



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

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February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday:

08:30 am - 3:30 pm

(12 - 1 pm lunch break)

Our Lady of Mercy School

School Office: (604) 526-7121

Principal: Neva Grout

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Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Classes for Children in Public School

PREP classes are scheduled every

Wednesday at 6:30 pm

For inquiries:

email Marivic at olmprep@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Do you have questions about
the Catholic faith?

Are you interested in developing a deeper
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(RCIA) is an incredible journey of
learning, personal fulfillment and
spiritual growth. Sessions are scheduled
every Thursday, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

For inquiries:

call/text Valder at 604-861-9774

Sunday Mass Schedule

with Rosary Prayer and Novena to Holy Spirit start 30 minutes prior to Sunday Masses

Saturday Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM

First Friday of the month: 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Saturday and Public Holidays: 9:00 AM

Confession: 30 minutes prior to Masses or upon request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the month:

8:45 AM to 6:15 PM with Divine Mercy Novena/Chaplet at 3:00 PM,

Benediction at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7 PM.

Daily Rosary and Novena Prayer Schedules (after morning Mass)

- * Monday : Saint Joseph Novena
- * Tuesday : Saint Anthony of Padua Perpetual Novena
- * Wednesday : Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (+ 6 PM)
- * Thursday : Perpetual Novena to Saint Therese of Lisieux
- * Friday : Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus (6 PM)
- * Saturday : Our Lady of Mercy Novena

Perpetual Adoration Chapel & Devotional Garden

Open every day. For more information, please call the parish office.

The Sacrament of Marriage

At least **six months** notice must be given to the Pastor

The Sacrament of Baptism Parish families who wish to have a child baptized should be registered in the parish. Please visit the Parish Office to register. Attendance of preparation class prior to the baptism is mandatory for parents and godparents. Class is held every last Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Children Baptisms are scheduled on second Sunday of every month after 11 AM Mass.

Email Fraud Warning

Our Lady of Mercy Parish has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to recent Phone SMS/text messages and Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using cell phone numbers and/or email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been texting and emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

Never respond to texts and/or emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards, or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests.

For Parish Ministries and Organisations inquiries, please contact the parish office.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024**5:00 pm † Rosenda Cabangunay - *RIP***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**9:00 am † Roberto & Lourdes Andal - *RIP*11:00 am **OLM Parishioners**2:00 pm **INDONESIAN MASS****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**8:00 am † Roberto & Lourdes Andal - *RIP***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**8:00 am Miguel Ortinero - *Birthday Thanksgiving***WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**8:00 am † Lawrence Chua - *RIP***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**8:00 am Jolanta & Zdzislaw Walencik - *Special Intention***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**8:00 am † Roberto Andal - *RIP***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**9:00 am † Romeo Malvar - *RIP***PRAYERS FOR THE SICK***In your prayers, please remember the sick:*

Rosa Maria Santos, Sydney Shanti, Philip Rekawek, Nilcar Donato, Tomas Oca, Ngu Thi Phan, Quan, Mary and Mollen Tran, Ernesto Oloresisimo, Victoria Obleada, Laurette Lemieux, Georgette Leduc, Mila Balanay, Pamela Gardner, Lily Katherine Cregan, Virgilio Pino Jr, Alberto and Emilia Pagaduan, Patricia Vargas Casas, Christina, Van Nguyen, Gail Larson, Remedios Roa, Lorenzo Sia, Celestino Regacho, Purita Fabian, Editha de Leon, Anna Jung Wojciechowska, Barbara Obreska, Maria Marks, Sharon Vine.

**Holy Communion:**

Any one who is shut-in and wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist, please let us know. If you have a loved one who is sick and needs our prayers, and would like to put their name in the bulletin, kindly contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" -Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

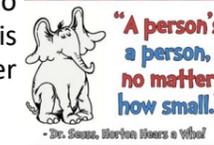
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Pro-Life Apologetics

Pro-abortion claim: Abortion is justifiable since a 'fetus' is not a person .

Pro-Life response: At the moment a sperm unites with an egg, a new, unique, and totally unrepeatable human life begins. At the moment of fertilization, this tiny life is endowed with everything that makes this small living being a full member of the human family, including a genetic male or female blueprint, unique DNA, and, most importantly, a rational nature that separates humans from every other living thing. This new human being, if she is a female, needs only support from her mother and time as she grows and develops in anticipation of her birthday. This new being, as she grows in the womb, is not part of the woman's body but has her own matter that constitutes her own body, including, eventually, her own brain, heart, liver, and reproductive system. In the final analysis, this new being is a unique individual with a human nature, which is what is meant philosophically by the word "person." Therefore, at the moment of fertilization, a new human person emerges who is endowed with human rights, among these is the inalienable right to life. The word "fetus" comes from Latin meaning "little one." As Dr. Seuss correctly observed: "A person is a person, no matter how small." It is evil to kill this newly created human person, no matter what her stage of development.

Source: Campaign Life Coalition

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2024**

The campaign for Vancouver 40 days for Life will take place from **Ash Wednesday, February 14 to Sunday, March 24** this year. We encourage all parishioners and their families to take part in this year's campaign. Our parish date is on **Saturday, February 24 from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Please consider spending at least 1 hour or more on February 24th to stand and pray—outside the legal zone of BC Women's Hospital—as witnesses to the sanctity of life. Invite your families and friends to support this important endeavor to speak up for the unborn human babies, who have no voice of their own.

Sign-up is at the back of the church after each Mass.

There will be a special Mass to kick-off this year's campaign on **Tuesday, Feb 13 at 11:00 PM in the JP II Centre Chapel**. Note that doors will be locked at 11:00 PM so please arrive by 10:55 PM at the latest. Mass will be followed by Rosary in front of St. Joseph Residence on Willow St at 32nd Avenue.

40 DFL Nightly Rosary 8:00-9:00PM on Zoom. Register free at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/40-days-for-life-nightly-rosary>

SECOND COLLECTION: THE B.C. CATHOLIC

This Sunday's second collection supports our parish in the circulation of the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, helping defray the costs of distribution. You can make your tax-deductible donation in-person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

2023 TAX RECEIPT

Tax receipts for the year of 2023 - including Project Advance (issued separately by the Archdiocese) - are ready for pick up during office hours or after weekend Masses at the back of the church. If you have any concern, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

PETITION TO SUPPORT BILL S-210

Our Canadian bishops request that the Catholic community support Bill S-210 in its final stages of becoming a law. **Bill S-210** also known as **Protecting Young Persons from Exposure to Pornography Act** will safeguard children from the harmful effects of violent and degrading pornography by requiring anyone making sexually explicit material available on the internet for commercial purposes ensure that it is not access by young persons by using an online age verification technology to ascertain the age of users. The Catholic Women's League ladies will be collecting signatures for the petition after all Masses on the **weekend of Feb 3-4**

CHINESE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at **Our Lady of Mercy Parish on Saturday, February 10** (the first day of the Chinese New Year) at **11:00 am**. The Mass is organized by the Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and will be celebrated by Fr. Paul Chu. It will be in Chinese and Mandarin. All are welcome.

PASTORAL LETTER ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: **"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious."**

Acknowledging the prominent role social media has come to play at an individual and societal level, this timely Pastoral Letter considers the benefits and dangers of social media from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. It provides tools for moral reflection and self-examination, and suggests seven commitments by which to be guided for a more ethical use of social media.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed and shared via rcav.org/announcements.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK IN CANADA

From **February 4 to 10, 2024** we mark National Catholic Health Care Week, recognizing the important work of Catholic health organizations in our province and across Canada. The week leads into the World Day of the Sick, February 11, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers and reflections for those who are ill and for those who care for them.

At the heart of Catholic health is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and a commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially those impacted by trauma, stigma, poverty, and isolation.

You are encouraged to mark National Catholic Health Care Week with *daily reflections and prayers*, which can be downloaded at chac.ca.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

The theme of this year's observance is **"It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships."** Schedule of Masses:

- **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish** (555 Slocan St. Vancouver) Celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB **Saturday, February 10, 11:00 am**. Reception to follow.
- **St. Mark's Parish, UBC. Sunday, February 11. Mass Times: 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 4:30 pm.**
- **St. Mark's Parish, UBC.** Prayers for the sick, healthcare workers, and families who support the sick. **Ash Wednesday, February 14. All Masses: 12:10 pm, 4:30 pm, and 7 pm.**

Pray with us on this day. To learn more, visit chabc.rcav.org/wds2024.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is celebrated annually on the **Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita on February 8**.

The primary objective of this day is to create a greater awareness of the phenomenon of human trafficking and to reflect on the situation of violence and injustice that affects so many people's lives. Another goal is to attempt to provide solutions to counter human trafficking by taking concrete actions.

The theme of the 10th Edition of the Day is **Journeying in Dignity: Listen, Dream, Act**, with the following objectives:

- To pray together as brothers and sisters of all ages, cultures, and faiths to end human trafficking and other forms of exploitation;
- To raise awareness about human trafficking at all levels - local churches, traditions, and communities;
- To celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the Day with partners and people of goodwill;
- To close the year dedicated to young people (2023-2024).



TOGETHER FOR GOOD MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

One day could change your marriage! Thousands of couples across Canada have dedicated one day to building a marriage that stays together for good. In partnership with FamilyLife Canada, we are offering the Together for Good Marriage Workshop that will give you tools, exercises and guided conversations to help you and your partner grow a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage. On **Saturday, March 2, from 9:30 am to 4:00 p.m. at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver.** Cost is \$60 per couple. Early bird rate of \$50 per couple has been extended until Monday, February 5. Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

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