

# ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 06, 2024

## Archbishop Miller's Lunar New Year Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we welcome the Lunar Year of the Dragon, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt prayers to all those celebrating this auspicious occasion. The Lunar New Year is a time of joy and renewal deeply rooted in the rich traditions of Asian cultures. It offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the past year and to look forward with hope to the year ahead.

The Christian tradition likewise emphasizes the need for personal renewal and transformation. The dragon, a symbol of strength and good fortune in many Asian countries, can remind us that we are called to embody courageous strength in our spiritual lives. Just as the dragon is considered a protector, we too should be guardians of our faith, upholding truth, compassion and justice in our lives.

This year, as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, let us remember the importance of community and family, values that are cherished both in Asian cultures and in our Catholic faith. Let us also seek to build bridges of understanding and solidarity across different cultures, recognizing the beauty and wisdom that each tradition brings to our shared human experience.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate the Lunar Year of the Dragon, may you be blessed with good health, peace, and joy in the Lord. May this new year be filled with God's grace, guiding you to embrace greater love of neighbour, understanding and harmony in our troubled world.

With cordial greetings and invoking the Lord's blessing upon you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✙ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver



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

Let us also pray for peace in the world.



# ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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February 11, 2024

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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

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." -1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 10 Saturday, St. Scholastica (W).....Louis Shim, Chia Sau Yuet +
- 12 Monday, Ferial (G).....Resela Wong-Sing INT
- 13 Tuesday, Ferial (G)....Arden Leung +
- 14 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday (P)...Hien Tan +
- 15 Thursday, Ferial (P).....Kateri Salas & Family INT
- 16 Friday, Ferial (P)...Valerie INT
- 17 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Joaquim Diniz +

**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, Rosana Ruiz, Nelia Cuevas

## OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



# Happy Lunar New Year!

## LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

February 11, Sunday, 7:00pm,  
at Victoria Restaurant (Burrard Street, Vancouver).

**All Tickets Sold Out**

To those who purchased tickets to this event,  
See you all!!!

To all who donated gifts and prizes,  
Thank you!!! ❤️

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: 1pm 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: rosieesalas@gmail.com



## 2024 Sunday Missals

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



*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*

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Is a day of fasting and abstinence**

**Additional evening Mass at 6:00pm**

Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving are the spiritual hallmarks  
of the Christian Life during Lent.



**Ash  
Wednesday**

*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.**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also an  
important part of this holy season. The law of  
abstinence from meat binds those who are 14  
years and older; the law of fasting binds those  
from 18 to 59 years of age, outside of these ages,  
fasting would be voluntary.



## Evening of Recollection for Men

“Men’s Recollection at St. John the Apostle Parish,  
on **February 13, at 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Preached by Opus Dei Priest.

All men welcome.”



**Next Sunday, February 18th  
BC Family Day**

Plan a visit to your parents, far away families, and  
create lasting memories!

**Monday, February 19th,  
is a provincial Statutory Holiday  
Morning Mass at 9:00am**

This special day provides families with the opportunity to  
spend quality time with their loved ones.

## Second Collection for St. Joseph's Society

For infirm and retired priests

Next Sunday, February 18, 2024

The **St. Joseph's Society Second Collection** serves a  
noble purpose within the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This  
annual collection is specifically designed to **assist retired  
priests** who have dedicated their lives to serving our local  
Church.

Your generous support in this collection directly impacts the  
lives of these dedicated priests. Thank you for recognizing  
their service and contributing to their well-being.



## Parish Pancake Breakfast (by Donation)

Organized by Knights of Columbus  
**February 18, after the 11:00AM Mass**  
**St. John the Apostle Parish Hall**

DONATE

Come for breakfast and be served Pancake with  
sausage, egg & hash brown by the Knights.



## 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](mailto:office@sjaparish.ca)

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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...](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.