

# 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))

## Simbang Gabi Comissioning Mass

Simbang Gabi is the nine-day devotional of Masses in anticipation of Christmas from December 15-23 at various parishes in the Archdiocese. The novena begins with a Commissioning Mass where representatives from each parish hosting Simbang Gabi are present. You are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass on **Thursday, December 14** at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will bless the Parols (Christmas Lanterns) at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation 62nd Annual Charity Appeal

Join us for the 62nd Annual Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation Charity Appeal and stand a chance to win incredible prizes, including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, \$30,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000 in our early bird draws! Don't miss out—tickets are limited, so secure yours today at [KofcCharity.ca](http://KofcCharity.ca). Sales will conclude on **December 16th** at 8:00 p.m.

This cherished annual event is more than just a chance to win big; it's an opportunity for our community to come together and make a positive impact. Your support helps us give back to various beneficiaries, including Hospital Foundations, School PACs, Community Food Banks, Scholarships/Bursaries, Special Olympics, Dioceses in BC for outreach programs, Men's/Women's Shelters, and many others. Buy tickets online at [KofcCharity.ca](http://KofcCharity.ca)

## 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.



## Legion of Mary

### LEGION OF MARY

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

The unit of the Legion of Mary usually holds a weekly meeting, where prayer and community-building are prioritized. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual.

The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes, in nursing homes, and in hospitals, and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish.

Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

Weekly meeting: Sunday 12:15 pm in the church basement.



# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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December 10, 2023

### Pastor

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(for emergency sick-call only)

### 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

## Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 09 Saturday, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (W).....Felix & Cecilia Chan +
- 11 Monday, St. Damasus (W).....Chia Boon Kee & deceased family +
- 12 Tuesday, Lady of Guadalupe (W)....Chew Wei +
- 13 Wednesday, St. Lucy (R)...Arden Leung +
- 14 Thursday, St. John of the Cross (W).....John Daniel Garry +
- 15 Friday, Ferial (V)...Souls in Purgatory +
- 16 Saturday, Ferial (V).....Sophie Spurr +

**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 \$146,645.02 from 118 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.

#### Message from Fr. Paul Chu

I would like to thank all those who helped me to celebrate my 30th priestly ordination anniversary. May God bless you.

Please continue to pray for our young people that they may consider vocation, offering their lives to God.



#### Celebrating Fr. Paul's 30th Anniversary!

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

#### Advent Confessions

At St. John the Apostle is scheduled on, **Wednesday, 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.



*God removes the sin of the one who makes humble confession, and thereby the devil loses the sovereignty he had gained over the human heart.*

*St. Bernard*



**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)

## AN ADVENT MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

### Madonna House Advent Morning of Reflection

Philomena Lim will guide the meditation on **The One Who is with Child**.

Inviting you in-person to the recollection at 9:30am and potluck at noon on **SAT, 16<sup>th</sup> DEC, 2023**

For an online link please call 604-267-1757



#### 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.

#### Vancouver West Deanery Advent Penitential Services 2023

WEDNESDAY DEC 6<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00pm  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

SUNDAY DEC 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm  
St. Mark's Parish

TUESDAY DEC 12<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00pm  
Saints Peter & Paul

WEDNESDAY DEC 12<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00pm  
Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY DEC 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
Saint Augustine's Parish

WEDNESDAY DEC 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
Saint John the Apostle Parish

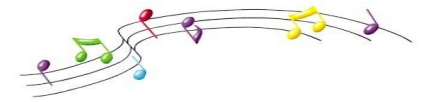
THURSDAY DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish

THURSDAY DEC 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM  
Immaculate Conception Parish

SUNDAY DEC 17<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30pm  
Saint Anthony of Padua Parish

## NEW ORGAN

**Our new organ has arrived!**  
**Just in time to sing our Christmas Carols**



## 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

**-A cheque payable to Catholic Street Missionaries is also welcome. Tax receipt will be issued by the Catholic Street Missionaries.**

**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**

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