

# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 <b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b> Mass at 9:00AM	4 PREP Registration 6:15-7:30pm (PH)	5 Arbutus Mass 10:30am	6 FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonese 6:30 pm	7 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am First Friday Devotions Benediction at 6:30pm 7:00pm Mass Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:30pm	8 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
9	10	11 PREP Orientation 6:30-7:30pm (PH)	12 Arbutus Mass 10:30am	13 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	14 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	15 Madonna House-Morning of Recollection 9:30-noon (PH) Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
16 Catechists Commissioning Sunday 11:00am <b>SJA Annual Picnic</b> After the 11:00am Mass	17	18 PREP Opening Mass, 6:30-7:30pm(PH)	19 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7:30pm (PH) 普通話道理班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	20	21 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30pm (PH)	22 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道理班 2:30pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
23	24	25 PREP class 6:30-7:45pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45pm (RH)	26 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7:30pm (PH) 普通話道理班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	27 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	28 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	29 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道理班 2:30pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00pm
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## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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September 23, 2018

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

#### Pastor

Fr. Anthony Ho 何庭耀神父  
fatheranthonyho@gmail.com

**Emergency sick call only:**  
604-729-7638

#### In Residence

Fr. Nick Meisl

#### Administrative Assistant

Melita Soriano

#### Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

#### Weekend Masses

廣東話主日提前彌撒:

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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

#### September 23, 2018 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*  
MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sep 22 Saturday, Our Lady of Sorrows (W).....Pietro Bolongaro (AM) INT  
Helena Kan (PM) +

Sep 23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G).....Melissa Salas INT

Sep 24 Monday, Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin (W).....Elpidio Domingo +

Sep 25 Tuesday, Sts. Cosmas and Damian (R).....Manuel & Lydia Ty INT

Sep 26 Wednesday, St. John De Brebeuf (R).....Noel Connolly +

Sep 27 Thursday, St. Vincent De Paul (W).....Gerard Acena INT

Sep 28 Friday, St. Wenceslaus (R).....Isobel Agnes Kendrick +

Sep 29 Saturday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (W) ...Fr. Anthony Ho (AM) INT  
Nada Borovic (PM) +

**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 Wong-Sing, Shirley Sullivan, Joseph Correa Duro





**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018**  
**Total Pledges received \$117,859.80**

Project Advance 2018 continues in our parish. To date, we have received 161 pledges, **\$117,859.80** 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](https://rcav.thankyou4caring.org/Project%20Advance).

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



**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**AND SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018,**  
**St. John the Apostle Parish**  
**77th year Anniversary Dinner at**  
**Victoria Chinese Restaurant sponsored**  
**by Knights of Columbus chapter 16692**

**St John the Apostle Parish Religion Education Program**  
**(SJA PREP)**  
**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is an Archdiocesan program of religious instruction for children in Grades 1-7 who attend the public or independent schools. In SJA PREP, we also welcome children who attended Catholic School to enhance what they learn in school and have the opportunity to meet same age children from the parish.

Thank you to parents who completed their registration to 2018 – 2019 SJA PREP.  
For those who wish to join but have not yet registered, please come and join us at our Parish Hall for

For more information: <https://sjaprep0.wixsite.com/home>  
Or email Evelyn Siy at [sjaprep@gmail.com](mailto:sjaprep@gmail.com)

**Fatima Ladies Circle**

Meets every First Saturday at 10 am—noon in the Parish Hall. Prayers, DVDs and sharing. Next meeting will be on **October 6**. For more information please contact the Parish Office.



**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**.

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](mailto:fatheranthonyho@gmail.com)

**Wednesday:** English 7:00PM  
Mandarin 6:00PM

**Saturday:** Cantonese 2:30PM

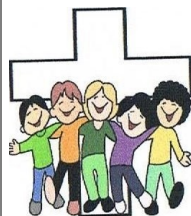
**“Dying Healed is preparatory training and volunteer recruitment program for those who would like to spend time with the elderly, ill, disabled and dying.**

3 nights in a row Wed, **Oct.10th - Fri, Oct.12th**, 7 pm - 9 pm  
\$45/person - Refreshment and workbook is included

**Location:**  
St. John the Apostle - church hall

**Registration:**  
Please register a week in advance of workshop Call 604-733-6266  
Please pay \$45 / person at the door , Cash or cheque -  
Please make cheque to **‘Vancouver Right to Life Society’**  
Organized by Vancouver’s Life Community  
<https://lifecollective.io/vancouver/get-involved/our-work>

**SAINT FRANCISCO BOYS CLUB**



Calling all age group boys 7-14. Every one is welcome to join.  
For more information, please send an email to Alfonso Salas at [asalas@telus.net](mailto:asalas@telus.net)

**SAINT JACINTA GIRLS CLUB**



Calling all age group girls 4-10. Every one is welcome to join. For more information, please send an email to Lorette Salas at [Ltsalas@telus.net](mailto:Ltsalas@telus.net)

**Let us continue to keep one another in our prayers**



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

**Mystic foresaw future of Colony and Convent**

Mother Mariana de Jesus (1563-1635) had a great love for the sick at her convent. She said, “Sickness is the gauge that measures the virtue of every religious soul now and in all times.” She predicted that throughout the centuries her convent would never lack sick persons and rare diseases. The acceptance of suffering would help the nuns to grow in holiness and to atone for the sins of the people. Mother Mariana also predicted that toward the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there would be two religious from her convent with leprosy. One would die in the convent and the other would enter a common leper colony. These victim souls would die holy death and would placate Divine Justice for the ungrateful people.

Mother Mariana knew that the Colony would become independent from Spain. In 1628, she saw in visions the war between the angels and devils over Ecuador. She saw the four borders of Ecuador completely surrounded by a black cloud made up of countless devils. That cloud obscured the light of Faith in souls, encouraged blasphemies, and hardened the hearts of the people. Mother Mariana then saw the Heavens were opened wide over Ecuador, and a clear, overpowering light streamed over all of Ecuador. From every convent and cloister a spray of stars issued that rose to Heaven. Over the four extremes of the land heavenly beams of light fell. There were thunder, lightning and swords of fire. The heavenly swords defeated the devils. The evil spirits threatened: “The time will come when we will have excellent agents who, with force and violence, will win for us a good portion of this land. We will support them and give them earthly pleasures, comforts, and riches, and afterward torment them in hell for eternity because these ungrateful wretches ignored the mercies and benefits of their Creator.”

After the visions, Our Lady of Good Success appeared with the Christ Child. Our Lady predicted Mother Mariana would live for another seven years, in memory of the seven sorrows and joys of Our Lady. Mother Mariana saw the Christ Child suffered with love for Ecuador.

Mother Mariana foresaw with great sadness that the future leaders of the convent would be moved by false charity and would admit persons without vocations or the proper spirit. Extravagant customs would be introduced under the appearance of virtue and false zeal. And good customs established by the Founding Mothers would be eliminated. The pure and true observance of the Rule would be subtly undermined. However, Mother Mariana was comforted to know that Our Lady of Good Success and the Founding Mothers would be watching over the convent from heaven. Mother Mariana understood that the devotions to the Passion, the Blessed Sacrament, and Our Lady constitute the support and pillar of religious institutions, especially her own convent.

On February 2, 1634, Mother Mariana was pleading earnestly for the spiritual well-being of her beloved convent. She was given the gift to see all pious institutions, congregations, and religious communities that would be founded until the end of time, as well as those that would be dissolved due to the decadence of their members or relaxations which resulted from careless admittance of unfit members because of the lack of correspondence to grace. Mother Mariana was given to know of the dire times the convent would pass through, above all in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Our Lady of Good Success told Mother Mariana that she would soon die and enter heaven. Our Lady would live in and govern the convent by means of the miraculous statue that Mother Mariana made and placed on the abbatial seat. During the apparition, Our Lady placed the Christ Child in the arms of Mother Mariana as a proof of her love for the convent.



**Welcome to visitors/New parishioners**

For those who requested for box of envelopes, please pick up your box at the church vestibule ( back of the church) **pick up only the box with your name printed outside the box.** Thank you.

**A friendly reminder**



On the side street of the church, along 39th & Trafalgar, the area between the hydrant and the driveway should be kept clear for those who need it.