

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Days of Mercy 2024



Lent is a time to draw closer to God, to reflect on our lives, and to seek forgiveness and healing through the Sacrament of Confession.

Many parishes are extending their arms wider, offering additional times for Confession so everyone has the chance to experience God's mercy during Lent. These special times are in addition to the regular confession schedules of each parish.

Whether it's been a while since your last Confession or you frequent the sacrament regularly, know that Jesus is waiting for you with open arms. As Pope Francis once said: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Rediscover the joy and peace that comes from reconciliation with God and with one another. For special Lenten Confession times, please visit [rcav.org/confession](http://rcav.org/confession).

### Vancouver Life Soldiers: Friday Night Rosary

Join us as we gather weekly for a powerful rosary session to pray for unborn babies who are in danger of being aborted. On Fridays, starting **March 29**, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

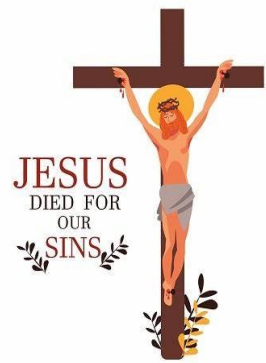
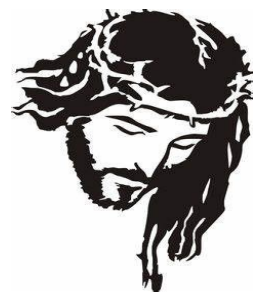
### 9th Annual Gala Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver

Join us for a wonderful evening in the company of seminarians and friends! The gala will help raise funds necessary to continue the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver. On Friday, **May 10**, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Included in the ticket is your entry, door prize, access to the silent auction, and a buffet dinner.

**Early Bird Discount: Save until Monday, April 1!** Use codes GALADINNER for an individual ticket or GALADINNERTABLE for a table of 10. Learn more and buy tickets via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### 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,



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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March 24, 2024

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(for emergency sick-call only)

### Office Administrator

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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

## Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13*

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

23 Saturday, Ferial (P)...Cherilyn Roxas-Chua INT

25 Monday of Holy Week (P)

26 Tuesday of Holy Week (P)

27 Wednesday of Holy Week (P)

28 Thursday of The Holy Week (P)

29 Friday of The Passion of The Lord (R)

30 Holy Saturday (P)

**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, 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

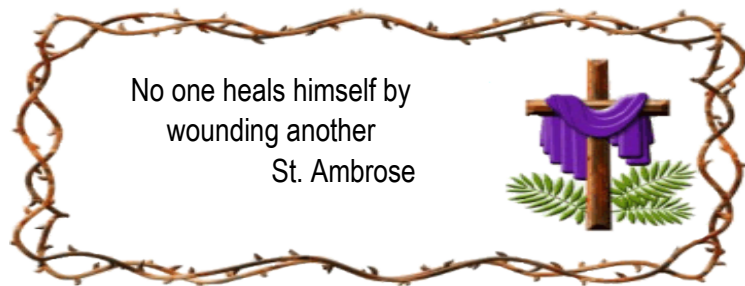
**Sunday, March 24 is Palm Sunday**



**Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule  
Mar 28-Mar 31**

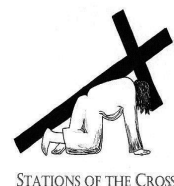
**(No 8:00AM Mass on Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday and No 4:00PM and 5:30PM Mass on Holy Saturday)**

Palm Sunday	Mar 24	SATURDAY Anticipated 4PM, 5:30PM Sunday Services 9AM, 11AM, 5:30PM
Daily Masses	Mar 25-27	8AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
<b>EASTER TRIDUUM</b>		
Holy Thursday	Mar 28	7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE UNTIL 10PM
Good Friday (Day of abstinence & fasting)	Mar 29	10AM Stations of the Cross 3PM – Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English) 6PM (Chinese)
Holy Saturday	Mar 30	9PM Easter Vigil Liturgy with the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
Easter Sunday	Mar 31	Mass at 9AM, 11AM, 5:30PM
Easter Monday	Apr 01	Mass at 9AM



**Special Collection for  
Needs of the Church in Holy Land  
on Good Friday, March 29**

The Pontifical Collection for the Benefit of the Holy Places is on **Good Friday, March 29**, at all parishes! Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination. Once again, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection. Our parishes are called once a year on Good Friday to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please give generously as many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. "Let us work for the good of all" (Galatians 6:10). <http://www.commissariat.ca/>



**Procession of the Passion  
Stations of the Cross  
at St. John the Apostle Parish  
Good Friday, March 29, 10:00AM**

Everyone is welcome to join and participate in the Procession of the Passion at St. John the Apostle Parish. The procession will begin in the Church and proceed out of the Church and around Elm Park. We need volunteers to carry the cross from station to the next station.

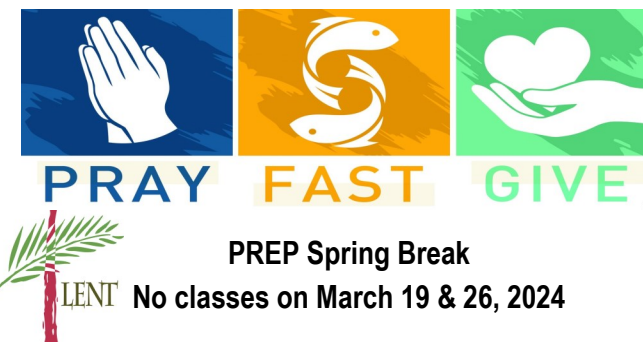
(For the Stations of the Cross, we have two groups. One group will process outside the church, the other group is for those who prefer to remain in the church. Both groups will be together to pray the first station in the church)



John 3:13  
For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**CHRISM MASS**

The presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will gather to celebrate the Mass of Chrism at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Wednesday, **March 27**, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



PREP Spring Break  
No classes on March 19 & 26, 2024  
**He is RISEN**

**Holy Saturday, March 30  
Easter Vigil, 9PM**

After the Easter Vigil, we invite everyone to join us at the reception. It is a time for celebration, fellowship, and joy. Let's come together and share in the spirit of this special occasion, the resurrection of our Lord. ☩

We also joyfully embrace the newly baptized, celebrating their spiritual journey and the renewal of their faith. May their path be illuminated by love, grace, and community

**Baptism at Easter**

Please pray for our elect as they make their final preparation for a new life in Christ.

**Easter Fellowship Sunday, March 31  
After the 11:00AM Mass**

Share a bite to eat and mingle with parishioners and friends after the 11:00AM Mass at the parish hall. Please bring some food to share. Everyone is welcome.



**SHARING IS CARING  
SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Please include in your prayers  
**Bernadette Percy +**  
whose funeral was held last Friday, March 22.  
*May her soul rest in peace*



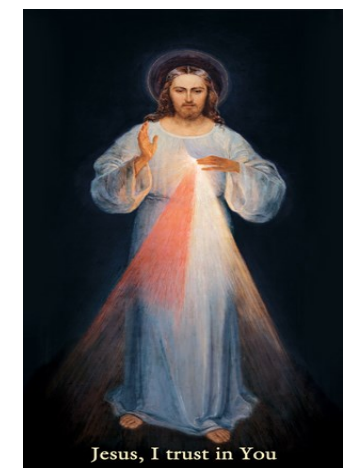
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT  
THE ARBUTUS LONG  
TERM CARE HOME**  
Every 1st Wednesday of each  
month at 10:30AM

Do you have a few hours to spare a month? Are you interested to volunteer in bringing the Catholic ministry to the seniors at the Arbutus Long Term Care Home? This could include assisting in the monthly Mass and pastoral visits. Please see Father Paul for details.

*"When I was aged, you bothered to smile; when I was restless, you listened a while; now enter into the home of my Father." By Willard F. Jabusch in the hymn 'Whatsoever you do'.*

**FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

**CELEBRATION AND CONSECRATION  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**



**PLACE: SJA Church  
TIME: 2:30PM—4:00PM**

- 2:30PM Confession
- 3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Consecration
- Adoration
- 3:30pm Benediction

