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### MASS SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAY**  
Monday to Friday 9 AM

**WEEKEND**  
Saturday 9 AM | 4:30 PM  
Sunday 9 AM | 11 AM

**FIRST FRIDAY 6:30 PM**

**SPANISH MASS**  
3rd Sunday of the Month 4 PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION  
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
First Friday 3PM to 6:15PM

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**  
**TUESDAY to FRIDAY 8:30 - 8:50 AM**  
**SATURDAY**  
9:30 - 10:30 AM | 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Or by Appointment

**SACRAMENTS**  
**BAPTISM**  
Baby and Child - 1 PM  
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

Note: Contact Parish Office to register.  
Adults - Please enroll in RCIA or contact Parish Office for more information.

**MARRIAGE**  
Please do not finalize wedding plans prior to initial meeting with Fr. Rey Usman. A minimum of six months advance notice is needed.

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Please contact parish office or if after office hours, email Fr. Rey at pastor@pbparish.ca. [17.01.21](#)



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | January 14, 2024

### Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (see Jn 1:35-42) presents the meeting between Jesus and His first disciples. The scene unfolds along the Jordan River the day after Jesus's baptism. It is John the Baptist himself who points out the Messiah to the two with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (v. 36). And those two, trusting the Baptist's testimony, follow Jesus. He realizes this and asks: "What are you looking for?", and they ask Him: "Rabbi, where are you staying?" (v. 38).

Jesus does not respond: "I live in Capernaum, or in Nazareth", but says: "Come and you will see" (v. 39). Not a calling card, but an invitation for an encounter. The two follow Him and remained that afternoon with Him. It is not difficult to imagine them seated asking Him questions and above all listening to Him, feeling their hearts enflamed ever more while the Master speaks. They sense the beauty of the words that respond to their greatest hope. And all of a sudden they discover that, even though it is evening, in their hearts, that light that only God can give was exploding within them. One thing that catches our attention: sixty years later, or maybe more, one of them would write in his Gospel: "it was about four in the afternoon" - he wrote the time. And this is one thing that makes us think: every authentic encounter with Jesus remains alive in the memory, it is never forgotten. You forget many encounters, but a true encounter with Jesus remains forever. And many years later, those two even remembered the time, they had not forgotten that encounter that was so happy, so complete, that it changed their lives. Then, when they leave from that meeting and return to their brothers, that joy, that light overflows from their hearts like a raging river. One of the two, Andrew, says to his brother, Simon - whom Jesus will call Peter when He will meet him - "We have found the Messiah" (v. 41). They left sure that Jesus was the Messiah, certain.

Let us pause a moment on this experience of meeting Christ who calls us to remain with Him. Each one of God's calls is an initiative of His love. He is the one who always takes the initiative. He calls you. God calls to life, He calls to faith, and He calls to a particular state in life: "I want you here". God's first call is to life, through which He makes us persons; it is an individual call because God does not make things in series. Then God calls us to faith and to become part of His family as children of God. Lastly, God calls us to a particular state in life: to give of ourselves on the path of matrimony, or that of the priesthood or the consecrated life. They are different ways of realizing God's design that He has for each one of us that is always a design of love. But God calls always. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to that call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and the brothers and sisters.

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which reaches us in a thousand ways - through others, happy or sad events - our attitude at times might be rejection. No... "I am afraid"... Rejection because it seems to be in contrast to our aspirations; and even fear because we believe it is too demanding and uncomfortable: "Oh no, I will never be able to do it, better not to, a calmer life is better... God over there, me here". But God's call is always love: we need to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love. This is the language: the response to a call that comes out of love, only love. At the beginning there is an encounter, or rather, there is the encounter with Jesus who speaks to us of His Father, He makes His love known to us. And then the spontaneous desire will arise even in us to communicate it to the people that we love: "I met Love", "I met the Messiah", "I met Jesus", "I found the meaning of my life". In a word: "I found God".

May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to His call and in the humble and joyful fulfilment of His will.

But let us remember this: there was a moment for each one of us, in his or her life, in which God made Himself present more strongly, with a call. Let us remember that. Let us go back to that moment so that the memory of that moment might always renew that encounter with Jesus for us.

# Around the Parish

## Weekly Calendar

January 14, 2024

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**RCIA (Catechism for Adults)**  
 September to May  
 Parish Office - 604.574.4363  
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### Parish Schedule

<b>Mon, January 15</b> 9:00 AM Intention of Precious Blood Parishioners	<b>SENIORS CARDS</b> 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm
<b>Tues, January 16</b> 9:00 AM Mark Siu †	<b>SSVP Mtng.</b> 12-1:30 PM @ Cenacle Rm <b>St Theresa's Mtng.</b> 12:30-2pm @ Columbus Rm <b>Safe Environment Training</b> 7:30-9:30 PM @ Columbus Rm
<b>Wed, January 17</b> 9:00 AM Steve de Jong †	<b>PREP PROGRAM</b> 6:30 - 8 PM, @ Auditorium
<b>Thu, January 18</b> Intention of 9:00 AM Angela Valmores Meadows	<b>RCIA PROGRAM</b> 6:30 - 8 PM @ Bushey Rm.
<b>Fri, January 19</b> 9:00 AM Steve de Jong †	<b>9:00 AM—CCS SCHOOL MASS</b> <b>Pastoral Council Mtng.</b> 7- 8 PM, Cenacle Rm
<b>Sat, January 20</b> Intention of 9:00 AM Jean Van Zanten 4:30 PM Elizabeth Rye †	<b>LEGION OF MARY MTG.</b> 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Cenacle Rm.
<b>Sun, January 21</b> 9:00 AM Robert Patrie † Intention of 11:00 AM Myrna Ramirez	<b>4:00 PM - Spanish Mass</b> <b>Hispanic Ministry Dinner</b> for Migrant Workers 6-8 PM @ Cenacle & Columbus Rm

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION: JANUARY 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church - We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR



*The sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Christopher, Grace, Anna & Josh Lasell, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Joyce Krahnbel, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, Roger Gagner, Catherine Tolmozoff, Barbara Naef, Wilson Borbon, Alma Zinger, Bob & Deanna Fernandes, Elaine Lauzon, Anne O'Hagan, Rose Javier, John Lloyd, Eladio Tria, Malcolm Da Silva, Dominik Basiak, Pablito Basit, Rosana Ruiz, Bonnie Watson, Deanna Maceda Silva, Katrina Craig, Norah Aucoin, Thelma Urbano, Ron Hart & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.*



### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the following day we return to Ordinary Time. We return to the routines, and regular schedules of meetings for me with individuals and the different ministries and organizations in the parish. At Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ - born in our midst and coming to our life. In my homily for that celebration, I encouraged every parishioner to reflect about the meaning of Jesus' coming into our life and make it meaningful and different from previous Christmas celebrations.

On January 7, we were blessed with the presence of His Grace, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, and installed me as your new pastor, at the 11AM Mass. The church was packed with parishioners and guests from other places who witnessed the memorable event. After the Mass we had a simple lunch reception in the parish centre. I thank all of you for your presence and presents. There were many volunteers who worked tirelessly and behind the scenes and asked me not to mention their names. To them and to everyone who made the Mass of Installation a success, I am very grateful and I pray that God may bless you more!

Since I arrived last July of 2023, I have experienced overflowing generosity and love of God through you. I have witnessed your dedication and commitment to the parish through your Sunday donations and to the Project Advance, the apostolate to the poor and the homeless of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, providing faith and religious formations to young and elderly, maintaining the order, cleanliness and safety of our buildings and facilities and also ensuring that people are welcome in our community celebrations and liturgy.

As I begin this new year, and reflecting on the inspiring words of Archbishop Miller during the Mass of Installation, to love and to serve, "amare et servire", I entrust myself to the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She who lived her life of faith and complete trust in God continue to inspire me to follow her example of deep faith and total trust in God as I journey with you. Like her, may we always "ponder in our heart" the Word of God so that in freedom and love we may all follow and serve the Lord and be his true and faithful disciples.

Have a blessed week!

Father Rey



### Safe Environment Training

Our parish is conducting a Safe Environment Training for ALL parish volunteers on January 16 Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening.

This is a program designed to create, maintain, and promote a safe environment for all those to whom we minister, to support parish volunteers and preserve their safety, integrity and reputation as well as to ensure that we fulfill our duty of care and obligations as a caring faith community. The program does this by screening people for ministry work and providing training and education so that our volunteers know how to protect those whom they serve and how to protect themselves.

The first priority of Safe Environment is to keep the vulnerable people in our communities safe. Children are certainly vulnerable, but the elderly can also be vulnerable to manipulation, as can adults with mental or physical disabilities, or adults who have recently arrived in Canada. People with malicious intent will be attracted to the young, the elderly, or the disoriented because they are easier to manipulate.

Safe Environment ensures that we do not place in positions of trust people who—through malice or weakness—would tend to take advantage of the vulnerable.

The Safe Environment program provides us an opportunity to demonstrate to ourselves and to others that we take seriously the pain of those who have suffered abuse at the hands of the Church. We want to send the message that what was done by a few members of our Church to those who deserved our protection is deeply offensive to us.

#### WHO SHOULD COME TO THIS TRAINING?

We have in our parish called HIGH-RISK volunteers who are required to attend this training. Training for the following volunteers therefore is MANDATORY:

**PREP catechists, Liturgy of the Word with children, Youth Ministry volunteers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers, Filipino Ministry, Hispanic Ministry Altar Server Ministry**

**IF YOU ARE NOT TRAINED THEN YOU CAN'T CONTINUE TO SERVE.**

### Who Am I? Workshop

Who Am I? Workshop by PRH (Personality and Human Relations) is an experience of self-discovery and development that explores the essential aspects of yourself:

**Your self-image**

**How you are influenced by others**

**Your being, or dynamic inner core (the focus of the workshop)**

**Your intellect, freedom and will**

**Your sensibility (feelings)**

**Your body**

This four-day workshop also covers:

Attitudes needed to progress in your personal growth

**An effective decision-making process**

This PRH workshop takes place over two weekends: January 20-21 and January 27-28 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley.

Learn more and register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil



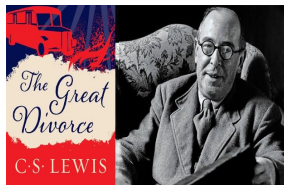
Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am (8:30 am in April).

It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome!

The next Mass and Vigil takes place on Saturday, February 3 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver at 9:00 am.

Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### The Great Divorce: A Book Study for Young Adults



The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives.

Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver).

This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world.

Learn more and register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### Holy Cross Regional Secondary Open House

Holy Cross Regional Secondary is hosting an Open House, Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to join our community to see what makes our school unique. You will be able to listen to Holy Cross' Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at a French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what education within a Catholic community

### Spiritual Care Training Program



Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way

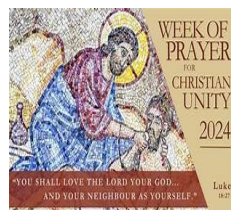
to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care.

The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminister, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Learn more and register at [rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations](https://rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations)



# Programs & Projects

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### PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 FINAL UPDATE

PARISH GOAL: **\$75,000**  
Donors to date: **174 donors**  
Raised so far: **\$77,927.00**



Sincere Thanks to all the generous Donors for helping us reach our target for 2023. May God bless you!



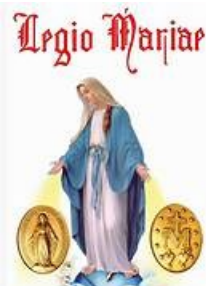
Thank you to Nwaiwu and Matibag families for attending the Baptism Preparation Seminar held on January 6th, 2024 at the Parish Centre. Thank you also to the members of Missionaries for Christ for conducting the seminar for parents and godparents.

### RCIA PROGRAM



RCIA is conducted every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm @ the Parish Centre. If your heart is yearning for more Faith, or if you know someone who is yearning, the RCIA Program is the journey to a better understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please register with the Parish Office for this Program. There is no cost to you.

### LEGION OF MARY



The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics, who under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour. If your heart yearns to serve the needy through the help of our Blessed Mother, come join the Mary Help of Migrants Praesidium @ Precious Blood Parish. We meet every Saturday from 10-11:30 AM at the Parish Centre. For more information contact Nancy Mathias Tel# 6043537581 email: [lom@pbparish.ca](mailto:lom@pbparish.ca)

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