

# Archdiocesan Announcement

## Seeking for Accommodation For 12 Young Adult Missionaries and Leaders

Catholic Street Missionaries Society is organizing a 2-week Summer Street Missionary Program in August 2024. We are looking for accommodation for 12 young adult missionaries and leaders in the City of Vancouver. In order to find suitable accommodation for the missionaries, we would like to get in touch with AirBnB owners or landlords. Please contact Mildred at 778-885-9611 (email: [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com) or [info@catholicstreetmissionaries.org](mailto:info@catholicstreetmissionaries.org))

## Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom)

Join us for an interfaith dinner with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom, which serves as a venue for engaging in dialogue and building friendships.

Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. On **Thursday, November 30**, at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom in Vancouver. Cost is \$36. All are welcome! Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Advent Retreat: Choose the Better Part

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "*Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*" This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this retreat a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season.

Our keynote speaker is Fr. Mark McGuckin. Prior to entering the Seminary he was a writer, actor, editor, and producer in the Vancouver Film and TV industry. Currently he is a diocesan priest and serves at St. Francis de Sales parish in Burnaby and as the Assistant Vocations Director for the Archdiocese.

Registration is only \$25. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm. Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## Date Night

All married couples, including mentor and mentee couples under the Witness to Love Program, are invited to join us for a joy-filled dinner of celebration and encouragement. It's a time set aside to:

- Have intentional marriage-strengthening conversations
- Learn and laugh with other couples with the same values
- Hit pause and make space for your relationship, allowing the grace of God to shed wisdom and light to see each other in a new way

Cost is \$30/couple. **On Thursday, December 7**, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. **Registration deadline: Thursday, November 30.** Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Walking in the Way of the Lord: Attuning to God Advent Retreat for Divorced and Separated

Join us as, Jody Garneau, through her life experience and formal education, leads participants through a process of self-awareness, healing, and growing in trust. Our desire is that participants will increase their ability to maintain boundaries, establish healthy relationships with others, and move forward with more integration and peace. By establishing a more profound level of interior peace, participants have the opportunity to be attuned to God and his vision of each person.

The day will start with Mass and participants will have the opportunity to have small group discussions, time for Adoration and Confession and a shared meal.

Jody earned a BA from Thomas Aquinas College in California. After returning to Canada, Jody married and embarked on a 25-year adventure in parenting and homeschooling her four children. Jody earned a Masters in Clinical Counselling through Divine Mercy University (Virginia) where she was immersed in the study of psychological healing with an emphasis on trauma treatment. Jody's own life experiences and challenges have provided a wealth of earned wisdom to enhance her professional development.

This retreat will take place **on December 9** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. Registration is \$15.

Learn more and register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)



# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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November 26, 2023

## Pastor

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## Office Administrator

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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

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 26, 2023

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." –  
Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 25 Saturday, St. Catherine of Alexandria (R).....Felix & Cecilia Chan
- 27 Monday, Ferial (G).....Helen Wong +
- 28 Tuesday, Ferial (G).....John Daniel Garry +
- 29 Wednesday, Ferial (G)....Jin, Caina INT
- 30 Thursday, Ferial (G).....Sophie Spurr +
- 01 Friday, Ferial (G).....Sophie Spurr +
- 02 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Raymond Heung +

**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 **112** pledges, total **\$138,195.02**. 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



Our new organ is coming and it costs 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.

### Come share in Fellowship

at the St. John the Apostle Parish Hall after 11am Mass **on Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>**. The newly baptized Catholics will prepare the food. Please bring some dessert to share. Donations are welcome.

### 2024 Sunday Missals



2024 Sunday Missals are available for \$4.00 each in the Church vestibule.

*Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child.*  
Pope Benedict XVI

**Thank you so much for putting your time and effort for the senior lunch held last Nov. 13**



### A Message from Fr. Paul Chu

*Please join me in giving thanks to our loving God who called me to the priesthood 30 years ago.*

*The Mass is on Dec 7 Thursday, 5 pm. The main celebrant is Archbishop Miller, concelebrated by Archbishop Savio Hon, Bishop Monroe and Bishop Jensen.*

**Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Fr. Paul Chu**  
慶祝朱達章神父晉鐸三十週年  
**December 7 (Thu), 2023**

**感恩彌撒**  
(由溫哥華總主教主持)  
**Mass by Archbishop Miller**  
時間 Time: 5:00 p.m.  
聖若望宗徒堂  
St John the Apostle Church  
5457 Trafalgar Street  
Vancouver  
(Kerrisdale 區 39 街)

*Please continue to pray for Vocations*

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In your charity, please remember,

**Siu Man Helen Wong**

Who passed away on November 10, 2023  
The Funeral Mass will be on November 30 at 11:30am

Eternal Rest, grant unto her, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul rest in peace. Amen.



### 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](mailto: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.

*A Christmas Charity Appeal from one of our Parishioners*

### NOVENA TO BABY JESUS, SANTA MARTA, IN COLOMBIA, Dec 16-Dec 24, 2023

I am asking again for help for our mission in Santa Marta, Colombia. Without the help of our friends and family members in Canada, we would not be able to provide Christmas gifts to the children of a very poor community in Santa Marta, Colombia, as well as donating 300 bags of groceries to single mothers and their children.

This year our novena will be done practically on the streets, in front of my sister's house. Hundreds of children with their family will be praying and singing Christmas carols during the novena.

The Knights of Columbus of SJA will be helping with our project as well this year.

Your help will be very important for all these families and children.

All the donations will be used for this cause.

Please make your cheque payable to Alfonso Salas or email transfer to [asalas@telus.net](mailto:asalas@telus.net)

God bless you.

# PARISH MINISTRIES

*Reaching In & Reaching Out with God's Love*



### St. John the Apostle's Christmas Service Project

*Advent will soon be upon us, which means Christmas will also soon be here.*

*This year, St. John the Apostle's Christmas service project hopes to help 2 organizations - Catholic Street Missionaries and The Door is Open.*

**There will be 2 marked boxes in the church foyer for your donations.**  
**Deadline for donations is December 17.**

**For Catholic Street Ministries, this is what they are hoping to receive:**

- sleeping bags, blankets
- fire extinguishers
- gloves, warm socks, hand and toe warmers
- bite size chocolates
- Ensure meal replacement

**For The Door is Open:**

- pasta ( mostly macaroni and spaghetti but other kinds accepted)
- canned tuna
- pasta sauce
- unopened toiletries: shampoo, bar soap, brushes/combs, sanitary products, toothpaste/toothbrushes

**Let us be generous with others and be grateful for all the blessings we have and continue to receive.**

*"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." 1 Jn 3:17-18*

### All Souls Envelopes



All Souls Envelopes are available at the back of the church where you can write names of your deceased loved ones and friends. Please drop the envelopes at the Sunday collection or the rectory office. Your deceased loved ones and friends will be remembered during holy Mass throughout the whole month of November. One Envelope per Mass.