



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Changing the Debate on Euthanasia (MAiD) in Canada

Alex Schadenberg, the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will give a presentation on the overall situation in Canada on euthanasia (MAiD) in 2024. Mr Schadenberg will discuss how far we have come in a few short years to making euthanasia routine and acceptable, illustrating his presentation with real-life stories. He will also touch on the current court cases including St. Paul's Hospital.

October 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Parish Centre in Langley.

Learn more and register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

Retrouvaille Weekend - Marriage Help

Need Marriage Help? Why live in unhappiness or misery? You can revive your relationship! Retrouvaille is an effective, affordable marriage program consisting of an in-person weekend retreat and 12 virtual or live weekly Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions. Tens of thousands of couples have been helped to recover from *all kinds* of marriage crises! Open to couples of all faiths, or no faith. For confidential information or to register for the fall program commencing the weekend of **October 18 - 20, 2024** near Vancouver, email vancouverbc@helpourmarriage.org, call 604-530-6710, or visit helpmy-marriage.ca.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Regional Assembly
The Regional Assembly is the annual gathering of the BC/Yukon Development & Peace members. Review what has been done and set priorities for the upcoming year. All are welcome!

Speakers include:

- Dr. Michael Bomford, Phd, PAg from the Department of Sustainable Agriculture
- Justin Arsenault, Kairos, BC/Yukon
- Mighael Dougherty, long-time member from Whitehorse/Yukon
- Selina Hunt, D&P Youth Programming

Friday, **October 18** - Sunday, **October 20** at Carmel Hill - Little Flower Monastery in Deroche.

Learn more and register for accommodations at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Call for Applicants: Ambrose Matilda Music Competition - Strings, Piano, Vocal and More

Ambrose Matilda Music Connection Society is a non-profit organization that hosts international music competitions to discover future classical stars. The upcoming 4th online competition is open to individuals up to the age of 32.

The event is supported by a number of sponsors, including the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Archbishop Miller will present certificates to the winners and recognize three churches for their high participation or winner counts. The winners will be given performance opportunities in Ottawa, Canada, in 2025. **Preliminary application deadline: Friday, November 15.** Learn more and apply at ambrosematilda.com.



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 06, 2024

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 05 Saturday, Our Lady (W)...Felipe, Mary, Nancy Cajucom +
- 07 Monday, Our Lady of the Rosary (W)...John Daniel Garry +
- 08 Tuesday, Ferial (G)...Mark Siy +
- 09 Wednesday, St. Denis (R)...Carmen Chan INT
- 10 Thursday, Ferial (G)...Louis Shim, Chia Sau Yuet +
- 11 Friday, St. John XXIII (W)...Florence McNicholl +
- 12 Saturday, Our Lady (W)...Arden 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

Cantonese: Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm

English: Fridays 10:30am-12:00pm

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.

Our office will be closed from
October 08 – October 24, 2023.

Melita will be away on her annual vacation.

For any emergency and urgent matters, kindly call Fr. Paul Chu at 778-834-1234 or email pchu@rcav.org

Thank you.

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.
St. Augustine



Fellowship Sunday, Oct. 06

After the 11:00AM Mass

Hosted by:

Legion of Mary

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 is welcome.**

POPE CALLS FOR OCTOBER 07 TO BE DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

Pope Francis says that "in this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity".

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for on October 7, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war.



"Let the little children come to me"

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

Saturday, **October 12** at 11:00 am—12:00 Noon

St. John the Apostle Parish Hall

Snacks and socials to follow

AI and the Pope's Coat

The Madonna House invites you to an evening about Artificial Intelligence and Catholicism! On Monday, **October 21**, 7:00pm-8:30pm at St. John the Apostle Parish Hall.

Dr. Yuriko Ryan will present on *AI and the Pope's Coat*.

Dr. Ryan, a bioethicist-gerontologist in Vancouver, and an editor and writer for AI and Faith, an interfaith non-profit organization in Seattle.

Join her in examining the connections between artificial intelligence, Pope Francis, and Catholicism.



Just a friendly reminder...

Project Advance 2024 "Building our Parish Community" continue in our parish.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Project Advance! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For those who haven't had the chance to donate yet, we encourage you to consider supporting this important initiative.

How to Contribute:

- You can donate online at projectadvance.ca
- Drop in your project advance donation in the Sunday basket
- Mail your Project Advance donation in parish office

We have received 86 pledges totaling \$82,213.13 as of September 23, 2024. Your support can help us reach our goal and make a significant difference. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to achieving our mission. Please consider making a donation today to help us continue our important work.



LET US ALWAYS PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

POPE FRANCIS

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

