



ST. MONICA PARISH

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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

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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

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

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HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA! It all comes down to this. Jesus being raised from the dead gives purpose to his cross and ours. Without the Resurrection, all suffering is absurd, death is the end and we are lost.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saint Peter gives a summary of the Paschal Mystery in our reading from Acts. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul reminds that being raised in Christ calls us to a higher standard. In the gospel of John, Mary Magdalene does not go into the empty tomb right away, she seeks out Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Psalm: 118

2nd: Colossians 3.1-4 or

1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

Gospel: John 20.1-18



PARISH UPDATES

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU! May our Risen Lord fill you with great joy and consolations!
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***Congratulations*** to our newly baptized, ***Janice Ngo and Norma Tablan***. We also welcome ***Richard Bellinger***, who made his profession of faith into our Roman Catholic community. Along with ***Lawrence Lorenzo***, they also received the Sacrament of Confirmation.  
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Kudos – A special thanks to our RCIA team and everyone who contributed to the preparation and celebration of our faith in the Resurrection of Christ, Our Lord, Alleluia!
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**Parish Office -- Closed on Easter Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
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Tree of Gratitude – A few new inscriptions of Dove and Leaf plaques have been added to the beautiful sculpture on the wall. Thanks to our generous parishioners and friends. May the Lord bless you with his love and grace!
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**Windows Sponsorship** – The pledge form is available at the Parish Office when you decide to sponsor a leaf plaque. Thank YOU!  
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Sweet Fresh baked Goodies (suman, turon, biscotti, and more) CWL Bake sale on Sunday, after 9a.m. and 11a.m. Mass, April 8.

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.

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!

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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**Gardens of Gethsemani Open House**

Set aside your sacred space at our Annual Spring Open House. Plan to attend, tour the cemetery via golf cart, select your space, and meet with an Advisor to make a contract. Some light refreshments will be served. **Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days.** Visit [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) for more info.  
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Spring Institute – Archdiocesan Seasonal Institutes provide participants with an opportunity to study and learn about the rich traditions of the Catholic faith and are especially suited for lay people and those serving in Catholic parishes. The courses are open to everyone. **Saturday, April 14, at Notre Dame Regional Secondary School, Vancouver.** Cost: \$40. To register or for more info. visit rcav.org/oc-spring
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**Tomb Festival Mass**—The Chinese Ministry invites all to pray for the dead on the day of the Tomb Festival (Ching Ming) in the chapel of the Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey. **Thursday, April 5, from 12-1 p.m.**

**Stewardship Reflection**

**Easter Sunday**

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

*Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel*

**Mass Intentions**

**April 1-7, 2018**

- Mon, Apr 2— Maria Kutty (RIP)
- Tue, Apr 3— Hermenilda Montilla (Intention)
- Wed, Apr 4 — 9am, Ronald Santos (Intention)  
7pm, Angelita Imperio (RIP)
- Thu, Apr 5— Suhailah Bassoom & Zina Jajjaweh
- Fri, Apr 6— Alma & Aida (TG)
- Sat, Apr 7— 9:30am, Bianca Tam (TG)  
5pm, Mike & Angie (TG)

**Our new website, [stmonicaparish.ca](http://stmonicaparish.ca) is now live. Also, visit and like us on Facebook: 'Smon Monica'.**