

Archdiocesan Announcement

Super, Natural Vancouver – Christian Witness and Mission in a Secular Age

What is the role of traditional Christianity in a region noted for its lack of traditional religious belief or attendance at church?

The City of Vancouver in British Columbia statistically reports “no religion” as the number one “religious identity.” Scholars have argued that part of the reason Christianity struggles on the West Coast is that Christendom was never fully established here. And yet, Christian communities continue to worship, work and witness in the midst of this increasingly secular context, where residents express their spirituality through what one scholar calls “reverential naturalism.”

Over the last five years, missiologist Ross Lockhart has conducted an ethnographic research project on Christianity in the city focusing on fourteen different sites. The study asks, “How are Christians in Vancouver today, as a minority expression of the majority secular population, organizing their communities, shaping their beliefs and expressing themselves in mission?” This includes exploring how Christians are interacting in their secular environment, and how Christian communities are equipping their members for witness and practice in the broader community. Could it be that rather than simply declining, Christianity in the city is changing in response to such factors as immigration, decolonization, and pluralism?

The annual Carr Lecture at St. Mark’s College, Vancouver, will be presented on Wednesday, **October 11**, at 7:00 p.m. by Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew’s Hall and Professor of Mission Studies at Vancouver School of Theology. Learn more and register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Retrouvaille Weekend - Marriage Help

Need marriage help? Retrouvaille, pronounced "retroo-vye," meaning "rediscovery", is a marriage program endorsed by Pope Francis that has helped hundreds of BC couples recover from all kinds of marriage trouble– from simple discontent to serious crises. Why live in misery? Repair and rekindle your relationship!

The program consists of one weekend retreat on **Oct. 13-15** and six Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions, which can be attended remotely.

For confidential information or to register, please contact Retrouvaille Vancouver at [604-530-6710](tel:604-530-6710) / vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org, or visit helpmy marriage.ca.

Healing the Wounds of Abuse: Grief to Grace Retreat

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual and/or spiritual abuse to find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one’s family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will take place on Saturday, **October 28**, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

(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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

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(for emergency sick-call only)

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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 24 — Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” -Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “It’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 23 Saturday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (W).....Jonathan & Melissa Yang INT
25 Monday, Sts. Cosmas and Damian (R).....S. C. Maria +
26 Tuesday, St. Jean De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues (R).....Jin Caina INT
27 Wednesday, St. Vincent De Paul (W).....John Daniel Garry +
28 Thursday, Saint Lawrence Ruiz (R).....Kim, Seung Yeub INT
29 Friday, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael (W).....Lu, Jin Kui +
30 Saturday, St. Jerome (W).....Erlinda Reyes INT

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



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 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.

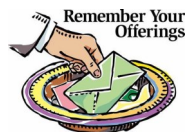


One who desires nothing but God is rich and happy
St. Alphonsus Liguori

Second Collection Sunday, September 24 Needs of the Church in Canada

Second Collection to support the work of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to be taken at all masses this Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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, or looking to update your understanding or have any questions about Catholic Faith, 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 to inquire about our RCIA program.

Let us continue to pray for each other
during these months of fall season



Funeral Announcements

In your charity, please remember

Helen Moroney +

Funeral Mass

September 29, at 11:00am

Eternal Rest, grant unto her, O Lord

and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed

Rest in peace. Amen



Bible Talk in Mandarin The Word and I

Sr. Maria Ko, FMA, from Rome, of the Institute of the Daughter of Mary Help of Christian will come to give a series of Biblical Reflections for the Chinese Ministry, at St. John the Apostle Parish Hall, on **September 26**, at 7:00pm—9:15pm.

Indigenous Reconciliation: Learning Opportunity

St. Augustine's parish will host a **KAIROS Blanket Exercise on Sat, Sep 30 (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation), 1-4 p.m.** at St. Augustine School's gym. This interactive workshop offers participants an opportunity to learn about colonization and its legacy in Canada from the Indigenous perspective, and discern a path forward towards healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Sign up is required. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://staugustineschurch.ca/events/kairos-blanket-exercise>.

Learning about Korean Martyrs with Dr. Donald Baker

Come learn about the fascinating and inspiring history and lives of the Korean martyrs from Dr. Donald Baker, a Professor in Korean History and Civilization at the University of British Columbia. On Friday, **October 6**, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster. Cost is by donation. All are welcome! Learn more at stpetersnewwest.ca/events.

Händel's Dixit Dominus

Come and enjoy a high-energy, spirited rendition of Georg Friedrich Händel's most stylistically unique work! This beautiful setting of Psalm 110 is Händel's earliest surviving composition, written when he was just 22 years old. It possesses a distinctive character among all of his works, which will be performed on period instruments in the style of our celebrated Messiah.

The Chilliwack Symphony concert will run on two dates: Friday, **September 29**, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church, Surrey

- Saturday, **September 30**, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver

Cost ranges from \$10 to \$75. Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

John Paul II's Theology of the Body Course

You're invited to this four-part course led by professors from Catholic Pacific College. What does it mean to be a human person, one who is embodied and lives within time and space? How is the human body a path unto God? In what ways do we, as sexed creatures, noun and verb, participate in the life of God?

St. John Paul II's profound theological anthropology set out in his Wednesday addresses, famously known as a theology of the body, provides a response to these questions, opening a door into the great mystery of being a man or woman made in the image of God. Join Dr. Andrew Kaethler and Jeremy Keong to put out into the deep (duc in altum) with St. John Paul II's profound vision of the human person.

Sessions are every other Thursday evening beginning **Oct. 5** and ending Nov. 16 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$100. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

Little Flower Academy

is hosting our Annual **OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, **October 11th** at 6:00pm and is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the **ENTRANCE EXAM** on Saturday, December 2, 2023. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 11