

# ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spiritual Care Training Program

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, **from February 1 to March 21**, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## Making Sense of Counterwill

The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This video course by Dr. Gordon Neufeld reveals the dynamics behind this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it. This material is applicable for all those dealing with toddlers through adolescents: teachers, parents and helping professionals. Discussions will be facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A. On Tuesdays, **from January 23 to February 20**, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., via Zoom. Cost is \$25. These workshops are not being recorded. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

We are excited to partner with [Family Life Canada](http://FamilyLifeCanada.com) to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver!

The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. For some, it will be the weekend that saves a marriage.

Wherever you're at in your relationship, this retreat will be a weekend to remember.

The atmosphere will be relaxed, warm and fun! You'll hear from real couples doing real life together... God's way. You'll be given time to process what you're learning. And together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime.

The next getaway is on the weekend of **February 16-18, 2024** at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC. The fee is usually \$299. Use promo code **RCAVVIC** to register for \$199.

Accommodations at the Fairmont Empress Victoria for conference participants should be booked separately. Special room rate starts at \$209/night before January 26; rates may vary thereafter. The **registration deadline is Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. For more information call Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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January 07, 2024

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Tue-Fri 8:30 AM-4 PM  
**Weekend Masses**  
廣東話主日提前彌撒:  
星期六 下午四時  
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 January 07, 2024

*"They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 06 Saturday, Ferial (W).....Ivy Clarke +
- 08 Monday, Baptism of the Lord (W).....John Daniel Garry +
- 09 Tuesday, Ferial (G)....Louis Shim, Chia Sau Yuet +
- 10 Wednesday, Ferial (G)...Arden Leung +
- 11 Thursday, Ferial (G).....Julia Yap INT
- 12 Friday, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (W)...Helen Wong +
- 13 Saturday, St. Hilary (W).....Luis Antonio D. Lim +

**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 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*



### 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)



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

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

*How important it is that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter. Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his cradle, but the love of Mary and Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved.*  
*Pope Benedict XVI*

**Please note: Catechism resumes this week.**



**PREP** every Tuesday 4:00-5:15pm  
and Saturday 10:30-12:00noon

**RCIA** every Tuesday (Mandarin) 10:00-12:30noon  
and Wednesday (English) 7:00-9:00pm

### 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 next **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.

### TRIVIA



Installation is a **Christian liturgical act that formally inducts a Priest into a new role at a particular place such as a Church.** The term arises from the act of symbolically leading the incumbent to their stall.



### 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)

**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**

### New Year's Workshop on Building Habits

If you are struggling to see how it might be possible to grow in your spiritual life, if you feel stuck in your walk with God, if you want to go deeper but you don't know how, you will discover much in this free workshop. Fr. John O' Brien's simple recommendations will not overwhelm you or require you to give up every spare moment in an already busy life. These habits will give you a framework on which to grow if your spiritual life has become a place of exhaustion and not rest. Set up for long-term spiritual resiliency on Thursday, January 11, at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Feast of St. Joseph Vaz

Join us for a spiritually enriching evening on Saturday, January 13, at St. Mathew's Parish in Surrey, as we come together for a Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m., followed by a Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Our celebrant for the Mass is Fr. Joseph D'Souza, Pastor at St. Mary's Church, Vancouver. Assisting him are Deacon Peter Gomes and Deacon Dileep Athaide. This special event is organized by the Sri Lankan Catholic Community and the Vancouver Goan Association, reflecting the unity and diversity within our vibrant community.

Following the Mass, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship. Your contributions of food for the fellowship are greatly appreciated.



*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.