



Pope Francis shared that "The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

You are invited to watch the National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada:

Vision TV: Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 27th at 5pm PST
Salt + Light: Part 1 March 27th; Part 2 March 28th at 5pm PST

The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass.

The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com.

For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca.



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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

March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

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The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. Under the new covenant each person will know God's law, his love and his mercy. Gods' personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In the gospel, Jesus approaches his passion.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Jeremiah 31.31-34

Psalm: 51

2nd: Hebrews 5.7-9

Gospel: John 12.20-33

PARISH UPDATES

Louis Antonio Cardinal Tagle Visit – Archbishop Miller extends his invitation to all, especially Filipino parishioners, to the **Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30pm** and the ticketed event at **6:00pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Monday, March 19th**. You need to purchase your ticket through Ticketmaster.ca. **All remaining seats are now \$10.**

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**Lenten Penitential Service – Tuesday, March 20th, 7pm** is our parish’s Lenten Confession. At least 3 priests will be available. Please take advantage of this graceful time for your spiritual life.

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 27th, 7pm is our next meeting. Representatives of our parish groups, please make this bi-monthly meeting a priority.

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**Windows Sponsorship** – A few more inscriptions have been mounted on the “Tree of Gratitude.” A special recognition includes our Project Advance donors. The pledge form is available at the Parish Office when you decide to sponsor a leaf plaque. Thank YOU!

**Chrism Mass**

One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and the priests of the archdiocese on **Wednesday, March 28, at 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral** for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism.

**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 RCAV website: <http://rcav.org/worldwide-marriage-encounter-non-residential-weekend/> Spaces are limited.

Go on a Catholic Gap Year! Looking for adventure? In need of a break from studies? Want to serve others? Discerning your career? Seeking answers to life? Interested in becoming a missionary? If you answered yes to any of the above, then taking a Catholic Gap Year may just be what you’re looking for! This is your chance to serve the Church and the world while exploring God’s purpose for you. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is now accepting applications for the \$500 Catholic Gap Year bursary. A total of 4 individuals who apply by June 1 will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each to be applied to mission expenses. Learn more at [catholicgapyear.ca](http://catholicgapyear.ca).

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

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**HOLY THURSDAY: March 29**  
**LORD’S SUPPER—7:30 PM**  
**ADORATION UNTIL 11 PM**

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**GOOD FRIDAY: March 30**  
**WAY OF THE CROSS—11 AM**  
**PASSION OF THE LORD—3PM**

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**HOLY SATURDAY: March 31**  
**EASTER VIGIL—8:30 PM**

**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.

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Men's Discernment Night - Do you have questions about discerning God’s call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. The informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. **Wednesday, March 21, from 7-10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver.** vocationsvancouver.ca

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**Propitiation and the Meaning of Easter**

How do Donne, Rembrandt, and Milton deepen our appreciation for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ? Reflecting on a range of profound poetic and artistic materials – mainly from the late Renaissance period – will help us prepare for Holy Week and its culmination of the events of Good Friday and Easter. Join us on **Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's College**. Presentation by Dr. Dennis Danielson, Professor Emeritus, UBC Department of English.

**Our new website, [stmonicaparish.ca](http://stmonicaparish.ca) is now live. Also, visit and like us on Facebook: [‘Smon Monica’](https://www.facebook.com/stmonica).**

**Stewardship Reflection**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

“Whoever serves me must follow me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “where I am, there will my servant be also.” In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

See John 12:26

*Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel*

**Mass Intentions**

**March 18-24, 2018**

- Mon, Mar 19— Salamao Gomes (RIP)
- Tue, Mar 20— Mrs. Lau (Intention)
- Wed, Mar 21 — *9am*, Veronica Decena (TG)  
*7pm*, Lau Family (RIP)
- Thu, Mar 22— Peter Abe (RIP)
- Fri, Mar 23— Ramon Capitulo (RIP)
- Sat, Mar 24— *9:30am*, Marcena Joseph (TG)  
*5pm*, Gregoria Ignacio (RIP)

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

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

