



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 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

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We celebrate and give thanks for the mystery of the resurrection of Christ. With hearts full of hope and faith, we seek to be reconciled in His divine mercy and to share in His eternal life.



### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Acts, Saint Luke recalls how the early Christian community was filled with loving gratitude for the Lord and was willing to share everything they had. Saint John reassures the struggling community in the second reading that by loving God they have the strength to love each other and remain faithful to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus convinces Thomas that He is Risen.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Acts 4.32-35

Psalm: 118

2nd: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31



PARISH UPDATES

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy” is the theme for this year’s Appeal. The Archdiocese has increased its total goal by \$250,000 to \$3.25 Millions. Our share is \$25,000.00, an increase of \$5,000. We would keep our total goal the same as previous year, \$75,000.00. Please pray with open hearts and minds as good Christian stewards whose desires are to live gratefully and give generously. Thank you for your previous generosityies!
We will officially launch our appeal at next weekend Masses, April 14th.

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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.**

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“How Sweet to Be Loved” Dinner Dance Gala
Join us for an evening of Fun, Glamour and Elegance on **Saturday, April 21st at 6:30 pm** at the St. Monica Parish Hall, 12011 Woodhead Rd, Richmond. Attire: Retro.

CWL Fundraiser to benefit St. Monica Parish Project for the Poor: The Door Is Open and Development and Peace’s program for poor women from Global South. For Tickets (\$30), contact Rose Capitulo at (604) 618-0036 or rosecapitulo@hotmail.com

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->

Project Advance Stewardship Prayer
*O God, the Father of every gift,
all that we are and have comes from your hand.
In Jesus Christ, your Son,
you have given us the greatest of all gifts.
Fill our hearts with his love,
so that we may be parish communities
of faithful, caring people.
Grant us the grace to be good stewards
who, in the name and spirit of Jesus,
Share our gifts of time, talent and treasure
for the building up of your Kingdom
in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.
May we see Project Advance as our way
to live gratefully and give generously
for your honour and glory.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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, 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 [rccav.org](http://rccav.org) for more info.

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Estate & Memorial Planning Workshop

These presentations by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Catholic Cemeteries deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first will or prepare to update your will. Learn about the beauty and dignity of the funeral rite and how to formulate pre-need arrangements. Receive FREE guides and loads of practical advice. Also by attending the workshop you will receive 10% off your burial arrangements. These workshops will present facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. **Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Parish, Langley.** For more info, please contact Catholic Cemeteries by email at info@gethsemani.bc.ca or call 604-531-2141. You can also register online at www.rccav.org/events

**Stewardship Reflection
2nd Sunday of Easter**

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Luke reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Stewardship by the book – Sharon Hueckel

Mass Intentions

April 8-14, 2018

- Mon, Apr 9— Al Currie, Sylvia Correa, Barbara Linton (RIP)
- Tue, Apr 10— Yvonne Lucas, Bella Allan (Intention)
- Wed, Apr 11 — 9am, Lourdes Varona (RIP) 7pm, Manuel Dias (RIP)
- Thu, Apr 12— Ronald Santos (Intention)
- Fri, Apr 13— Nenita Asanza Laureta (RIP)
- Sat, Apr 14— 9:30am, Marcelino Revita (RIP) 5pm, Remedio & Valantin Conanan (RIP)

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