

# Archdiocesan Announcement

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass

Join us in person as we honour our little ones. A special Mass will be celebrated and candles lit in honour of the little ones we have lost. Members of Elizabeth Ministry, who encourage faith, hope and healing, will be present to share their testimony and offer support. There will be light refreshments following the Mass.

On **Sunday, October 15**, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Evangelist Chapel, Gardens of Gethsemani in South Surrey. Learn more and register at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events).

## Silent Weekend Retreat: "An Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales

The Guard of Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites you to a silent weekend retreat from October 27-29 (Friday evening - Sunday lunch) at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. The theme of the retreat is *An Introduction to the Devout Life* by St Francis de Sales. The retreat master is Father David Bellusci, OP. Cost is \$165. **Registration deadline: Sunday, October 15.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Matt Maher & Friends: An Evening of Music and Worship

This inspiring event includes original songs by Matt Maher, as well as music from the album *Sanctuary Songs* by The Porter's Gate. You'll also have the opportunity to hear about and support the work Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries is doing to equip the Church to support mental health and well-being.

On Wednesday, **October 18**, 7:00 p.m. at The Centre for Performing Arts in Vancouver. Use code "CATHOLIC5" to receive \$5 off your ticket! Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## 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](http://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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October 08, 2023

### Pastor

Fr. Paul Chu  
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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

## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 08, 2023

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship life-style may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 07 Saturday, Our Lady of the Rosary (W).... Felix & Cecilia Chan +
- 09 Monday, Thanksgiving Day (W)..... Andrew, and Mark Siy +
- 10 Tuesday, Ferial (G)..... Louis Shim, Chia Sau Yuet +
- 11 Wednesday, St John XXIII (W)..... Anna Hu +
- 12 Thursday, Ferial (G)... Florence McNicholl +
- 13 Friday, Ferial (G).....Arden Leung +
- 14 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Enzo Soriano 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 **93** pledges, total **\$61,630.62**. 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.



*Patience is the companion of wisdom.*

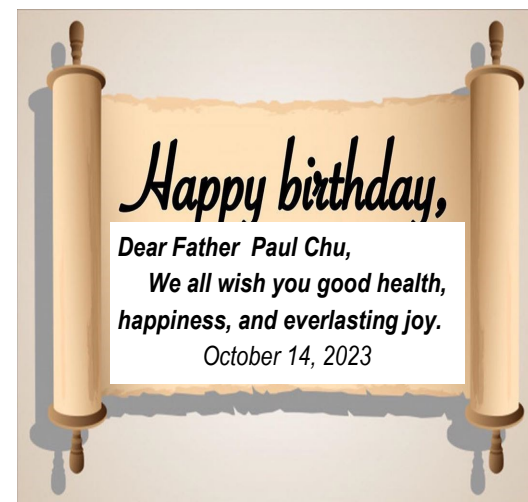
*St. Augustine*



*May this Thanksgiving season bring special joys to you and your family, and may blessings in abundance be yours the whole year through.*

### Thanksgiving Holiday Monday, October 09, 2023

Morning Mass at 9:00am



Our office will be closed from  
**October 09 – October 20, 2023.**

Melita will be away on her annual vacation.

For any emergency and urgent matters, kindly call Fr. Paul Chu at 778-834-1234 or email [pchu@rcav.org](mailto:pchu@rcav.org)

Thank you.



### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD (ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS)



WE STAND BEFORE YOU, HOLY SPIRIT, AS WE GATHER TOGETHER IN YOUR NAME.  
WITH YOU ALONE TO GUIDE US, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME IN OUR HEARTS; TEACH US THE WAY WE MUST GO AND HOW WE ARE TO PURSUE IT.  
WE ARE WEAK AND SINFUL; DO NOT LET US PROMOTE DISORDER.  
DO NOT LET IGNORANCE LEAD US DOWN THE WRONG PATH NOR PARTIALITY INFLUENCE OUR ACTIONS.  
LET US FIND IN YOU OUR UNITY SO THAT WE MAY JOURNEY TOGETHER TO ETERNAL LIFE AND NOT STRAY FROM THE WAY OF TRUTH AND WHAT IS RIGHT.  
ALL THIS WE ASK OF YOU, WHO ARE AT WORK IN EVERY PLACE AND TIME, IN THE COMMUNION OF THE FATHER AND THE SON, FOREVER AND EVER.  
AMEN

### Parish Pancake Breakfast (by Donation)

Organized by Knights of Columbus  
**October 15, 2023, after the 11:00AM Mass**  
**St. John the Apostle Parish Hall**

Come for breakfast and be served Pancake with sausage, egg & hash brown by the Knights.



### The Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation Appeal is Back! Buy now!!!

## 62nd ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here [KofcCharity.ca](http://KofcCharity.ca)

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Grand Prize

**PRIZES**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$30,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$10,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$5,000
5 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

**TICKETS**

1 for	\$5
10 for	\$25
50 for	\$50

Limited Tickets!  
**BUY TODAY KofcCharity.ca**

**Total Prizes \$100,000**

Sales Oct 1, 2023 to Dec 16, 2023, 8pm

Early Bird Draws .....

Oct 9 (2x\$1000), Oct 23 (2x\$1000), Nov 6 (2x\$1000)  
Nov 20 (2x\$1000), Dec 2 (2x\$1000)

Main Draw Saturday December 16, 2023, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation  
WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER  
Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 BC Gaming Event License #: 144568  
Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.  
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.  
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.

### Bereavement Ministry Pastoral Care Retreat

This retreat is for those involved in spiritual care and bereavement ministry.

One of the most important habits we can cultivate is self-care — especially for those ministering in the pastoral care field. We sometimes find it hard to separate our feelings from the ones we are hearing. Sometimes the stories trigger our own past grief, and sometimes it's just so hard to hear. But God gives us the graces we need to accompany those who are lonely, isolated and sad. As Jesus went out to a desert place to pray, we too need that time away to recharge and rest.

This retreat is led by Fr. James Hughes and is an opportunity for those involved in bereavement ministry to "come away and rest."

On Saturday, **October 14**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam.

**Registration deadline: Thursday, October 12.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



### Indigenous Reconciliation: Listening to Indigenous Voices

Join St. Augustine's parish for an in-depth Indigenous reconciliation workshop series, exploring Indigenous worldviews, examining the history of colonization and discerning concrete ways forward with local First Nation Knowledge Keepers, including Deacon Rennie Nahanee of the Squamish Nation. Bi-weekly Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. **from Oct 14, 2023 to Apr 6, 2024** at St. Augustine's parish hall (2028 West 7th Ave., Vancouver). Course fee: \$30 Limited to 25 participants only. Learn more and register at <https://staugustineschurch.ca/events/listening-to-indigenous-voices>

