

**ST. MONICA PARISH  
GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar Servers ..... Jun Lastica  
 Sonny Magno  
 Bible Study ..... Teresa Santos  
 Tel Decena  
 Bulletin Publication & Advertising ..... Parish Office  
 CWL ..... Cynthia Diangkinay  
 Cenacle Prayer Group ..... Elizabeth Tanase  
 Choir ..... M McVicker (5pm)  
 Neil Macoy (9am)  
 Michael Goco (11am)  
 Counters ..... Mila & Luis Acosta  
 Couples for Christ ..... John & Anne Ramos  
 Development & Peace ..... Evelyn Victoria  
 Extraordinary Ministers ..... Teresa Santos  
 Financial Committee ..... Marianne Festejo  
 Fundraising Committee ..... Patrick Li  
 Funeral Music St. Monica ..... M McVicker  
 Interfaith Alliance ..... Edward Wong  
 Hall Maintenance ..... Cezar Dalde  
 Hall Rental ..... Parish Office  
 Knights of Columbus ..... Teody Parejo  
 Lectors ..... Marlytel Decena  
 Legion of Mary ..... Fe Arias  
 Pat Diamzon  
 Outreach Ministry ..... Edith Perez  
 P.R.E.P ..... Teresa Santos  
 Parish Council Chairperson ..... Pete Capitulo  
 Parish Office. .... J Mendoza  
 Project Advance ..... Ed & Baby San Jose  
 Religious Goods ..... Baby Santos  
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 Linda Zamora  
 R.C.I.A. .... Wilbur & Evelyn Victoria  
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 Ushers ..... L. Navasca  
 R Sullivan  
 Youth for Christ ..... Adrian Boquiren  
 Camille Barcita  
 Website..... Patrick Li

**M E E T I N G S**

**LEGION OF MARY**

Handmaid of the Lord

Sat: 10 am - 12 nn

Mary Mother of the Redeemer

Mon: 10 am - 12 nn

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month after 9:30 am mass

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIEST**

**CENACLE PRAYER GROUP**

Thurs: 9:30 am at the Family Room

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Executive: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month,  
 10:15 am

General: 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month, 10:15 am  
 (except Summer)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:45 pm-9:00 pm  
 (except in December)

**COUPLES FOR CHRIST**

General Assembly every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Teaching Night every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**ST. MONICA PARISH YOUTH  
MINISTRY**

Regular Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
 12 nn - 4 pm

**BIBLE STUDY**

Monday & Thursday 7 pm - 9 pm

**RCIA**

Thursday 7pm-9 pm



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday

**9:30 am - 1 pm / 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

**MASS SCHEDULES**

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm - 4:55 pm**

CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY  
 MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

**NOVENA TO**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA  
 & BENEDICTION

**BAPTISM COURSE**

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

**BAPTISMS**

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

January 28, 2018

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In today's Gospel, a person is suffering from an unclean spirit. This particular miracle is such that we see that the "authority" of Jesus extends first of all over the Evil One. Jesus has come to establish a new kingdom, not dominated by evil, but by God's merciful love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading, the Lord promises Israel that he will raise up a new prophet, one who will speak with his authority. Paul urges the Corinthians to remain free of worldly anxieties. In Mark's Gospel, it is the unclean spirit that recognizes the real identity of Jesus and responds to his commands.

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**Today's Readings:**

1st: Deuteronomy 18.15-20

2nd: 1 Corinthians 7.32-35

Gospel: Mark 1.21-28

**PARISH UPDATES**

**2017 Official Tax-Receipts** – We have received the receipts of Project Advance 2017. Yours will be included in the receipt for your donations to the parish. Hopefully the receipts are ready before the end of February.

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**Our Parish Lenten Mission is coming up on Feb. 17 – 20.** The themes of the mission are on the bulletin board. Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ will introduce the Mission on the weekend Masses and the mission is on **Feb. 18, 19, 20** at 7:00pm. Invite a friend.

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**Windows Sponsorship** – The form is available at the Parish Office when you decide to support with a monetary gift on the *Tree of Gratitude*. Thank you for your support.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This year the World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Church, Vancouver on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Please come and join the Archbishop and the Consecrated Religious for Mass. All are welcome. Reserved seating and more information are available at 604-683-0281.

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**Mass and Anointing of the Sick**

Archbishop Miller, CSB, will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing in honour of World Day of the Sick on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Vancouver. The sacrament of anointing will be administered after the homily. All sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, simple refreshments will be offered in the parish hall. Plenty of parking available.

**Our Lenten Mission Themes**

**Sun., February 18: Healing Our Image of God – Becoming All We Are**

This presentation will focus on how we are made to the image and likeness of God, but we may be making God according to our image and likeness rather than become the fullness of Love. This evening will include a process of healing our image of God where it has been distorted by life’s hurts.

**Mon., Feb. 19: The Most Difficult Forgiveness: Forgive Oneself**

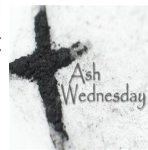
We struggle to love and forgive another where we struggle to love and forgive ourselves. We continue the same struggles and faults because we hate the sin and the sinner. This presentation will focus on how to forgive ourselves in a way that heals us rather than traps us in repeating our unloving behaviour and getting angry at others who are unloving like us.

**Tue., Feb 20: Going Forth: Embracing New Life**

Each of us has a pattern of running from life when we feel a sense of being inadequate and not at home with ourselves. This presentation will follow the archetypal Prodigal Story, “We must celebrate because he was dead and has come back to life, he was lost and now he has been found.”

**Burning of palms for Ash Wednesday**

Please bring your old palms to the church these coming weekends and place them in the baskets in the foyer. You may also bring them to the parish office during business hours. The ashes will be burned and will be used at our **Ash Wednesday Masses on February 14, 2018.**



**ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS**

**ONE Conference 2018 - Mercy & Beyond: Sharing Our Joy**

The annual ONE Conference brings together 1,000 parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver to connect, learn, and inspire each other. Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy is the theme of the 2018 ONE Conference. Fr. James Mallon (Divine Renovation) and Dr. Josephine Lombardi are our keynote speakers, and we will hear practical tips from breakout session speakers Jake Khym, Dr. Deborah MacNamara, Abbott John Braganza, OSB, and Brett Powell about sharing our joy within our parish, our families, and our friends in the greater Church community. Join us Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9-5:30 p.m. at Chandos Pattison Auditorium at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Register today at [onecatholic.ca](http://onecatholic.ca).

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**Reformation and Communion**

Last year we marked the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Christian Churches in Richmond will host free seminars on Tuesdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, March 6, May 1, and June 5 at 7 p.m. There will be a special musical event on April 10 at 7 p.m. at South Arm United Church. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Christoph Reiners at 604-270-0085 for more information.

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**Lunar Thanksgiving Mass**

Chinese Ministry invites all to the year-end Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB, followed by lunch on Monday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Vancouver. If interested, please contact Fr. Chu at [pchu@rcav.org](mailto:pchu@rcav.org).

**Stewardship Reflection**

Moses told the people, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own kin.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

See Deuteronomy 18:15

*Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel*

**Mass Intentions**

**January 28-February 3, 2018**

- Sun, Jan 28—
- Mon, Jan 29— Virginia Academia
- Tue, Jan 30— Mrs. Lau (Special Intention)
- Wed, Jan 31 — 9am, T. Leung  
7pm, Frankie & Grace Lee (Thanksgiving)
- Thu, Feb 1— Miguel & Esperanza Elicanal (RIP)
- Fri, Feb 2— Alma & Aida Goco (Thanksgiving)
- Sat, Feb 3— 9:30am,  
5pm,