

**ST. MONICA PARISH GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar Servers ..... Jun Lastica  
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 Tel Decena  
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 CWL ..... Cynthia Diangkinay  
 Cenacle Prayer Group ..... Elizabeth Tanase  
 Choir ..... M McVicker (5pm)  
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 Michael Goco (11am)  
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 Couples for Christ ..... John & Anne Ramos  
 Development & Peace ..... Evelyn Victoria  
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 Financial Committee ..... Marianne Festejo  
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 Knights of Columbus ..... Teody Parejo  
 Lectors ..... Marlytel Decena  
 Legion of Mary ..... Fe Arias  
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 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  
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 Linda Zamora  
 R.C.I.A. .... Wilbur & Evelyn Victoria  
 Sacristy ..... Lala Revita  
 Ushers ..... L. Navasca  
 R Sullivan  
 Youth for Christ ..... Adrian Boquiren  
 Camille Barcita

**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

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit—**

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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May 20, 2018

**Pentecost Sunday**

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The life of God consists the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The same Christ who appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room is with us in the Mass today, offering us life with him today and for eternity. Let us respond to his invitation.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the first reading from Acts, we hear of the first Pentecost when the mighty rush of wind and the Holy Spirit filled the house where the disciples gathered. In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he describes spiritual gifts which always spring from the one true God. In John's Gospel, we hear of Jesus coming to the disciples, breathing on them and telling them to receive the Holy Spirit.

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**Today's Readings:**

1st: Acts 2.1-11

Psalm: 104

2nd: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13 or  
 Galatians 5.16-25

Gospel: John 20.19-23 or

John 15.26-27; 16.12-15

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  
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**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

## PARISH UPDATES

**MARIAN MONTH** – May is the traditional month when we focus on the Virgin Mary, Our Blessed Mother. You are welcome to join us in praying the rosary before the daily Mass.

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**Santa Cruzan** – The procession of the statue of Mary around the church property will be **after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome!

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**Carr Lecture 2018:** Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, founding CEO of Salt and Light, will deliver a talk – **“Preaching and Communicating in a Franciscan Era: What is the Church Learning from an Argentine, Jesuit Pope?”** on Thur., May 24, 7:00pm, St. Mark’s College at UBC, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. You can register at [www.stmarkscollege.ca](http://www.stmarkscollege.ca) or call 604-822-4463

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**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy”** is the theme for this year’s Appeal. Our share is \$25,000.00. We have met the goal of the Archdiocese. Thanks to all our pledgers. We need your support to reach our goal of \$75,000.00, the same as previous year. May the Lord bless your generosity! *Our Project Advance volunteers are available in the foyer to assist with your gift donation. You may make your pledge online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)*

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**Tree of Gratitude** – A few new inscriptions of 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!

### **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.*

**Managing Difficult Conversations with Children**—This presentation will provide parents with some tools and strategies on how to practise holding difficult conversations with children (and adults!). The following topics will be explored:

Creating systems and strategies in the home that help children develop the skills required to hold difficult conversations.

Provide a framework when dealing with children who are angry and upset.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 23, from 6-7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish, West Vancouver.**

**Victoria Holiday** – *The Office will be closed on Monday, May 21.*

## ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES

**Catholic Charities Men's Hostel in need of mugs**—“It's FINALLY that time of year again... Spring cleaning! If you have old mugs cluttering up your cupboard please give them to our guests in our emergency homeless shelter. We believe it's much more welcoming to drink from a nice previously loved mug than from a Styrofoam cup. And it's better for our environment too. We always need mugs. We encourage our guests to choose a mug for themselves to claim as their own and keep with them when they stay with us and to take with them when they leave. All you need to do is drop them off directly at our shelter at **828 Cambie Street, Vancouver, or the John Paul II Pastoral Centre.**

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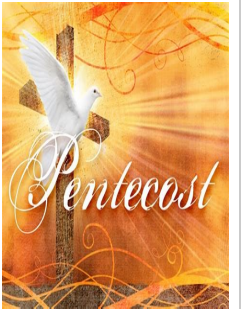
### **The Art of Daily Conversations**

Is there someone at work, or in your family, who you feel called to befriend or further involve in your life? Whether friendships develop on the bus, by the water cooler or at the dinner table, nurturing a real relationship takes time. As these daily conversations take place, how can we tell when someone is just curious to learn more about Jesus and why we love him, even before getting invited to get to know him better? Join us for wine and cheese and learn practical tips from Amber Zolc and the CCO Impact Team on how to share your personal journey with Christ, one conversation at a time. **Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the JP II Pastoral Centre. Cost \$10. Register at [rcav.org/event/the-art-of-daily-conversations](http://rcav.org/event/the-art-of-daily-conversations).**

### **Stewardship Reflection**

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

St. Paul reminds us today that all our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?



### **Mass Intentions**

#### **May 20-26, 2018**

Mon, May 21— Chow Mui (RIP)  
Tue, May 22— Hermana Valenzuela  
Wed, May 23 — 9am, Joan L Mendoza (TG)  
7pm, Diego Lorenzo Salacup (RIP)  
Thu, May 24— Benjamin Andot (RIP)  
Fri, May 25— Vicente Festejo Sr. (RIP)  
Sat, May 26— 9:30am, Julie Dean (RIP)  
5pm, Diego Lorenzo Salacup (RIP)

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