

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 or info@catholicstreetmissionaries.org)

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



Holiness in Advent: A Time of Adoration with the Jesuit Saints

You're invited to come and spend an hour of prayer, music, and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Reflection by Fr. Robert Allore, SJ on **Tuesday, December 5** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish at UBC.

This season of Advent is an opportune time to spend time with God, holding fast to the "blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour", and to prepare our hearts for Christmas. As it is a month after the Feast of All Saints and Blesseds of the Society of Jesus, we would also be remembering in a special way, here at the Jesuit parish of St. Mark, their lives and the holiness that they have exemplified and ask for their intercession in our Advent journey.

After Holy Hour, all are welcome to join for a pizza reception. Please register at beholdvancouver.org/events to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Hosted by the Jesuit Vocation Committee in Vancouver.

Following Yonder Star - Advent Retreat

Join us for a prayerful entry into the Advent season, journeying with the Magi as they follow the star, guided by their holy desire to encounter the Divine. This online morning retreat will engage scripture, poetry, Ignatian discernment tools, music, art, and quiet time for personal prayer and small group sharing. Takes place on **Saturday, December 9** from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. online. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events. **Registration is open until Friday, December 8** at 8:00 p.m.

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Saturday, December 16** at 12:00 p.m. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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December 03, 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

First Sunday of Advent December 03, 2023

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 02 Saturday, Our Lady (W).....Raymond Heung +
- 04 Monday, St. John Damascene (W)..... Felipe, Mary, & Nancy Cajucom +
- 05 Tuesday, Ferial (V)..... Annastaja Salas INT
- 06 Wednesday, St. Nicholas (W)..... Tillie Werbitsky +
- 07 Thursday, St. Ambrose (W)... Africa & Carlos deceased family +
- 08 Friday, Immaculate Conception of Mary (W).....Andrew & Mark Siy +
- 09 Saturday, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (W).....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

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION

Thank you to those who have generously supported Project Advance! To date we received pledges for a total of \$145,095.02 from 116 parishioners. If you haven't contributed already, please consider giving today and bring Christ's presence to all. We will be accepting your donations until the end of December 2023. Thank you.

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

Thank you for adding even more joy to this occasion of happiness for me with your wonderful wishes, kindness, and gifts that touched my heart. You will see me using the vestments as soon as possible.



Celebrating Fr. Paul's 30th Anniversary!

Join us for meal and fellowship on **Sunday, Dec 10th** after the 11am Mass in the parish hall in honour of Fr. Paul's 30th Anniversary of Ordination earlier on Dec 8th. Please bring some foods to share. We would welcome some help with clean up in the kitchen and in the hall. Thankyou.

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.
Pope Francis

Second Collection for Youth Ministry Sunday, December 3, 2023



Will be taken at all masses this weekend. This collection is to support Archdiocesan youth programs. 50% is returned to the parishes for their own youth programs. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent Confessions

At St. John the Apostle is scheduled on, **0 December 13, at 7PM.** There will be a number of priests available for confessions. This is a good opportunity to go to confession in preparation for Christmas.



Please note: Donations to St. John the Apostle Parish (including your weekly contribution 2023 envelopes) should be received by the Parish Office by **December 31, 2023** in order to be included in your 2023 Tax Receipt. This is a requirement of Canada Revenue Agency. Any donations received after that will be credited towards 2024.

St. John The Apostle Parish December Mass Schedule



December 23, Saturday	Regular daily: 8am, 4pm (Cantonese) 5:30pm (English)
December 24, Sunday Mass	9am, 11am
----- Christmas Mass	5:00pm(Cantonese), 7:00pm (English)
December 25, Monday Christmas Mass	9am, 11am
December 26, Tuesday	Regular Holiday: 9am
December 27, Wednesday Feast of St. John the Apostle	Parish Feast Day: 9am
December 30, Saturday	Regular daily: 8am 4pm (Cantonese), 5:30pm (English)
December 31, Sunday Mass	9am, 11am
----- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	5:30pm
----- Holy Hour	11:00pm to 12:15am
January 1, Monday Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	9:00am, 11:00am (Day of Obligation)

Come and join us



Celebrate the Feast Day of St. John the Apostle on Wednesday, December 27, after the 9:00am Mass for a Knight's Brunch with eggs, sausages, and hashbrowns.



Parish Annual Family Skating at Kerrisdale Arena on Friday, December 29, from 3:00pm-5:00pm

Please bring goodies (fruits, baked goods, chocolates) to share at the Kerrisdale Arena. Volunteers are needed to help set up the food table at the Arena. Thank you.

NEW ORGAN

**Our new organ is coming soon!
Just in time to sing our Christmas Carols**



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

God bless you.



♥ Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please pray for our Catechumens who have their Rite of Acceptance this Sunday. As God leads them to seek him, may He also protect them against evil and guide them in their faith journey ready for baptism.

2024 Sunday Missals

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



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