

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

TALK with Amanda Achtman


Dying to Meet You - Encountering, Understanding and Overcoming the Temptation of Euthanasia

Date: January 23, 2024 (Tuesday), Time: 6.45 p.m. - 8.00 p.m., Location: 3637 Angus Drive, Vancouver

DYING TO MEET YOU

ENCOUNTERING, UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING THE TEMPTATION OF EUTHANASIA

More than 50,000 Canadians have died by euthanasia since it was legalized in 2016. The euthanasia rate is three times the suicide rate. Why is euthanasia becoming such a temptation in our time? What is motivating people's involvement or acquiescence? This presentation will better equip you to address those actually tempted by euthanasia, whether practically or theoretically. We will also explore what euthanasia has in common with other cultural trends like eugenics and transhumanism.



Amanda Achtman is on a mission to prevent euthanasia and encourage hope across Canada. She has experience in journalism, politics, and advocacy. Amanda studied John Paul II in Poland and Judaic Studies & Jewish-Christian Relations in Rome. Her passion is communicating the profound value of the human person through engaging stories that lead hearts to truth through beauty and vulnerability.

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CRESTWELL

Crestwell Centre is an initiative of Headford Cultural Group. Its spiritual & doctrinal activities are entrusted to Opus Dei.

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 via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Vocation Live-In

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of **February 10 -11** at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to *"follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 20 Saturday, St. Fabian (R)..... Chew Wei +
- 22 Monday, St. Vincent (R)....Margaret Chew INT
- 23 Tuesday, Ferial (G).....Jalisha Yap INT
- 24 Wednesday, St. Francis de Sales (W).....Sandra Young INT
- 25 Thursday, Conversion of St. Paul (W).....Helen Wong +
- 26 Friday, St. Timothy and St. Titus (W).....Yolanda N. Nicasio +
- 27 Saturday, St. Angela Merici (W).....Genevieve Salas INT

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

JOIN US FOR A LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

Come to celebrate with Archbishop J. Michael Miller the Year of the Dragon on **February 11**, Sunday, 6:00pm, at Victoria Restaurant (Burrard Street, Vancouver).

Ticket cost \$65.00 per person, children table available for SJA families, \$30.00 each will be available soon. Donations of raffle prizes or table prizes are welcome. Please call Agnes Tao @ 604-868-8063

(This event is a joint function of SJA parish and the Chinese Ministry)



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.

Only in eternity shall we see the beauty of the soul, and only then shall we realize what great things were accomplished by interior suffering.
Mother Angelica

2024 Sunday Missals

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



Visitation of the Sick

Please inform the hospital staff upon arrival that the patient is Roman Catholic and ask for the hospital's Catholic Chaplain. Also, please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner/family member is hospitalized or housebound. Call the Parish Office to arrange visitation, Holy Communion, Anointing.

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



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

Let us also pray for peace in the world.



The Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate (MAMI) includes friends and family who have a unique relationship with the *Oblates and their missionary works*, especially with the Oblate Province of OMI Lacombe Canada. We are called to be partners with the Oblates in serving the poor through our prayers, finances and participation in missionary activities.

The OBLATE KENYAN MISSION WILL CELEBRATE the 27TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. On the fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, **January 27-28th**, we will welcome a Missionary Oblate who was one of the founding Oblate Missionaries serving in Kenya, Fr. Ken Forster OMI, to be with us and speak at all the masses.

Fr. Ken will give a presentation on the Kenyan Mission in the hall after all masses. There will be an opportunity to enjoy a time together, watch a YouTube, listen, ask questions and celebrate twenty-five years of a great Canadian partnership with the poor of Kenya. There will be no special collection for the mission, but you will be receiving a brochure about MAMI, encouraging you to consider membership in MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate)

Making Sense of Counterwill Video Course

Parents of toddlers and all who work with toddlers through adolescents are invited to a Dr. Gordon Neufeld video course with a discussion facilitated by Kevin Bredeman, M.A.

The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This course reveals the dynamics behind this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it.

The course begins on Tuesday, **January 23** from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and continues weekly **until February 20**. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminster, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Learn more and register at rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am (8:30 am in April). It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome!

The next Mass and Vigil takes place on Saturday, **February 3** at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver at 9:00 am. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

⚠ 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...

*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.