

ST. MONICA PARISH GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

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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

3rd 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: 3rd Sat. of the month,
 10:15 am

General: 4th Sat. of the month, 10:15 am

(except Summer)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Tuesday, 7:45 pm-9:00 pm

(except in December)

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

General Assembly every 1st Saturday

Teaching Night every 3rd Saturday

ST. MONICA PARISH YOUTH

MINISTRY

Regular Meeting every 1st Saturday

12 nn - 4 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Monday & Thursday 7 pm - 9 pm

RCIA

Thursday 7pm-9 pm

Marriage Encounter Weekend at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre on Saturday and Sunday, **April 28 - 29, 2018**. This enrichment is for all married couples and for couples civilly married for more than 5 years, now preparing for marriage in the Church. Registration is online on RCAF website: <http://rcav.org/worldwide-marriage-encounter-non-residential-weekend/> Spaces are limited.



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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 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

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*Repent and believe in the good new.* These sound like simple words from our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins his earthly ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descends upon him at his baptism. He asks us to believe in the Gospel (good news) and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the reading from Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah, declaring the rainbow as the reminder to all his people. The reading from the first letter of Peter recalled those who were saved by the water in the story of Noah prefigure our baptism which saves us now.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Genesis 9.8-15

Psalm: 25

2nd: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

PARISH UPDATES

Happy Lunar New Year --- to those of you who are celebrating the Year of the Dog, which was on Feb. 16th, A Happy New Year.

2017 Official Tax-Receipts – Your tax receipts are ready for pick up, please make sure you collect yours promptly.

Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ, our Lenten Presenter, Welcome to St Monica Parish and Thank You for making yourself available to us.

Our Parish Lenten Mission is here. It is on **Feb. 18, 19, 20** at 7:00pm. After the morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday, Fr. Matt is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Books for Sale – Fr. Matt Linn, SJ has co-authored with Sheila and Dennis Linn over 20 books published in both English and Spanish. Some of their books are available for your purchase during the mission. Prices are adjusted for the currency exchange. You can pay with your cheque payable to St Monica Parish or using your credit card.

Lenten Observance -- Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute acts of charity or piety on this day.

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.

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."

A Lifeline for Marriages: Work on your relationship during a weekend at Barnabas Landing Retreat Centre, Keats Island

Retrouvaille helps married couples get back to a loving relationship, providing the tools you need to get your marriage back on track. For confidential information or to register for the program at the beautiful Barnabas Landing on Keats Island on the weekend of **April 13 - 15, 2018**, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710, email us vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit our website www.retrouvaillevanouver.com. For more information about the venue, please visit www.barnabasfm.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver: March 19

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, will celebrate Mass on Monday, March 19, at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. (in place of the usual 12:10 Mass.) That evening, he will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver. Highlighting one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: Strengthening Marriages and Families, Cardinal Tagle will address the challenges of living the faith within family life. Family time, among today's many distractions, continues to be an almost lost reality for many. Join us for his talk on Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village. The evening begins with an opening performance at 6 p.m. followed by an opening address by Archbishop Miller and a talk by Cardinal Tagle. Tickets are now on sale! Visit <http://rcav.org/cardinal-tagle>

Our new website, stmonicaparish.ca is now live. Also, visit and like us on Facebook: **'Smon Monica'.**

Stewardship Reflection

First Sunday of Lent

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism. . . that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel

Mass Intentions

February 18-24, 2018

Sun, Feb 18—
Mon, Feb 19— Ms. Chow Mui (RIP)
Tue, Feb 20— Pancho Tan (RIP)
Wed, Feb 21 — 9am, Kate
7pm, Edmond Lim (RIP)
Thu, Feb 22— Atilano & Mer Ferrer (RIP)
Fri, Feb 23— Alfredo Caringal (RIP)
Sat, Feb 24— 9:30am, Victoria Coronel (RIP)
5pm, Marissa Fernandez & Family (Special Intention)

WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we will make the Way of the Cross on FRIDAYS after the morning Mass.

