

Archdiocesan Announcement

Free "Being With" Volunteer Training
In-Person or Online
Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life.

This training is free!

Mass is at 8:30 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast and two training sessions.

Speakers include **Kathy Matusiak Costa**, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care, and **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Location: Star of the Sea Parish Centre
15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock
Date: Oct 28, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Register by Oct 26, 2023.



(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 22, 2023

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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

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 21 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Sophie Spurr +
- 23 Monday, St. John of Capistrano (W).....Raymond Heung +
- 24 Tuesday, St. Anthony Mary Claret (W).....Jin Caina INT
- 25 Wednesday, Ferial (G).....John Daniel Garry +
- 26 Thursday, Ferial (G).....Souls in Purgatory +
- 27 Friday, Ferial (G).....Kim, Seung Yeub INT
- 28 Saturday, St. Simon and St. Jude (R).....Alice Wong +

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 **97** pledges, total **\$65,460.62**. 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.



Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.

St. Anthony of Padua

Second Collection, Sunday, October 22 World Mission Sunday

Second Collection to help the Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith assist missionary bishops and dioceses throughout the world to be taken at all masses this Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity



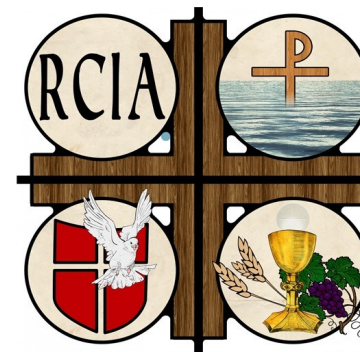
PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD (ADSUMUS SANCTE SPIRITUS)



For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission

**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**



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.

RCIA Mandarin Class on Tuesdays, 10:30-12 noon, and English Class on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm at St. John the Apostle Parish Library.

Inquirer and those baptized Catholic seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation are welcome.

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**

Couples Retreat by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vancouver is pleased to offer an in-person retreat from Friday, **October 27**, to Sunday, **October 29**, at Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche. The retreat centre is located approximately one hour east of Vancouver.

If you desire to restore communication and rekindle romance, this retreat is for you! Come learn how to become closer as a couple through a communication strategy that will deepen and strengthen your love, leading to a richer, more intimate and joyful life together! Let us help you live your best life in love. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Canadian Physicians for Life Conference

Join us at the Canadian Physicians for Life conference, "I Want You to Be," from **October 27-29, 2023**, at the Ottawa City Centre Hotel. This event brings together healthcare professionals dedicated to upholding the Hippocratic Oath and the sanctity of human life. Explore various medical fields and bioethics, and gain valuable insights to navigate ethical challenges. Medical students and residents can apply for scholarships to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in dialogue, gain confidence, and connect with like-minded individuals. Register and sponsor a student or apply for a scholarship at physiciansforlife.ca.

Mozart's Requiem

Experience one of the most profound pieces of music ever written: Mozart's *Requiem*. It is powerful, passionate, and presents an image of judgment and mercy. Paula DeWit conducts the Belle Voci Vocal Ensemble, Voce Gioventu, soloists, and the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra.

You can experience this masterpiece in concert at St. James Parish in Abbotsford on Saturday, **October 28**, and again on Thursday, **November 2** (All Souls' Day), at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver, within the context of the Mass for which it was written, offering new insights into a beloved musical work. Cost ranges from \$10-\$75. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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

