

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

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

Thank you again for the generosity of our friends: Saint John the Apostle Parishioners, family members and Knights of Columbus [SJA].

Because of all of you, more than 380 children received a Christmas present, new clothing and a bag of groceries to feed their families for two weeks.

During the nine days of the novena, all these children and their parents pray and sing canticles to Baby Jesus. They prayed every day for all of you, thanking the LORD for your support during this very special time of the year.

God bless you all from

The children of Santa Marta, Colombia



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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December 31, 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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
December 31, 2023

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 30 Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of Nativity (W).....Frank McNicholl +
- 01 Monday, The Solemnity of Mary (W)...
- 02 Tuesday, St. Basil & St. Gregory (W).....Marta Yuk King Lee +
- 03 Wednesday, Most Holy Name of Jesus (W)..... Helen Wong +
- 04 Thursday, Ferial (W)....Frank P. +
- 05 Friday, Ferial (W).....Kitty Lai INT
- 06 Saturday, Ferial (W).....Ivy Clarke +

**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

### St. John The Apostle Parish December Mass Schedule



December 30, Saturday	Regular daily: 8am 4pm (Cantonese), 5:30pm (English)
December 31, For Holy Family	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)

### PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

**Total Pledges received \$156,975.02**

Our parish received pledges from **128** donors.

*Thank you to all who donated and thank you to those who were not able to donate but prayed for the cause of this years' Project Advance.*

*May God bless you abundantly and reward you for being a good steward.*

*Father Paul Chu*



*Let us continue to pray for each other during these months of winter season.*

*Let us also pray for peace in the world.*

*The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus...  
He has entered our history; he has shared our journey.  
He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light.  
In him was revealed the grace, the mercy,  
and the tender love of the Father.  
Pope Francis*



**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.



### Epiphany party to welcome the Magi

Please join Madonna House to welcome the Magi to our parish basement on **Sunday, Jan 7th** from 2-4pm.

Bring finger foods and Christmas treats to share. We will also enjoy the talents of our friends who will serenade the Holy Family. More info: Madonna House: 604-267-1757 or [madonna02@shaw.ca](mailto:madonna02@shaw.ca)

### Fr. Paul Chu's Installation St. John the Apostle Parish January 14, 2024

We would like to invite everyone to share with us in the installation of Fr. Paul Chu as the pastor of our church. This celebration will be held on **Sunday, January 14, 2024, 11:00AM Mass** that will be celebrated by The Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB. A potluck reception to follow at the parish hall.

We are looking forward about the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor, Fr. Paul Chu

Volunteer help is needed for set-up of tables, chairs, and in the kitchen during and after the event to assist in clean-up. Donations of baked goods and or finger foods would be appreciated. Thank you.



*Happy New Year  
to All*



*Thank you for all  
the greetings and gifts  
Blessings to Everyone!  
Fr. Paul Chu & Staffs*

### Sunday Donation Envelopes has arrived!!!



**2024 Offertory Envelopes** are available in the Church Vestibule. Please pick-up your box after Mass. Please check the name on the box as we have several families with the same last names.

For those who would like to order a box of offertory envelope please send us an email at [office@sjaparish.ca](mailto:office@sjaparish.ca)



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### Welcome to visitors/new parishioners

We are pleased to have you pray with us at St. John the Apostle. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourselves after Mass to Fr. Paul Chu, and parishioners. We would like to meet you.

Registration Forms and request for contribution envelopes are available at the Church entrance. Please complete and drop into the collection basket at Mass or the parish office.



*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.

### ⚠ Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

Never respond to emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, or parish staff. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests. See the *B.C. Catholic* story at [bccatholic.ca/phishing...](http://bccatholic.ca/phishing...)

\*The email address of Fr. Paul (same for all priests of Vancouver) has a domain name of **"RCAV"**. If you receive any email claimed to be from him but without this domain name, you can disregard and delete it.