



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.

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.



ADDRESSING THE STIGMA: EQUIPPING PARISHES TO BRIDGE FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Mental health is more and more "on the radar" in our culture as both awareness of the topic and the challenges many people experienced increase. The media gives more attention to this topic and our schools are often spaces where mental health takes a prominence. However, sometimes as a Church or parish there can be uncertainty about how to engage well with this topic. And the need is increasing.

If you'd like to be a part of the movement towards a Church culture that has a healthy response towards mental health challenges and appropriately understands and bridges the gap between faith and mental health, please join us on October 12th as we take a deeper dive into the topic and invite you to consider how you could be a part of moving the needle forward within your own parish.

Saturday, **October 12** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey. Registration is \$10.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 21 Saturday, St. Matthew (R)...Sandra Young INT
- 23 Monday, St. Pius of Pietrelcina (W)...Melissa Salas INT
- 24 Tuesday, Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin (W)...Noel & Bridgid Connolly +
- 25 Wednesday, St. Cosmas and St. Damian (R)...S. C. Maria +
- 26 Thursday, St. John de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues (R)...Virginia Leung INT
- 27 Friday, St. Vincent de Paul (W)...Kyumin Chung +
- 28 Saturday, St. Lorenzo Ruiz (R)...Maria Leung +

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

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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

FAITH FORMATION FOR PREP PARENTS

Please come and join us study The Holy Mass, a central and profound aspect of the Catholic faith. Every Tuesday, at 4:00pm-5:00pm., at the parish hall.

Everyone is welcome.



All that's missing is U!

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

ST. JOHN PAUL II

Exactly 40 years ago, September 1984, St. John Paul II came to Vancouver for his papal visit. Listen to him again what he told us then:

"The grace we receive in Baptism raises the quality of our life to a level far exceeding anything we could ever imagine for we receive the pledge of eternal or everlasting life. This everlasting life begins now; through faith in the word of God and through the Sacraments of the Church, it will reach its completion in the world to come."

"True living is not found in one's self or in things. It is found in someone else, in the One who created everything that is good, true, and beautiful in the world. True living is found in God, and you discover God in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ reveals God to us, and to know Christ is to know God."

"When you wonder about the mystery of your life, look to Christ who explains to you its full meaning. When you wonder about the life to come, look to Christ. Love him and serve him in your neighbour now, so that the fullness of eternal life may one day be yours."

- St. John Paul II in Vancouver, Sept 18, 1984



**Special Collection,
Next Sunday, Sep 29, 2024
Needs of the Canadian Church**



This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada.

Please support the Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

**Fellowship Next Sunday
Sep 29, after 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.

Free will donation accepted.



Thanks to all the Knights and others who organized, cooked, served and cleaned up after the barbecue.



Knights of Columbus
Hosts
A Gala Dinner
Celebrating:
Saint John the Apostle's 86th Anniversary
and
Fr. Paul Chu's First Year at St John's

Date: Nov 9, 2024 (Saturday)

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