

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Together for Good Marriage Workshop

One day could change your marriage! Thousands of couples across Canada have dedicated one day to building a marriage that stays together for good.

In partnership with FamilyLife Canada, we are offering the Together for Good Marriage Workshop that will give you tools, exercises and guided conversations to help you and your partner grow a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage.

Each session will help you move past differences and drift to a place of greater closeness and trust. You'll strengthen your relationship in the important areas of communication, conflict, sex and spirituality. Discover how incredibly good marriage can be — for you, your family and your community.

On Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Cost is \$60 per couple. **Registration deadline: Monday, February 19.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events

Assembly of Western Canada Bishops Mass

The Western Bishops of Canada will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday, February 20, at Saint Paul's Parish in Richmond. Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Grief: A Complicated Journey

Grief can be unpredictable. It comes and goes, sometimes in waves. It affects our sense of well-being and changes us forever. In this talk, popular speaker and registered psychologist Denis Boyd will discuss healthy and unhealthy grief, the reactions to grief, and the factors that influence grief. He will also provide some coping strategies and tools to help handle important anniversaries and post-holiday times.

On Saturday, February 24, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Coquitlam. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

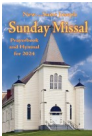
Save the Date: Archdiocesan Mass for Civilly Married Couples

Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity to make your dreams come true as Archbishop Miller, CSB, celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. It will be a beautiful community celebration that will cost very little for the individual couples! For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at rabella@rcav.org or 778-512-9163.

Registration Deadline: Sunday, July 21
Save the Date: Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond

2024 Sunday Missals

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



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

Let us also pray for peace in the world.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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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

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...."
Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

17 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Joaquim Diniz +
19 Monday, Ferial (P).....Christopher Leung +
20 Tuesday, Ferial (P).....Patrick Magee +
21 Wednesday, Ferial (P).....John Paul Larkin +
22 Thursday, St. Peter, Apostle (W).....Elizabeth Jubida +
23 Friday, Ferial (P).....Ma. Lourdes Limcangco INT
24 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Maria Celeste Marfori 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, Rosana Ruiz, Nelia Cuevas

OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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
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

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

Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.

Pope Francis



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

Lenten Initiatives for St. John the Apostle Parish

Website: **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

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** for SJA.FORMED.ORG for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F**



Lunar New Year Dinner

More than 265 people, including the Archbishop took part in the celebration of the Lunar New Year Dinner.

We would like to thank all volunteers and sponsors to make this event a successful one.

Love and peace to all!

Fr. Paul Chu



- Evening Zoom Rosary**
- From Wednesday, February 14 until Sunday, March 24, 2024
 - Nightly at 8:00pm
 - Register on Behold Vancouver
 - 40 Days For Life: Nightly Rosary
- Mid-way Rally**
- Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 2:00pm
 - (Details TBA)
- Closing Rally**
- Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 2:00pm
 - (Details TBA)

40daysforlife.com/en/vancouver-bc | Coordinator: Alba Stevens
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40 Days for Life will take place from Wed., Feb. 14 to Sun., Mar. 24 this year.

We encourage our parishioners to take part in this campaign by committing to prayer at home, and/or Eucharistic Adoration or time in the church/chapel. Our parish date is on **Thursday, February 29**. Please consider offering up an hour or more during this year's virtual campaign and support this important endeavor to save the lives of these precious and helpless babies. Thank you.

Please sign-up on the sheet at the church vestibule.

Website: <http://www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver-bc>

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.



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...

*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.