


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Holy Family meeting 2-6pm (PH)	4	5	6 Prayers—Valcic/E 7pm Arbutus Mass 10:30am	7 Funeral-Valcic/E 1pm FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonese 6:30 pm	8 Funeral-Tchang/S 1pm Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	9 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
10	11	12	13 Arbutus Mass 10:30am	14 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	15 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm (PH)	16 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
17 Father's Day 	18	19	20 Arbutus Mass 10:30am	21	22 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	23 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
24 Special Mass for retired & long serving volunteers 11AM (reception to follow) parish hall	25	26	27 Arbutus Mass 10:30am	28 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	29 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	30 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm



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The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
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604-729-7638

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses

廣東話主日提前彌撒: 星期六
下午四時

Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),
5:30 PM
Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Weekday Masses

Mon-Sat 8 AM
Public Holidays 9 AM

Confession

20 minutes before all
weekend Masses and
15 minutes before all
weekday Masses

Morning Prayer

Mon-Sat 7:30 AM

Adoration

Fri 8:30-9:30 AM

1st Fri 8:30 AM-6:30 PM

Holy Rosary

Mon-Sat after the 8 AM
Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

10 minutes before all
weekend Masses

Visit to the Sick

Please call Parish Office
or Emergency number
604-729-7638

Baptisms

by appointment

Marriages

at least 6 months notice

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“...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”
— ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- June 23 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Mary Au INT
Marita Bolongaro (PM) INT
- June 24 Sunday, The Nativity of St. John (W).....Elpidio Domingo +
- June 25 Monday, Ferial (G).....Charlie Tang INT
- June 26 Tuesday, Ferial (G).....Mariah Kusnadi +
- June 27 Wednesday, St. Cyril of Alexandria (W)...Marita Bolongaro INT
- June 28 Thursday, St. Irenaeus (R).....Manuel & Lydia Ty INT
- June 29 Friday, Sts. Peter & Paul (R).....Candice Bianca Cumayas +
- June 30 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Carmen Ong +
Macario M. Nicasio +

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you would like to become a member of the St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND USE OF PARISH SUNDAY ENVELOPES: Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary School. The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register in the parish and the regular use of envelopes so that when the time comes, it will be based on official records. This is to avoid unnecessary frustrations and misunderstandings when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not use envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please Pray for the Sick

Joan Archer, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Margaret Browne, Mane Galbraith, Ramon & Maria Marfori, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Guaik Tanjuaquio, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Barbara Jurencyzyk

Please do not read bulletin during Holy Mass! Thank you!



**Adults Catechism Classes:
(RCIA) starting mid-September**

**English: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Mandarin: Wednesday 6:00 pm
Cantonese: Saturday 2:30 pm**

廣東話道理班: 星期六下午二時半
普通話道理班: 星期三晚上六時



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018
Total Pledges received \$85,180**

continues in our parish. On our 6th week, we have received 119 pledges, \$85,180. A modest gift from many will make a real difference that will help secure the future of your parish and the charitable works of the Archdiocese. You can also use the on-line giving process at www.rcav.org/ donate to give now and spread the payments monthly through the year.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly and reward you for being a good steward.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God...”

Friendly Reminders

*Please make sure your cell phones are turned off before you enter the church

*Please **dress appropriately** when you come to church. We understand that the summer heat is upon us once again, but please also respect the house of our Lord. Shorts, miniskirts, spaghetti straps, skin-tight and revealing clothes aren't really what one would wear to church.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding



New Initiatives for St. John the Apostle Parish

1. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** 10 minutes before all weekend Masses. Please come early to church before Mass to prepare oneself spiritually for Mass and Holy Communion and to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Let's pray together for the gift of conversion and the for the work of evangelization at our parish.
2. New website: **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

FORMED is the revolutionary digital platform that gives unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. 300+ episodes of video-based study programs, 35+ feature films and movies, 45+ audio presentations, 25+ eBooks Available in English and Spanish!

The access code of **SJA.FORMED.ORG** for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F**



*The miracle is not that we do this work, but that we are happy to do it.
Mother Teresa*

Mandarin/Cantonese speaking volunteers for Arbutus

Wednesdays 9:45 to 11:30. Bonus for volunteers they also get to attend the Mass. Address is Arbutus & Valley Drive across from the Chevron Station very close to St. John the Apostle. Most of the senior Chinese residents do not speak English. Can anyone spare every week or every other week for an hour and a half at the Arbutus Care Home facility? There is no heavy lifting, simply gathering about 45 residents for the Mass. Your time is definitely an act of kindness to these vulnerable residents. Contact Rita by email citylady6020@gmail.com.

Let us continue to keep one another in our prayers during these months of summer



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Mary of Agreda consecrated to God

Venerable Mary of Agreda (1602-1665) was born on April 2, 1602 in the village of Agreda, province of Soria, Spain. She was baptized Maria Coronel Her parents, Francis Coronel and Catherine of Arana, had eleven children, but only four of them reached adulthood---two sons and two daughters. Eventually the parents and all four children became religious of the Franciscan family.

Catherine experienced great joy each time she held baby Maria in her arms. Her joy was so intense when she carried the baby to church the first time that she foretold God had predestined this child for great things for His glory.

Maria experienced supernatural gifts at a very young age, but she also experienced spiritual desolation for a long time. She took the vow of chastity at the age of 8.

In 1614, when Maria reached the age of 12, she told her parents that she wanted to be a nun. They decided to place Maria at the Carmelite monastery, but God had other plans for the whole Coronel family.

One day, during prayer, Catherine heard a voice telling her that it was the will of God that the Coronel Castle be turned into a monastery and that her husband, Francis, should enter the order of St. Francis. Their two sons were already religious in the same order.

Eventually on January 13, 1619, Catherine and her two daughters took the veil and Francis became a lay brother in the Franciscan order. On February 20, 1620, Catherine and Maria took solemn vows. Maria took the religious name Sister Mary of Jesus.

Sister Mary suffered greatly due to physical illness and diabolical attacks. She was also misunderstood by the nuns of her community.

Ecstasies became frequent in the life of Sister Mary. During ecstasies, she was raised from the earth and her body became so light that the least wind would move it about life a feather. These ecstasies caused Sister Mary to be investigated. The priest who investigated her was impressed by her obedience and after testing her in many ways, he declared that she possessed true holiness. Soon all the nuns started to respect her.

Sister Mary's rule of life was "that whatever was of obligation must be preferred to all other works which were not prescribed by the rule, and she would practice no special exercises which could divert her from the strict observance of the rule."

Sister Mary received a rule from God regarding penance. She told her confessor: "God commanded me to avoid all things that would tarnish the pure intention of pleasing Him alone; to guard against imprudence and fervor that proceeds from self-love. That anything I do would be as nothing in comparison to the debt I owe Him. That I should never undertake anything of my own accord, but to obey the directions of confessors who know the rules of wisdom and prudence."

For many years, she slept no more than two hours. She would woke up at 11 pm and began the Way of the Cross, which lasted for three hours. She only took one meal a day, at six in the evening. She disciplined her body severely with instruments of penance.

In 1627, when not yet 25, Sister Mary was chosen Abbess of the Monastery. Due to her young age, dispensation from Rome was necessary. She reluctantly accepted the office and held it for the space of 35 years until her death.

Sister Mary dreaded the responsibility of Abbess and pleaded Our Lady for help. Our Lady told her: "My most amiable daughter, be of good cheer. I, myself, will be the Mother and Superior of your monastery whom you and your subjects will obey. In all your temptations and tribulations, call upon me; ask my advice, and it shall be granted to you immediately."