

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Created, Redeemed and Called by Love: Lenten Retreat for Women

All women are invited to encounter Jesus during this two-day Lenten retreat: You are created. You are redeemed. You are called by love.

Retreat speakers are Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE, and Sr. Maria Serra Garcia, FSE. There is no cost for the retreat, but registration is required. From **Friday, March 1, to Saturday, March 2** at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey.
Registration deadline: Monday, February 26. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Humbled & Exalted Lenten Retreat

Take a break from the demands of ministry and life, and dive into the heart of Lent.

Father James Hughes will give a reflection based on the Gospel of the day (Luke 18:9–14), offered through the lens of the Pharisee and tax collector, titled *Virtue Stands in the Middle*. With both personal reflection and small-group sharing, Father James will assist us to strengthen our work in the vineyard of the Lord - His ministry as leaders.

On Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey. Cost is \$25.
Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6. All who lead and serve in ministry are welcome!
Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Fiat Women's Retreat

Discover where God is calling you to be present and available at our Fiat Women's Retreat.

Mary always made herself present and available while nurturing Jesus and accompanying the disciples before her Assumption into heaven. She is "the new beginning" of the vocation of women, exemplifying the richness of femininity. Join us in discovering where you are called to be present and available in your journey of femininity.

Open to all single women aged 18-35. The retreat is on **March 8-10** at Carmel Hill in Deroche. Cost is \$200, with financial assistance available. **Registration deadline: Friday, March 1.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Cenaculo (The Passion of the Christ)

Join us this Lent as we gather to watch *The Passion of the Christ*, brought to you by the Philippines Historama Society of BC and the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Let's come together in reverence and reflection, exploring the profound journey of Jesus who sacrificed His life for us. Don't miss this opportunity for a shared spiritual encounter during this sacred season!

On **Sunday, March 17**, 2:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. For tickets and inquiries, please get in touch with Mike at 604-375-2138, or Marilou at 604-828-9856, or Carmelita at 604-551-4883.

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



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

February 25, 2024

Pastor

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(for emergency sick-call only)

Office Administrator

Melita Soriano
office@sjaparish.ca

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

"Here I am!" he answered." -Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

24 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Maria Celeste Marfori INT

26 Monday, Ferial (P).....Collin Hryniw INT

27 Tuesday, Ferial (P).....Louis Salley +

28 Wednesday, Ferial (P)....Oscar T. Africa +

29 Thursday, Ferial (P).....Christopher Leung +

01 Friday, Ferial (P)...All grandchildren of Kitty Lai INT

02 Saturday, Ferial (P)...Helen Wong +

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

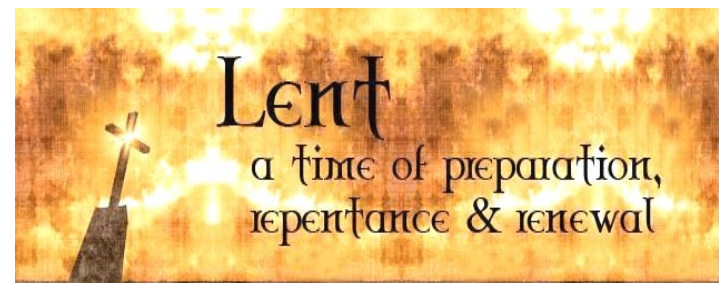
Joan Archer, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Bernadette Percy, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Warren & Sean Hughes, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Megan Maddock, Shirley Sullivan, Sheila Murray, Katherine Griffin, Valentia Abbott, Maravilla Melchor, Malou Limcangco, Catherine Fox, Divinia Magbanua, Riley Lo, Rosana Ruiz, Nelia Cuevas

OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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.



Lenten Penitential Services at St. John the Apostle Parish
Friday, March 15 at 7:00PM

Do not be afraid of Confession! Jesus is there... and He receives you with so much love." - Pope Francis



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**

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

Pope Francis ❤️

LENTEN MISSION AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH MARCH 18-20, 2024, 6:30PM

MEDIATRIX CONFERENCES IN COLLABORATION WITH ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH PRESENT:
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH | 5457 TRAFALGAR ST. | VANCOUVER | SJAPARISH.CA
(604) 266-8800

THE PERSONAL CALL TO HOLINESS AND
Divine Mercy

MISSION LED BY:
REV. MARTIN SCOTT, SDM
Archdiocese of Lima, Peru

MONDAY, MARCH 18 6:30 pm Mass followed by Mission talk
TUESDAY, MARCH 19 6:30 pm Mass followed by Mission talk
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 6:30 pm Mass followed by Mission talk

6:15 pm Confessions

MON - WED | MARCH 18-20 | 6:30 PM | MASS FOLLOWED BY MISSION TALK | FREE WILL LOVE OFFERING

Padre Martin Scott, formally Rev. P Ricardo Scott Chavanches, attended Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In May 1988 he was ordained a diocesan priest for the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. For the next 15 years he was assigned to several parishes in the diocese. In 2003 he was granted permission from the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. to move to Peru with all of his priestly faculties. He is the founder of the religious community called "Siervos de la Divina Misericordia" in Chosica, Peru. He is a missionary priest whose religious community lives entirely off Divine Providence. The charism of his religious community life is based on the messages concerning our Lord's infinite Divine Mercy given to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Choose LIFE

2024 Campaign:

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
@40DaysVancouver

Coordinator: Alba Stevens
Email: Vancouver40days@gmail.com

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 to show our support for this cause will be on **Thursday, February 29, site will be at St. Joseph Residence on Willow St. at 32nd Ave. (by the fire hydrant)**. 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.

The Longest Sabbath Lenten Retreat

This scripture-based morning retreat invites us to accompany the disciples as they enter into the mystery of Holy Saturday.

Retreat Director Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div., will offer inspiring insights on these experiences and how they speak to us in our own faith journeys. The retreat engages scripture, poetry, art, and music, along with quiet time for personal prayer and small group spiritual conversation. All are welcome!

On **Saturday, March 2**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish in Vancouver. Online option available. Cost is according to a sliding scale of fees, starting at \$40. Free childcare available with advance registration. **Registration deadline: Friday, March 1.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events. (Undergraduate students may email parish.smarm@rcav.org to register.)



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.