

## Archdiocesan Announcement

### A Message from Archbishop Miller

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today to invite you to join me in contributing generously to the September 10<sup>th</sup> special collection for Healing and Reconciliation. This collection helps to fulfill the commitment our local Church has made to seek a new path with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

The funds raised provide grants for local projects developed and administered by Indigenous peoples. This initiative brings healing and reconciliation to communities and families, promotes culture and language revitalization, provides opportunities for education and community building, and facilitates dialogue.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver has committed \$2.5 million to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF), a Canada-wide Catholic initiative, over a five-year period that began in 2021. In 2022, we formed a grant committee to review project applications from local First Nations and Indigenous groups before recommending them to the IRF. To date, your donations have sponsored eight projects, with many more to come.

Your support this year will allow us to continue sowing seeds of understanding and hope, thereby creating a future where reconciliation flourishes and the wounds of the past are gently healed.

[On September 10, please give generously to the Healing and Reconciliation collection](#) and be part of this transformative journey.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain



Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver

*(the Bequest Clause can be added to your existing Will as a codicil)*

#### Bequest Clause

I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, incorporated under a special Act of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and whose offices are located in Vancouver, British Columbia, for the benefit of St. John the Apostle Parish, Vancouver, B.C:  
The sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ dollars;  
Or \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of my estate;  
Or the total of the residue of my estate.



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 10, 2023**

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#### Pastor

Fr. Paul Chu

pchu@rcav.org

778-834-1234

(for emergency sick-call only)

#### Office Administrator

Melita Soriano

office@sjaparish.ca

#### Parish Office Hours

Tue-Fri 8:30 AM-4 PM

#### Weekend Masses

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Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),

5:30 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 5:30 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

#### 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

778-834-1234

#### Baptisms

by appointment

#### Marriages

at least 6 months notice

### September 10 — Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."-Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

09 Saturday, Our Lady (W).... Anita Chan INT

11 Monday, Ferial (G)..... Chia Boon Kee & family +

12 Tuesday, Most Holy Name of Mary (W)..... Chun Kuen Au +

13 Wednesday, St John Chrysostom (W)..... Arden Leung +

14 Thursday Exaltation of the Holy Cross (W)... John Daniel Garry +

15 Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows (W).....Patrick Leung +

16 Saturday, St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian (R).....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, Bernadette Percy, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Warren & Sean Hughes, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Megan Maddock, Shirley Sullivan, Sheila Murray, Katherine Griffin, Valentia Abbott, Maravilla Melchor, Malou Limcangco, Catherine Fox, Divinia Magbanua, Riley Lo, Wendy Stuart, Rosana Ruiz, Lennon Limcangco, Nelia Cuevas

## OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Second Collection: Healing & Reconciliation September 9-10, 2023

This weekend's second collection is for Healing and Reconciliation. Your tax-deductible gift to this collection will continue to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the following ways:

- Healing and reconciliation initiatives for communities and families affected by past injustices
- Culture and language revitalization projects aimed at preserving and celebrating Indigenous heritage
- Education and community-building initiatives that empower individuals and promote unity

Learn more and donate today:

[rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation](http://rcav.org/healing-and-reconciliation)

Thank you for your generous support!

**DONATE**



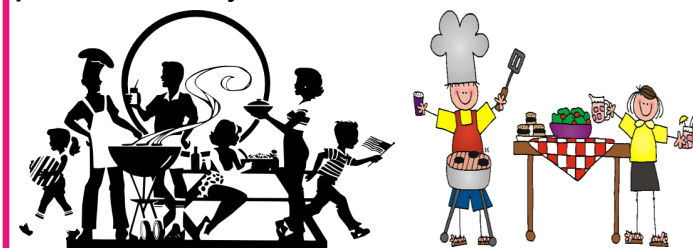
### ANNUAL PARISH BBQ PICNIC

September 10, after the 11:00 am Mass,  
on the parish parking lot, across the church  
Cars need to be removed after the 11:00am Mass

Our parish will provide burgers, hotdogs, condiments, plates, cutlery, and napkins. Everyone is welcome to bring dessert to share.

**Please be sure to confirm your attendance on the sign-up sheet.** This allows the organizers to ensure enough food are prepared for all attendees. Sign-up sheets can be found in the church vestibule.

***Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and drink with your parish community!***



### **PROJECT ADVANCE 2023** **EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION**

Project Advance continues in our parish. We have received **79** pledges, total **\$49,100.62**. 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.

If you did not receive a Project Advance pledge form in the mail, please pick up a pledge form with the brochures available at the entrance of the church and drop them off in the Sunday collection basket. You can also visit the archdiocesan website, [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org) to donate online and make your pledge to our parish. Together, let us continue to "Empower Our Parish Vision". You can make a real difference in our community.

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

### NEW ORGAN



Archbishop Miller has granted permission to purchase a new organ to replace the 30-year-old organ in the church.

After deliberation and contacting various organ representatives, the Johannes Ecclesia 255 would be the ideal fit for the church which cost around \$55,000.00

Please help raise funds through our Project Advance. We have already met the Archdiocesan goal of \$31,800.00, all additional funds received will be redirected to our parish to fund our special project.

Thank you for your continued support.



Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal  
St. Thomas More

### Parish Religion Education Program (PREP) at St John The Apostle

#### **Class will start**

CGS Level 1 ( 5 to 6 years old )  
on Saturday, September 16  
from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

CGS Level 2 ( 7 to 9 years old )  
on Tuesday, September 12  
From 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm

#### **We invite**

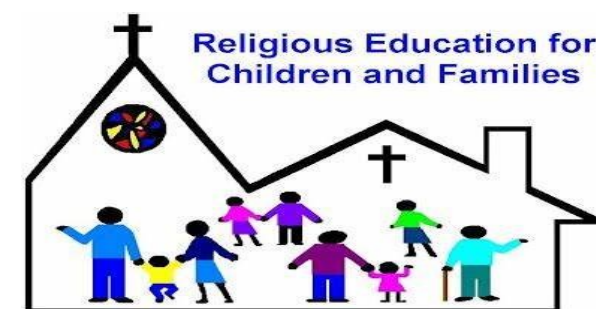
Children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation as well as those who desire to grow in love for our Lord Jesus and the Holy Mass.

#### **CONTACT**

The parish office to register @ 604 266 8800

#### **More information for CGS**

Ada Arango @604 221 6821



### Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way adults come to learn about and experience the Christian life, specifically our Roman Catholic tradition, and become initiated into the life of our Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you are interested or know anyone who is interested in being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please consider attending Mass in our parish and contact the parish office at 604-266-8800 or send us an email at [office@sjaparish.ca](mailto:office@sjaparish.ca) to inquire about our RCIA program.

### 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. Hope this resource will help us to love Jesus more and to be more well equipped for the work of evangelization.

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

### LEGION OF MARY

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

The unit of the Legion of Mary usually holds a weekly meeting, where prayer and community-building are prioritized. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual.

The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes, in nursing homes, and in hospitals, and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish.

Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

Weekly meeting: Sunday 12:15 pm in the church basement.

### Purity & Chastity is possible

Away from pornography? Two booklets, "Equipped" and "Confidence" are available at our foyer for parents to help the young ones.

### Save on on Sacred Burial Space - Fall Open House

Fall is coming, and Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hosting its Fall Open House. Catholics save 20% off burial space at our sacred grounds. Now is the perfect time to make pre-need burial arrangements for yourself or your parents at our local Catholic cemetery. On Friday, September 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., OR Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [rccav.org/event/fall-open-house](http://rccav.org/event/fall-open-house).