS, FROM GRADES 6-11**

ON FEBRUARY 10-11 (SAT. MORNING – SUN. AFTERNOON) Come and See! Those interested, please see Father Joe or Father Francesco after Mass.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* - Mark 1:17  
Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.





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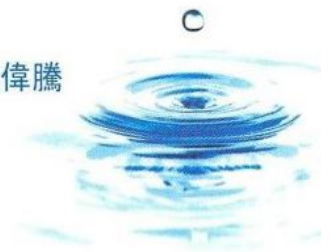
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