

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Day of the Sick

As the church marks the World Day of the Sick **on February 11**, the Catholic Health Association of British Columbia (CHABC) 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.

Schedule of Masses:

- **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish** (555 Slocan St. Vancouver) Celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow.
- **St. Mark's Parish, UBC** Sunday, February 11 Mass Times: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m.
- **St. Mark's Parish, UBC** Prayers for the sick, healthcare workers, and families who support the sick Ash Wednesday, February 14 All Masses: 12:10 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Pray with us on this day. To learn more, please visit chabc.rcav.org/wds2024.

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

The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life Retreat for Young Adults

This is an intensive nine-month retreat geared toward young adults seeking God's will in their lives, with a focus on experiencing God.

Normally, the Spiritual Exercises Retreat takes place intensively over 40 days at a retreat house in silence and isolation. The "Daily Life" format is an adaptation made by St. Ignatius to allow people to pray the retreat whilst continuing their daily lives. A person prays for one hour a day (at home) and they meet weekly with their retreat director to discuss and discern the presence and action of God in the past week's prayer. The retreat also involves attending instructional lectures about prayer methodology and content. The retreat is personalized for each individual, specific to their situation and issues; Each person gets their own retreat director.

Hosted by the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver, the Spiritual Exercises has two essential parts, and will start on Tuesday, May 7. Application fee is \$100, with bursaries available. **Registration deadline: Thursday, February 15.** Register and see the full schedule via beholdvancouver.org/events.

40 Days for Life: Nightly Rosary

40 Days for Life is an international-focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

The Lenten campaign includes a nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. Join us on Zoom every night as we pray together for an end to the injustice of abortion, **starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, until Palm Sunday, March 24.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Parish Office Hours

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 04, 2024

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" -Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

03 Saturday, St. Blaise (W)....Resela Wong-Sing INT

05 Monday, St. Agatha (R)..... Helen Estrellado INT

06 Tuesday, St. Paul & Companions (R)..... Felipe, Mary, Nancy Cajucom +

07 Wednesday, Ferial (G)..... Andrew, Lucy, Mark Siy +

08 Thursday, St. Jerome Emiliani (W)... John Daniel Garry +

09 Friday, Ferial (W).....Simon S.K. Hsu & deceased family +

10 Saturday, St. Scholastica (W).....Louis Shim, Chia Sau Yuet +

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 Churchgoers 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



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)

St. John the Apostle Young Adults

Bowling Night

Faith and Friends • Sunday February 11 • ages 18-35

Join the young Adults of St. John's for an Evening of Bowling, Dinner, and Fun!

When: 4:30pm, Sunday February 11

Where: Lucky 9 Lanes, Splitsville Riverport

Dinner after at the Old Spaghetti Factory for anyone who wants to join



OPTIONAL \$10
DONATION FOR
BOWLING

If you have any questions or want to carpool, please text : 6047279944
Or email: rosiescalas@gmail.com



2024 Sunday Missals

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



Mary's example of faithful perseverance in doing the will of God and her heavenly reward are a source of courage and hope for all of us.

Pope Benedict XVI

Second Collection for B.C. Catholic 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.



ASH Wednesday



Additional Evening Mass on

February 14, at 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent.
During Lent, there will be an evening mass every
Friday at 6:00pm starting, February 16,
followed by Stations of the Cross.

Donation Tax Receipts 2023

All receipts were mailed out Friday, February 02, 2024.
Thank you for your support and generosity to your parish.

Fr. Paul Chu



Dear Fr. Paul and Parishioners of St. John the Apostle,

Thank you very much for hospitality and your welcome to me last weekend. It was a joy to meet with a good number of parishioners to share about our Oblate Mission in Kenya. We earnestly invite non-MAMI- members to consider becoming partners with the poor through ongoing prayer and financial support for our Oblate Mission work. As was mentioned Lacombe Oblate Province pays for all the administrative costs of our MAMI office in Saskatoon. 100% of any donation made goes to assist the poor. Thank you!

If you did not pick up the colorful MAMI brochures last Sunday you can find all relevant information concerning MAMI (Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate) and how you might become a member in solidarity with the poor, on our website: <https://omilacombe.ca/mami/>

As I mentioned, I will be going with a group of ten adults for a "Mission Awareness Tour" in a few weeks. If anyone has upgraded their Cell Phone / Laptop/ I-Pad (with chargers if possible), and would like to donate your previous model, I would be happy to gift it to persons in the Kenyan mission who would be most grateful to receive. Please bring to the Parish Office and Fr. Paul will contact me to collect.

Thank you!

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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.

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

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**

⚠ 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.