

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Archbishop Miller's Easter Message

March 26, 2024

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From time immemorial, people have asked whether there really is life after death and, if so, what kind of life it would be. Some have suggested that life simply ends in nothingness. For them, the world is just a war-torn and violent waiting room where death has the last word.

We Christians, on the other hand, today shout "Alleluia" because Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead. His Resurrection is neither a myth nor a dream. It wasn't a vision. Nor is it a fairy tale. It is a singular and unrepeatable event in the history of the cosmos.

At Easter we celebrate that He conquered sin and death, opening us to a future of hope. Thanks to Him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to eternal life.

This Easter the Church invites us to relive the thrilling experience of the disciples who encountered Jesus as a living Person. Today we too can encounter Him.

He might be right there before us: in a troubled son or daughter; a difficult spouse or family situation; a neglected person clamouring for our attention. He is waiting to be encountered as Risen Lord, but He wears many disguises. He is found in the poor, the sick, the trafficked, the addicted, the imprisoned, the abandoned, the homeless, and the marginalized in our midst.

As Bishop Robert Barron has written: "It all comes down finally to this: if Jesus was not raised from death, Christianity is a joke. But if he did rise from death, then Christianity is the fullness of God's revelation, and Jesus must be the absolute center of our lives. There is no third option."

If you sincerely seek the Lord, rest assured that you will find Him. Indeed, He will come to find you, to meet you. Calling you by name, He will take you into the intimacy of His love and ask you, in return, to share your experience with others.

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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March 31, 2024

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Parish Office Hours

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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

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

01 Monday, Easter Octave (W)...Ping Yee Wong +

02 Tuesday, Easter Octave (W)...Jesusa Yang +

03 Wednesday, Easter Octave (W)...Christopher Leung +

04 Thursday, Easter (W)...Felipe, Mary, Nancy Cajucom +

05 Friday, Easter (W)...Fr. Clement Kong +

06 Saturday, Easter (W)...Andrew, Lucy, Mark Siy +

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, Francis Clare

OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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

Congratulations to our newly baptized.
May our prayer be with them as they start their 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



Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to him whom the angels serve.
St. Agnes

Just a friendly reminder...

Easter Monday, April 01 **Morning Mass at 9:00AM**

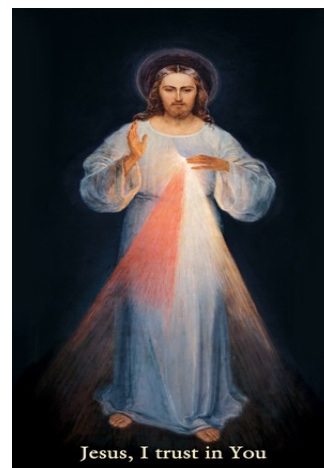


Please note: Catechism resumes
April 02, 2024

PREP every Tuesday 4:00-5:15pm
and Saturday 10:30-12:00noon

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
- 3:50pm Benediction



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.



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'.

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MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD
GUIDE YOU, PROTECT YOU AND
SURROUND YOU IN ALL THE DAYS OF
YOUR LIFE.

Happy Easter

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



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
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Birthright

Birthright is a crisis pregnancy service that provides free and confidential services to pregnant women and their unborn children. Whether it's providing a pregnancy test or infant clothing, or discussing a woman's situation and available community resources, we as volunteers are committed to providing love, care, and support to women during the challenges of their pregnancy.

Our Vancouver chapter has been around for over 50 years now, and has hundreds of stories of happy mothers and children as a result of its work. Have a look at our annual newsletter, which is attached to this email!

We have an urgent need for daytime office volunteers, a secretarial position, and people to support our volunteers. If you're interested in supporting our mission, I hope you'll consider volunteering with us, sharing our work with others, or making a tax-deductible donation to Birthright Vancouver. I'm also happy to answer any questions you might have about Birthright.

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