

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Estate and Memorial Planning Webinar

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will, learning about the beauty of the funeral rite, and formulating pre-need arrangements. You'll be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. The event is presented by Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The next session is on **Thursday, March 7**, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at rccav.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. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

Sleep Out 2024

Catholic Street Missionaries invites you to make a bold and courageous decision to join SLEEP OUT. You will be making a true sacrifice by experiencing what it's like to be homeless and spend one night outside in the cold. The reality is that many people sleep on the street and experience the discomfort that we often forget about. Change starts with us. Are you up for the challenge? From **March 15-16** at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. **Registration deadline: Monday, March 11.** 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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March 03, 2024

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(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

Third Sunday of Lent March 03, 2024

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." -Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

04 Monday, Ferial (P)...Christopher Leung +

05 Tuesday, Ferial (P)...Felipe, Mary, Nancy Cajucom +

06 Wednesday, Ferial (P)...Duncan McNicholl INT

07 Thursday, Ferial (P)...Resela Wong-Sing INT

08 Friday, Ferial (P)...John Daniel Garry +

09 Saturday, Ferial (P)...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 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

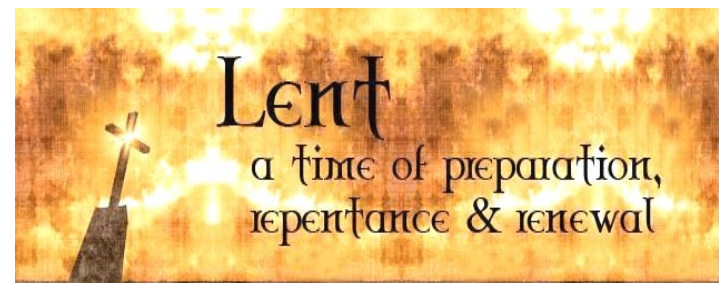
Joan Archer, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Bernadette Percy, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Warren & Sean Hughes, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Megan Maddock, Shirley Sullivan, Sheila Murray, Katherine Griffin, Valentia Abbott, Maravilla Melchor,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

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**

*To abandon, for God's sake, all worldly enjoyments, has always been the practice of holy souls.
St. Alphonsus Liguori* ❤️

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

MEDIAATRIX 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 Martín 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.

JOURNEY THRU LENT WITH FORMED thru our Parish website **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

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Participate in the Into the Desert Video Study

- * Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video based study with daily meditations in the participant's guide.

Watch a Daily Lenten Reflection Video

- * Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with Lenten reflection videos from Dr. Tim Gray. It takes less than 5 minutes a day!

Relive the Most Important Week in History

- * Join us for the first ever FORMED-wide book club as read and discuss Pope Emeritus Benedict's masterpiece, Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week.

Make your Screen Time Spiritual

- * Watch programs that will strengthen your love for Jesus.

> The Shroud of Turin > Convinced
> The Silent Witness > Prayer: A Surge of the Heart

Pray Stations of the Cross

- * This beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross from Saint Alphonsus Liguori is accompanied by the chanting of Stabat Mater, a traditional Catholic hymn.

Give your Commute to Jesus

- * Listen to Lighthouse Talks that will draw you into Lent.
- > My Beloved Son > The Passion of Christ
> Love-Sacrifice-Trust > 3 Days that Changed the World

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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

**Our RCIA catechumens, sponsors & catechists in the Rite of Election,
Feb 25, 2024 at the Holy Rosary Cathedral.**



Dear parishioners, please keep our Elect in your prayers.

"Dear Elect, thank you for your response to the call of God. Can't wait for your Baptism in Easter!"