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WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please be sure to register, complete the registration form and get Sunday donation envelope.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centre, or at the Church entrance.

If you are moving from the parish, changing address, or phone#, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Last Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 11am.

PREPARATION

Baptism Class is required for Parents and Godparents, offered on the 2nd Wednesday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 7pm. Contact Parish Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday –
10am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

MASS TIMES

Sunday Masses –

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11am & 4pm

Weekdays –

Mon, Wed & Thurs 8:15 am
Tuesday 6pm
Friday 9am
First Friday 9am & 6pm
Saturday 9am

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Wednesday after 8:15am Mass

School Mass Wed 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am
in the church

MARRIAGE

Contact Father Francesco through the Parish Office at least six months before making any plans.

FUNERALS,

ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
COMMUNION FOR ELDERLY,
AND HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS
Contact Father Francesco anytime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)

Classes on Sundays for Grades 1 to 7 & Post-Con, 10:30am to 12pm, from September 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Non-Catholic adults who desire to join the Catholic Church and also Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

Every Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm from September 2023 to June 2024.

For more information, please contact parish office @ 604.327.2824.



Jesus gives His mission to all the believers: **"Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."** This mission is not given to a selected few but to all believers.

To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. **We preach with words but we proclaim with our lives.** As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension – we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives.

Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Forgiveness, Mercy, Redemption and Love. **Christianity was meant to be a Faith in which Jesus' followers would help and care for others,** just as Jesus had done, and in so doing, care for Him in them.

By His Ascension, Christ has not deserted us but has made it possible for the Holy Spirit to enter in our lives. In this way, it is possible for each of us to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into agents or instruments of Christ. We are enlivened and our actions become animated in a new way by Holy Spirit as we serve the God we love. We have become "Christ" in the world.

On this day of hope, encouragement and commissioning, **let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go,** beginning with our family and our parish, "living in a manner worthy of the call we have received."

Excerpt from Radio Vaticana, Reflections on Ascension

Today WE THANK OUR MOTHERS, PRAY FOR THEM, HONOR THEM by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God.



This is the day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives.

Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behavior, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." It is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence, gifts, and prayers on Mother's Day.

We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward. The word "mom" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as commanded by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

Remember that a Christian has two mothers: On Mother's Day, let us acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: **our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother**, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers.

On this Mother's Day, presenting all mothers on the altar, let us sing the beautiful song we sing on the Feast of the Presentation, "Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love." Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers. We need to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents and lives for them as our mothers are.

Excerpt from Radio Vaticana, Reflections on Mothers



thank
you,
Mom

We are counting down the days!



SATURDAY, MAY 25, FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Raffle Tickets are available for sale during the weekend Masses. \$30/booklet or \$6/ticket. Cash prizes to win, with \$1000 as the grand prize! Lots of fun and entertainment.

Includes BBQ, orchid sales, games, bake sale, silent auction, 50/50 draw, and concessions.

VOLUNTEERS needed for set-up and clean-up. Set-up on May 24 @ 4pm. Clean-up on May 25 @ 4pm.

Please **donate new or slightly used kitchenware** for the auction and drop them off at the rectory during office hours only.

During the Fair, please be aware that there will be **NO PARKING** available in the gym parking lot and around the school. Please look for alternative parking options nearby. Let's support our Spring Fair 2024!

P.R.E.P. REGISTRATION SCHOOL YEAR 2024 – 2025 PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sundays, May 5, 12, 26, and June 2

from 10:30 am – 12 pm, in front of the school

Registration dates apply to all grade levels and newcomers.

Photocopy of **baptismal certificate** is required for newcomers.

Student's Fee (cash only) - \$125/child (*parishioner's rate*)

SECOND COLLECTION – MAY 11 & 12 FOR BUILDING FUND

Thank you to all parishioners who are continuously using the green envelopes every month.

SCHOOL MUSICAL: MATILDA

May 13 & May 15 – Matinee 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

May 14 & May 16 – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All performances will be held at Victor Gallo (school) gymnasium.

ORDINATIONS OF PERMANENT DEACONS

The Archdiocese of Vancouver will be celebrating the Ordinations to the Sacred Order of Deacons to the Permanent Diaconate through the imposition of the hands by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, on Saturday, **June 1**, 10:00 am at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. All are welcome to attend this joyous occasion!

FIAT HIKE

All single women aged 18-35 are invited to spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and enjoy some outdoor activity and fun on Saturday, **June 1**.

We will start with 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and then drive to Cypress for the hike up Black Mountain. There is no cost to join. Registration deadline: May 29. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 13 – MAY 26, 2024

Mon May 13 8:15 am	Jn 16.29-33	Our Lady of Fatima Alegra Ancheta (RIP) Leah Lida (RIP)
Tue May 14 6 pm	Jn 15.9-17	St. Matthias Charles Manzano (RIP) Souls in Purgatory
Wed May 15 8:15 am	Jn 17.11b-19	Barry Sullivan (Thanksgiving) Pat Hawkes (RIP)
9:30 am		Simeon Quinto (RIP)
Thurs May 16 8:15 am	Jn 17.20-26	Joe Moser (RIP) Ines Stokovac (RIP)
Fri May 17 9 am	Jn 21.15-19	Lorenzana Family (Thanksgiving) Lister Violet Nivera (Thanksgiving)
Sat May 18 9 am	Jn 21.20-25	Donald Anthony Jorge (RIP) Ophelia Cabo (Thanksgiving)
5 pm		Peck Yuen Wong (RIP) Alex Csori (RIP)
Sun May 19 9 am	Jn 15.26-27,16.12-15	Pentecost Sunday Elvan Planas (Thanksgiving) Myrna Sinocruz (RIP) Arnold Oclida & Estrella Leorente (RIP) Lizil Elvina (Thanksgiving)
11 am		Raymunda Isit (Thanksgiving) Maylo & Judy Villadolid (Thanksgiving) Ross Rillera (Thanksgiving) Isidro Osalba (RIP)
4 pm		All Parishioners Nicolas Robles (RIP) Marian Manapat (Thanksgiving)
Mon May 20 8:15 am	Jn 19.25-27	Mary, Mother of the Church Elie Daniel Jr. (Thanksgiving) Antonio Clement (RIP)
Tue May 21 6 pm	Mk 9.30-37	Antonio San Jose (RIP) Eshean Arumainathan (Thanksgiving)
Wed May 22 8:15 am	Mk 9:38-40	Father Joe (Thanksgiving) Dilan Arumainathan (Thanksgiving) Carmelita Dela Cruz (RIP)
9:30 am		Bryan and Hugnette Hegedus (RIP)
Thurs May 23 8:15 am	Mk 9:41-50	Elena Austria (RIP) Telma Wood (Thanksgiving) Maria Luz Jalimao (Thanksgiving)
Fri May 24 9 am	Mk 10:1-12	Elie & Esther Daniel (Thanksgiving) Elsa Villarica (RIP)
Sat May 25 9 am	Mk 10:13-16	Nino Maclang (Thanksgiving) Ines Stokovac (RIP)
5 pm		Sebastiao De Silva (RIP) Romeo Jaliamao (RIP)
Sun May 26 9 am	Mk 16:15-20	The Most Holy Trinity Dina Abellana (RIP) Leah Lida (RIP) Abarquez Family (Thanksgiving) All Souls in Purgatory All Parishioners George Mitro (RIP)
11 am		
4pm		

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –



ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Esther Fajardo, Cindy Ferrer, Michael Hughes, Robert>Listecki, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina and Mila Moser, Zaili Mohammed, Linda Navalta, Ernesto Rodriguez, John Smith, Josie Taboada, Katherine Tomei, and John Topp.



ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Jo-Anna Nicolato, our school principal, recently experienced the passing of her mother, Ines Stokovac. ***Her funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 11 am, St. Francis de Sales Church in Burnaby.** ***Prayers will be on Friday, May 17 at 5 pm.** Let us keep Jo-Anna and her family in our thoughts and prayers especially during this difficult time.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For the formation of religious and seminarians ~ We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." -1 John 4:15
How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

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Victoria Day (May 20, 2024) is a federal Canadian public holiday celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25, in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. The Queen was born on May 24, 1819. Victoria Day was declared a Canadian holiday by the government in 1845.



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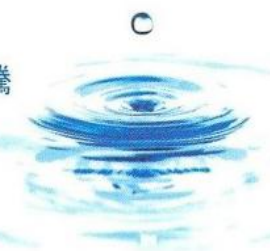
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