



## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The 13th Annual Archbishop's Dinner

You are invited to join us for the 13th Archbishop's Dinner on Monday, **November 18th, 2024** at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the coming year.

The funds raised at this year's Archbishop's Dinner will support educators who are passionate about their personal faith and professional development and have demonstrated the potential for leadership in Catholic schools.

Additional funds will be directed towards teaching and research at our Catholic institutions of higher learning.

Tickets are \$195 each and individuals purchasing tickets will receive a tax receipt of \$100. To book a table or tables, purchase individual tickets, or make a gift online, please visit [rcav.org/dinner2024](http://rcav.org/dinner2024).

### Catechist Evening with Archbishop Miller

Catechist Evening is an annual event where Archbishop Miller blesses and commissions all catechists as they enter the new ministry year. It is a night to celebrate our new and recurring volunteers, as well as to listen to testimonies from dedicated catechists.

On Friday, **September 20**, Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name of Jesus at 6:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Reception for registered catechists will follow after the Mass at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 18 Register and learn more at [rcav.org/events](http://rcav.org/events).

### The Catholic Faith in Plain English

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawksell and Maureen Creelman in their course *The Catholic Faith in Plain English*. This free, 36-week-long course will be offered both in person and online this year starting on Sunday, **September 22**. This course is suitable for all adult learners, including Catholics and non-Catholics.

- Sundays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver
  - Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver
- No registration required. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital.

The next Mass and vigil takes place on **October 5**, 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. All are welcome! Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*  
Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 14 Saturday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (R)...Patrick Leung +
- 16 Monday, St. Cornelius, and St. Cyprian (R)...Sandra Young INT
- 17 Tuesday, St. Robert Bellarmine (W)...Pacita Cote +
- 18 Wednesday, Ferial (G)...Gemma Park INT
- 19 Thursday, St. Januarius (R)...All the Souls in Purgatory +
- 20 Friday, St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon (R)...Grace Louie +
- 21 Saturday, St. Matthew (R)...Sandra Young INT

**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

#### **Pastor**

Fr. Paul Chu  
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778-834-1234

(for emergency sick-call only)

Deacon Kenneth Fung  
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#### **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

#### **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

#### **Vocations:**

Priesthood

Permanent Diaconate

Sisterhood

Please call 604-683-0281

## OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Getting to know JESUS will change your life!  
Join our Catechism 2024-2025

**Do you feel empty in your life?**

*Jesus said, "I come so you'll have the fullness of life."*

**Are you tired with all the darkness in the world?**

*Jesus said, "I'm the light of the world."*

**Our Catechism is here to help.**

**For Adults:** Please fill out the RCIA form

**Mandarin:** Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm Start: Sep. 11

**Cantonese:** Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm Start: Sep. 10

**Saturdays** 2:00pm-3:30pm Start: Sep 14

**English:** Fridays 11:00am—12:30pm Start: Sep 13

Baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation are welcome!

**For more information:** Deacon Ken (604) 781-1278

Email: [kfung@rcav.org](mailto:kfung@rcav.org)

**For Children:** Registrations is open until September 3.

**CGS Level 1:** for children 4 to 6 years old

**Saturdays** 10:30 am to 12:00 noon Start: September 07

**CGS Level 2:** for children 6 to 9 years old

**Tuesdays** 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Start: September 10

*ALL FORMS can be found at the Church vestibule.*

We invite children preparing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation as well as those who desire to grown in love for our Lord Jesus and the Holy Mass.

**For more information:** Ada Arango (604) 318-6229

## Come early for Confession

If you plan to have Confession, give yourself time. Do not come a minute before mass starts. Confession ends 5 minute before mass to give priest time to prepare.

God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one.  
St. Ambrose



## ANNUAL PARISH BARBEQUE

**September 15 after the 11:00am Mass**

On the parish parking lot across the church  
Cars need to be removed after the 11:00am Mass

Our parish will provide burgers, hotdogs, condiments, plates, cutlery, and napkins. Music, and talent show. Everyone is welcome to bring dessert to share.

**Please be sure to confirm your attendance on the sign-up sheet.** This allows the organizers to ensure enough food are prepared for all attendees. Sign-up sheets can be found in the church vestibule.

*Enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and drink with your parish community!*

**Free will donation is welcome**



**THE RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

## CATECHISTS

- ◆ No prior teaching experience
- ◆ Passionate on teaching about Jesus
- ◆ Be movers and doers of Christ
- ◆ Listening and patient with children

If interested, please contact the parish office or PREP Coordinator, Ada email at [adaarango123@gmail.com](mailto:adaarango123@gmail.com)

## Baptism

**Congratulations to all the newly baptized**  
May this sacred occasion mark the beginning of a beautiful and fulfilling spiritual journey.

Sharon Chen  
Ethan Yiwei Jiang  
Lucas Xin Chen Lu  
Lucas Min  
Marcus Min  
Tiffany Min  
Elijah Wilfrid Emil Salas  
Lucas Chen An Wang  
Dylan Hao Ming Xu

Hao Chen Xu  
Owen Hao Xing Xu  
Ava Yuyang Yang  
Ally Zhang  
Arvin Zhang  
Yovia Zhang  
Laura Zhao  
Felix Zuo  
Tommy Zuo



**"Congratulations on your First Holy Communion!**

May you always feel the love and presence of Jesus as you continue to grow in your faith."

Lucas Xin Chen Lu  
Hao Chen Xu  
Dylan Hao Ming Xu  
Laura Zhao

## CHURCH CHOIR LOFT HAND RAILING IS DONE!

Fantastic news! If you think completing the hand railing for the choir loft sounds like a significant job for our Project Advance 2024 initiative. How does it feel to see more projects come to fruition? Please continue to support our Project Advance 2024.



## Knights of Columbus

Hosts

## A Gala Dinner

Celebrating:

**Saint John the Apostle's 86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

and

**Fr. Paul Chu's First Year at St John's**

**Date:** Nov 9, 2024

**Location:** The Arbutus Club, 2001 Nanton Ave, Vancouver

**Tickets:** Adults: \$100  
Children (Under 12): \$50

Doors and Silent Auction Open: 6:30 pm  
Buffet Dinner in Strathcona Room: 7 pm  
Dancing in Quilchena Terrace: 8:30 pm

Tickets will be sold by Knights after Weekend Masses in October and November at the back of the church.

## DONATIONS WELCOME

### Silent Auction

Quality Items for Auction worth \$50 or more

(Proceeds will go toward Coats for Kids and Columbia Christmas Meals)

Tax Receipts will be issued for all monetary donations towards dinner cost

