

**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  
 Lala Revita  
 Linda Zamora  
 R.C.I.A. .... Wilbur & Evelyn Victoria  
 Sacristy ..... Lala Revita  
 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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PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

**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

& BENECTION

**BAPTISM COURSE**

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

**BAPTISMS**

4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.

**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](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org) or visit our website [www.retrouvaillevanouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevanouver.com). For more information about the venue, please visit [www.barnabasfm.org](http://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](http://stmonicaparish.ca) is now live. Also, visit and like us on Facebook: **‘Smon Monica’**.**

**Last Sunday’s Collection**

**February 11, 2018**

**Envelopes 2nd & Special Collections**

Regular

Loose

Total # of regular envelopes received: **213**

Average Donation: **14.57**

**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.**

