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Statement on the Recent Revelations of Sexual Abuse in the Church

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver:

Over the past few weeks, a number of very serious accounts of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church have become public.

Like you, I am devastated by these accounts of profound evil.

What the victims of sexual abuse have endured has shaken me and broken my heart. I grieve for what they have suffered at the hands of their abusers and by those who betrayed their spiritual fatherhood by failing to protect those entrusted to their pastoral care.

In addition to being sexually abused, many victims were treated very poorly by authorities in the Church. The failure of Church leaders to prevent the abuse, covering it up by moving abusers around, their lack of care and concern for victims: these were grave failures and terribly wrong. We are all rightfully outraged and discouraged by these actions.

As a bishop, I am especially upset with those bishops and priests who failed to protect the most vulnerable among us. They did not live up to their calling as shepherds and, even more, as spiritual fathers. What father would come to know that his child had been abused and do nothing about it? What father would cover up the abuse and tell his child to "get over it" in order to protect the family's "reputation"? Would that they had acted like Jesus, who showed his anger towards those who defiled the temple!

If you are aware of any situation of abuse happening now, please immediately contact law enforcement authorities. If the abuse involves a member of the clergy or any person engaged in ministry in our Archdiocese, please also make us aware. You may find our webpage on reporting abuse at: <http://rcav.org/safe-environment-reporting/> If you know of any sexual abuse that occurred in the past, but have not reported it before, consider doing so now.

For a number of years now, the Archdiocese of Vancouver has had a robust abuse prevention policy in place. We report allegations of sexual abuse to law enforcement. We offer to pay for counselling for victims. We are looking at ways to offer other support as needed.

I call on the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to join me in doing penance in reparation for the grave sins committed within our Church against our brothers and sisters. In order to heal as a community of faith, we must first acknowledge our brokenness before the Lord.

Within the next few weeks, I will issue a pastoral letter outlining our plans, including prayer, fasting and services of reparation in all our parishes at a date to be determined. The pain inflicted on so many victims affects us all and compels each of us to offer our prayers for them and to do penance for the sins committed against them.

Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB
 Archbishop of Vancouver
 17 August 2018



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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In Residence

Fr. Nick Meisl

Administrative Assistant

Melita Soriano

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses

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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 morning 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

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 26, 2018**

August 26, 2018 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 25 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Gregory Fok +
 Raymond Yu +

Aug 26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (G).....Maria Wong +

Aug 27 Monday, St. Monica (W).....John Kwan +

Aug 28 Tuesday, St. Augustine (W).....C. W. & deceased family member +

Aug 29 Wednesday, Passion of St John the Baptist (R)...Elizabeth Siu Lin Tse +

Aug 30 Thursday, Ferial (G).....Pietro Bolongaro INT

Aug 31 Friday, Ferial (G).....Lourdes Domingo INT

Sep 01 First Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Rosa Salas INT

Felix & Cecilia Chan +

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, Mane Galbraith, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Barbara Jurencyk, Megan Maddock, Joseph & Resela Wong-Sing, Shirley Sullivan, Joseph Correa Duro

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**

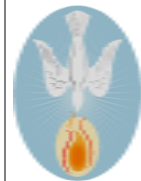
廣東話道理班：星期六下午二時半
普通話道理班：星期三晚上六時



**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018
Total Pledges received \$116,859.80**

Project Advance 2018 continues in our parish. To date, we have received 159 pledges, **\$116,859.80**. Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of our parish who have donated to our Project Advance. If you have not yet made a contribution, you can drop off your pledge/donation at the parish office or donate online by visiting <https://rcav.thankyou4caring.org/Project Advance>.

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



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) Program will commence this fall**

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Looking to update your understanding of the Catholic Faith? Have any questions about the Catholic Faith? Then **join the RCIA program**.

RCIA will commence on September 19, Wednesday

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or just wants to inquire into the Catholic Faith please have them contact our parish office at (604)266-8800 or email Father Anthony at fatheranthonyho@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 19: English 7:00PM
Mandarin 6:00PM

Saturday, September 22: Cantonese 2:30PM

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**

SJAPARISH.CA

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Registration will be held Tuesday, September 04, 2018.

PREP ORIENTATION – Mandatory Attendance for both Parents and Student: Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, September to May, **from 6:30-7:45 pm** in the Parish Hall.

The fee is \$50 plus an additional \$40 if your child requires a sacrament. This fee partially covers the costs of textbooks, workbooks and classroom materials. Fees are due upon registration. Registration forms will be available from the back of the church or from the parish office. Please make sure to bring the child(ren)'s Baptismal Certificate, 1st Holy Communion Certificate and Care Card Number.

Coordinator: Evelyn Siy at sjaprep@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Calling volunteers of all ages from teens to seniors! If you would like to join our Catechism Team, please contact Evelyn Siy at sjaprep@gmail.com Together we can help encouraged more youth To Know, To Love and To Serve God.



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Our Lady predicted 20th century crisis

Mother Mariana de Jesus (1563-1635) prayed during the night of January 20-21, 1610. Around 1 pm, the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael appeared to her, accompanied by a great number of Angels. The three Archangels gave her messages and strengthened her to receive the messages of Our Lady.

After the apparition of the Archangels, Mother Mariana prostrated on the ground in the form of the cross and offered humble prayer of thanksgiving. At 2 pm, Our Lady appeared to her with the Christ Child.

Mother Mariana saw some sickly doves perched on the arm of Our Lady. They were trying to leave the arm of Our Lady, but the Christ Child tried to detain and divert them, caressing them and offering them the Eucharistic Bread. However, they would turn their heads aside in order not to take this Bread. Our Lady spoke to them kindly, but they paid no attention to her words. They remained with Our Lady against their will and became increasingly weak.

In face of such disdain and after exhausting every means of winning them with charity, the Christ Child took them and threw them down into the tempestuous sea of the world, where, lacking the strength they needed to survive on the surface, they were immersed in the deep abyss. All that remained was the echo of the despairing cries of those who, for lack of vigilance, realized too late that they had lost a good that could have been fully theirs in exchange for just a little effort, suffering, and sacrifice.

Our Lady explained those sickly doves were the religious unfaithful to their vocation who would live in the Convent throughout the course of the centuries.

She said, "Did you see how lovingly and tenderly my Most Holy Son and I treated them? We will always assist them like this, drawing them to us and nourishing them with the Eucharistic Bread. But, alas, how ungrateful they were! They turned their backs to us. Exhausting the mercy and patience of my Most Holy Son, they abandoned themselves to the turbulent ocean of the world, where they were oppressed by sufferings and sorrows, and tormented by their uneasy consciences. Who knows how many of them will end their lives miserably and be lost?"

Our Lady predicted the great crisis of the 20th century. She said, "Thus I make it known to you that from the end of the 19th century and from shortly after the middle of the 20th century, in what is today the Colony and will then be the Republic of Ecuador, the passions will erupt and there will be a total corruption of customs, for Satan will reign almost completely by means of the Masonic sects. They will focus principally on the children in order to sustain this general corruption."

Our Lady predicted people would neglect the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Confession. Sins of sacrileges would be committed against the Holy Eucharist. Due to the lack of Catholic spirit in Ecuador, the Sacrament of Anointing would also be neglected. She said, "Many people will die without receiving it – either because of the negligence of their families or a misconceived affection for their sick ones."

Our Lady also predicted that the Sacrament of Matrimony would be attacked and deeply profaned. She said there would be iniquitous laws "with the aim of doing away with this Sacrament, making it easy for everyone to live in sin and encouraging the procreation of illegitimate children born without the blessing of the Church."

Regarding the Sacrament of Holy Order, Our Lady predicted: "[The devil] will labor with cruel and subtle astuteness to deviate them from the spirit of their vocation and will corrupt many of them. These depraved priests, who will scandalize the Christian people, will make the hatred of bad Catholics and the enemies of the Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church fall upon all priests."