

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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On Tuesday, January 30th, you're invited to attend a workshop with Amanda Achtman and Nicole Scheidl on the pope's catechesis that seeks inspiration in the Word of God on the meaning and value of old age.

Amanda and Nicole have been hosting small group discussions with participants across North America on how biblical examples of aging well can enrich our lives personally and strengthen our communities.



7:00-8:30PM

Welcome
Presentation
Workshop/
Discussion Groups
Snacks, Coffee, Tea

John Paul II Pastoral Centre,
4885 Saint John Paul II Way,
Vancouver, BC

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT:
www.agoageeseries.ca

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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

Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

We are excited to partner with [FamilyLife 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. For more information, please call Joyce at 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or visit beholdvancouver.org/events.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 27 Saturday, St. Angela Merici (W).....Genevieve Salas INT
- 29 Monday, Ferial (G)....Alexander Yang & Family
- 30 Tuesday, Ferial (G).....Jason Yap INT
- 31 Wednesday, St. John Bosco (W)....Sandra Young INT
- 01 Thursday, Ferial (W).....Helen Wong +
- 02 Friday, The Presentation of the Lord (W)....Souls in Purgatory +
- 03 Saturday, St. Blaise (W)....Resela Wong-Sing 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

January 28, 2024

Pastor

Fr. Paul Chu

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778-834-1234

(for emergency sick-call only)

Office Administrator

Melita Soriano

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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

OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

Come to celebrate with Archbishop J. Michael Miller the Year of the Dragon on **February 11, Sunday, 7:00pm**, at Victoria Restaurant (Burrard Street, Vancouver).

Ticket cost \$65.00 per person, children table available for SJA families, \$30.00 each. To order tickets please call Cecilia Leung at 604-264-0613. **Free Parking.**

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

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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.

The faith given to me in baptism suggests to me surely: by yourself you will do nothing, but if you have God as the centre of all your action, then you will reach the goal
Bl. Pier Giorgio

2024 Sunday Missals

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



Second Collection for B.C. Catholic Next Sunday, February 04, 2024

This collection is to support the parish in its circulation of the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Your help is appreciated to defray the parish costs of distribution.



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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The access code of **SJA.FORMED.ORG** for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F**



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

Let us also pray for peace in the world.

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.

Ecumenical Worship Service



Abide in my love...and you shall bear much fruit.

John 15:5-9

Ecumenical Worship Service, St. Mark's UBC

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The materials for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN). The theme chosen is "*You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself*" (Luke 10:27). Brothers and sisters from the Catholic Archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies and the CCN in Burkina Faso collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections, and experienced their work together as a real path of ecumenical conversion.

Join us for a time of prayer and fellowship on **Wednesday, January 31, 5:30 p.m.** at St. Mark's College, UBC, in Vancouver. You are very welcome to invite your friends and family. Sermon to be delivered by Michael Weidman, Bridges International (Power to Change), UBC Chaplain. Learn more via beholdvancouver.org/events.

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.

World Day of the Sick Mass

As the church marks the World Day of the Sick on **February 11**, the Catholic Health Association of BC encourages everyone to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers.

The theme of this year's observance is "*It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships.*" The best therapy for those who are ill, Pope Francis adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives.

Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate Mass for World Day of the Sick on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan St. Vancouver). Reception to follow. All are welcome! Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit chabc.rcav.org/wds2024.

⚠ 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.