

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications Open: Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary

The Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary recognizes high school students making a difference in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Two Grade 12 students will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each for their post-secondary schooling. **Application deadline: Monday, May 13.** Learn more and apply at rcav.org/youth-ministry.

Grief to Grace Healing Retreat

Grief to Grace is a retreat program to help those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse to find healing. Centered on Jesus Christ, the five-day program is facilitated by mental health professionals and will be held in Kelowna, B.C. from Tuesday, **May 14, to Saturday, May 18.** Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. For more information, please email griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403. Register at griegtograce.org.

Living Laudato Si': The Challenge and the Promise

Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for creation, is a clarion call to listen to the cries of the earth and of the poor and to assuage their suffering. This second annual *Laudato Si'* lecture will reflect on the challenges and promises of devoting ourselves to this undertaking. In these turbulent times, how can we navigate the obstacles and fulfill the promises that caring for creation in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* places before us?

Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's College in Vancouver. Free admission. All are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Pregnancy, Infant and Child Loss Memorial Mass

Join us for a special Mass on **Saturday, May 18, 5:00 p.m.** at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey as we remember our little ones in heaven. There will be candles lit in their honour and we will have light snacks and a chance to connect after Mass.

For more information, please contact Brittany Garisto at b.garisto@outlook.com or visit elizabethministrybc.ca.

Magnificat Spring 2024 Luncheon

In the words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaimed to Elizabeth her gratitude for the wonderful action of God in her life.

Please join us at a brunch for all women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver where we will share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise of God. Following our brunch, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear our speaker's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Come, magnify the Lord and bring a friend to rejoice in His presence!

Saturday, May 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$30. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 17.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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May 12, 2024

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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

Ascension of our Lord May 12, 2024

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."
– 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 11 Saturday, Ferial (W)...Emilio Chua INT
- 13 Monday, Our Lady of Fatima (W)...Arden Leung +
- 14 Tuesday, St. Matthias (R)...Andrew, Lucy, Mark Siy +
- 15 Wednesday, Ferial (W)...Paul, Patrick Perry +
- 16 Thursday, Ferial (W)...Resela Wong-Sing INT
- 17 Friday, Ferial (W)...Alfonso Y. Aboitiz +
- 18 Saturday, St. John I (R)...Rosina Alvaro +

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



On this day we give you thanks for the mothers among us and ask that you strengthen them in their daily tasks. Grant them wisdom in the lessons they teach, patience in the discipline they foster, and persistence in their promotion of decency and compassion, both by word and example. May they be given the honor and thanks they deserve but often do not receive.

We thank you for all motherly figures: grandmothers, aunts, sisters, wives, step-mothers, foster mothers, guardians, babysitters, teachers, health care providers, neighbors, friends, loved ones, and many others, who practice self-sacrifice and embody compassion to all who are privileged to be in their influence.

For some, this day is marked by loneliness and grief, as they spend this first Mother's Day as a widower, an orphan, or a parent who has lost a child. To those who today live in the wake of the death of a loved one, grant glimpses of the resurrection. Bring to them a steady restoration of their broken hearts, allow them to live into their future with hope, and empower them to carry out the legacy of lessons instilled within them.

We give you thanks for the wide spectrum of motherhood represented among us today: new mothers and young mothers whose children are in their most tender years; mothers of grown children who transition into empty nests and a new chapter of self-discovery; mothers and grandmothers of advanced years, whose twilight of life is marked by frailty of body but a potency of spirit."

May this prayer resonate with all those who hold the spirit of motherhood within their hearts.



The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes.
St. Teresa of Avila

Priests Retreat Week 2024



Fr. Paul Chu will be away on a Priests Retreat Week from May 14-17, 2024.

Fr. Terry Bileski will celebrate the morning masses here at SJA while Fr. Paul is on retreat.

*Let us pray for all our priests
that this retreat week be a time of
spiritual renewal and reflection for all our priests!*



Evening of Recollection for Men

"Men's Recollection at St. John the Apostle
Parish, on **May 14**, at 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Preached by Opus Dei Priest.

All men welcome."



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday, May 19, 11:00AM

St. John the Apostle Parish

*Let us pray for all the Confirmation Candidates,
that they may grow in faith, love,
and commitment to Christ!*

Coffee, Cookie, & Community
Sunday, May 12 after 11:00AM Mass

Join your fellow parishioners after Mass while you enjoy coffee and cookies. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Free will donation is welcome.

"Community is much more than belonging to something;
It is about doing something together
that makes belonging matter".



All 60+ parishioners are invited to our
Annual Senior's Lunch on June 01,
doors are open at 11:30AM, Lunch will
be served 12noon at SJA Parish Hall.

Sign up sheet will be at the back of the
church (maximum senior guests 50)

Free will donations are welcome.



SATURDAY, JUNE 01, 2024

Sign-up to reserve your seat



Stay Tuned

FOR THE LAUNCHING OF
"BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY"
PROJECT ADVANCE 2024
AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH



CALLING ALL ACTIVE, PAST & NEW VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to many of our dedicated volunteers who continued to support our Parish even during Pandemic to these days! The community thank you! Your hard work and support are very much appreciated.

As St John the Apostle Parish are now operating in full capacity after Pandemic, we are still missing many of our past volunteers. We hope that if you are available and able, please know that we miss you and would like to see you back!

In compliance to Archdiocese of Vancouver Safe Environment Policy, SJA Parish Screening Coordinators would like to have a record of all our volunteers. Might you be a New Volunteers, or been with St John for many decades, or planning to return to volunteer, or hoping to join the SJA volunteer team, we asked if you can kindly complete an **online form** <https://forms.gle/NdPs4wrcwSGku1s86> and return to evelyn.siy@gmail.com, or printed forms in the Church vestibule and drop in the rectory mailbox.

Please note Information taken will be kept in the St John the Apostle Parish Office for Screening coordinators to have the proper list of volunteer members to protect and ensure safety of each and everyone in our community including you, our volunteers.



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

LET US ALWAYS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER