



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

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WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA
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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 25, 2018

Passion Sunday

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As we begin to recall and commemorate the events of that first Holy Week, when Jesus willingly laid aside his glory and embraced the cross for our salvation, may we be filled with gratitude and awe at the one who loves us so much.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah foretells that Gods' servant will suffer as a consequence of being a true and faithful disciple. Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus set aside his glory and power by becoming one with us in the flesh, but through his humility and suffering, he has become the Lord of all. The story of Jesus' passion and death is recounted in the gospel of Mark.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Isaiah 50.4-7

Psalm: 22

2nd: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

PARISH UPDATES

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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**Holy Thursday** – Please note the Easter Triduum begins with the **Lord’s Supper at 7:30pm**. There is **NO** morning Mass.

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Easter Vigil Baptism and Confirmation – On Holy Saturday evening at the Vigil, **Janice Ngo and Norma Tablan** will be baptized and confirmed into the Roman Catholic faith; **Richard Bellinger**, baptized as an Anglican **and Lawrence Lorenzo**, baptized as a Roman Catholic will be confirmed. We pray for them and rejoice with them in gratitude to God’s grace for our faith community.

Celebrate your Milestone Anniversary with us! Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, honouring couples celebrating their milestone anniversaries: 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Mass will be on **Sunday, May 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish, Surrey**. Reception to follow in the parish gym with exhibitors present in Jubilee Hall. Register your milestone anniversary here: <http://rcav.org/marriage-anniversary/> All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others this Mother’s Day!

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.

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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**Holy Land Collection on Good Friday**

The Pontifical Collection for the Benefit of the Holy Places is on **Good Friday, March 30**, at all parishes! Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination. Once again, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection. Our parishes are called once a year on Good Friday to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please give generously as many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. **“Let us work for the good of all” (Galatians 6:10)**. <http://www.commissariat.ca/>

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Good Friday Vigil for the Burial of Christ

A service of mourning & lamentation for our crucified Lord called **“Jerusalem Matins”** – known as the most lyrically beautiful service of the entire Byzantine Church Year. In joining the Holy Virgin Mother of God and the Myrrhbearing Women in preparing Christ for Burial and Entombment, and prayerful anticipation of the all holy Resurrection, join us on **Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at Eastern Catholic Church, Richmond**. For more info. please contact Fr. Richard Soo at 604-447-1731.

Stewardship Reflection

Palm Sunday

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel

Mass Intentions

March 25-31, 2018

- Mon, Mar 26— Frances Bartolome & Family (Intention)
- Renata Juzal (RIP)
- Tue, Mar 27— Susana Rosales (RIP)
- Wed, Mar 28 — 9am, Sr. Melosina Lampad (Thanksgiving)
- 7pm, Brian Rego (RIP)

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