

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Fr. Michael Martell, OSA



## HOPE

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Sunday of Advent

“And what I say to you I say to all:  
Keep awake.”

Matthew 13.33-37

**Daily Mass in the Chapel**  
Monday to Saturday at 9:00am

**Sunday Mass Schedule (Church)**  
Saturday (Anticipated) at 5pm  
Sunday at 9am and 11am and 5pm

**Chapel open Mon-Sat for private prayer**  
(Closed Sunday and holidays)  
Mon- Fri 8am to 4:30pm - Saturday 8am – 3pm

**Spanish Mass**  
First Saturday of the Month at 7:30pm (Church)

**Confession**  
Saturday 10am-11am (Chapel)

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.  
Closed on all statutory holidays.  
Closed for lunch from 12-12:30

**Baptisms**  
Last Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office to register and for information.

**Marriages**  
Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of their date.

**Funerals**  
Please call the parish office to inquire about the processes for arrangements.

**Sunday Reflection:** We must be active in our hope for Christ’s return. Hope is a theological virtue: “We desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1817). Hope is an active state of being, not passive. During this Advent season we must be fully alive and fully engaged. We must be committed in our pursuit of the Lord; we must be people of hope! **LITURGY OF THE WORD** Isaiah laments that the people have wandered from the ways of the Lord and pleads that God *rend the heavens* and come down. Paul gives thanks for the gifts Christ has bestowed while the Corinthians wait for the revelation of Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts his disciples to be watchful like servants waiting for the return of the lord of the house. ***Faith Catholic.***

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**A WARM WELCOME** to all new parishioners, visitors and the faithful to our Parish Community! We invite new parishioners to register with our parish. Please register online at our website: [www.sacredheartparish.ca](http://www.sacredheartparish.ca) or find a registration form at the back of the church. If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address please let us know by contacting the parish office. Thank you.

***Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the traditional territories of the sc̓aw̓taḥ̓an (Tsawwassen) and x̓ʷməḱʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nations and speakers of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ (Hun'qumi'num) language who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.***

**Death: Rubertina DeSouza** of our parish passed away on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am in our Church. We offer our deepest sympathy to her entire family and pray for Rubertina's eternal rest in heaven.

**Thank you** to all who were able to donate to the recent Archdiocesan wide **Home Missions** collection. Our parish raised \$3,017.95.

**Second Collection this Sunday: Youth Ministry Sunday**

This weekend's second collection supports the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministries across the Archdiocese. Parishes with active and intentional youth ministry receive a rebate from this collection. Tax-deductible donations can be made at the parish or online at [rcav.org/second-collection](http://rcav.org/second-collection)

**Advent Confession Times at Sacred Heart**

Saturday 10am -11am

Wednesday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00pm

In our chapel

Parishes in Richmond:

**Saint Paul**

Monday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Saint Monica**

Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Canadian Martyrs**

Friday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00- 9:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am -Noon



**Tuesday, December 5th**

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)** This week, PREP students & catechists (Gr 3-7) will celebrate Confession in the church during our usual PREP times as part of their Advent preparations. Next Tuesday, December 12 is our final PREP class before Christmas break. Children of our parish in public or home school in grades K-7 are welcome to join our Tuesday night catechism classes from 6:15-7:30pm in the school. Contact Erin at 604.946.2618 or [eseddon@shsdelta.org](mailto:eseddon@shsdelta.org)

**Wednesday, Dec 6th**

Our Grief group will take a break for December and be back on January 10/24 for the new season. For more information contact Irene @ [faithdevelopment@shsdelta.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@shsdelta.org)

**TONIGHT is MOVIE NIGHT AT  
SACRED HEART PARISH  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6th at 7:00pm  
in our Church**

**"The Fourth Wise Man"**

We hope you can join us!

For more information contact Irene at:

[faithdevelopment@shsdelta.org](mailto:faithdevelopment@shsdelta.org)



Please join us for our first evening for **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Devotion** group here at our parish We will meet tonight, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Chapel. If you would like more information pls contact: Melanie at:

[devotionministry@shshdelta.org](mailto:devotionministry@shshdelta.org)

Saturday, December 9th



Spanish Mass and Christmas Dinner for our local Migrant Farm Workers will be tonight, Saturday, Dec 9th. We are



always grateful to accept donations of fresh fruit (apples, oranges, grapes etc.) or baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, squares) for the dinner our volunteers serve to the workers. Please drop your items off between 3:30 and 6pm on the day of at the parish center kitchen. For more information please email: [mwm@shsdelta.org](mailto:mwm@shsdelta.org)



LAST CALL - Migrant Workers Christmas Gifts: Spread the warmth of the season! This Christmas let's extend our hearts to those in need.

We're collecting **NEW toques, scarves, gloves, and chocolates** for migrant workers in our community. Donations can be dropped off at the back of the church in the 'Migrant Worker Donation' bin. Thank you.

## VARIA

Our Advent Family Night was a huge success! This sold-out event was attended by 190 people, who enjoyed an evening filled with Advent learning, fun and fellowship. Thank you to the many people who supported this event by attending or by helping out.

## Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Hamper Campaign 2023

Just a reminder - Our Angel Tree is in the back of the church once again this week. We thank you for your amazing response thus far as the angels have been flying off the tree. The tree has now been restocked. **This Sunday is the LAST weekend to pick up an angel as all donations need to be returned to the church by next Sunday Dec. 10.**

Thank you once again for your participation! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: Danny or Pat (604-946-7119)



## PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

A heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our parish community members who responded to the call for action regarding our parish's 2023 Project Advance campaign. Through our generosity as a parish community, we have met our Archdiocesan assessment of \$46,000 for 2023.

The exciting news is that from now until the end of 2023, all donations that we make to our Project Advance campaign go directly and fully to our two parish goals of improving accessibility in our church and revitalizing our Liturgy of the Word for Children program, which has restarted this weekend. God calls us to share what we have to help others. Each and every gift, no matter the size, will make a direct impact to our everyone in our parish community.

To help us reach our parish community's goal of \$80,000 you can give online at project [advance.ca](http://advance.ca), by adding your donation to our weekly collection and clearly marking it for Project Advance, or by calling 604.683-0281 extension 325.



**Sunday Missals** are available to purchase for \$5.00 in the foyer of the church or parish office. They go into use Sunday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. (First Sunday of Advent)



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*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33* We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth. *Copyright © 2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis*

### **Be a Vendor at the 2024 Catholic Educators Conference**

Be a part of something truly special and grand. Register as a vendor at our 2024 Catholic Educators' Conference. Your presence at our conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board. This year's conference is on Thursday, February 24, 2024 at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre. Register online at [cisva.regfox.com/cec2024](https://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024)

### **Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life**

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 p.m. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.

### **Holiness in Advent: A Time of Adoration with the Jesuit Saints**

You're invited to come and spend an hour of prayer, music, and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Reflection by Fr. Robert Allore, SJ on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish at UBC.

This season of Advent is an opportune time to spend time with God, holding fast to the "blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour", and to prepare our hearts for Christmas. As it is a month after the Feast of All Saints and Blesseds of the Society of Jesus, we would also be remembering in a special way, here at the Jesuit parish of St. Mark, their lives and the holiness that they have exemplified and ask for their intercession in our Advent journey.

After Holy Hour, all are welcome to join for a pizza reception. Please register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events) to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Hosted by the Jesuit Vocation Committee in Vancouver.

#### OPEN HOUSE

**St. John Paul II Academy** invites all interested parents and students to attend their Open House on Thursday, Dec. 7th, 6:30pm at Star of the Sea Parish Centre. The school will be accepting applications for the students in Grades 8 - 12 for the 2024-25 school year. Please RSVP at [skelly@sjp2academy.com](mailto:skelly@sjp2academy.com)

*Enjoy quiet time.  
Let God speak  
to you.*

## Archbishop Miller's Message for Advent 2023

A fellow priest with whom I lived and taught for many years always used to remind us at the beginning of Advent that Christmas "comes at the worst time of year." We have shopping, writing Christmas greetings, putting up decorations, and endless social gatherings. Although it is supposed to be the season of "waiting" and "preparation," we are mostly spinning our wheels frantically just trying to keep afloat.

We usually slide by the season and make it into a mini-Christmas. Indeed, Christmas carols have already been serenading us for weeks. The time before Christmas that the Church so carefully puts aside as a special liturgical season is absorbed into the feast that follows.

Even if we lament the so-called "over-commercialization" of Christmas, a point fairly taken, we can still look at Advent as a great blessing for us and even for a seemingly indifferent world. Despite its being ignored or absorbed by Christmas, Advent is still a time when forces of kindness and generosity are mobilized, and we should rejoice at that.

The very fact that people feel something different or special at this time of year is a cause for rejoicing. In the words of then-Cardinal Ratzinger, "Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional hope within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors to hope."

But how should we celebrate Advent? We do so as a four-week preparation for the coming of the Lord. First, at his Second Coming, which is emphasized in the early weeks. Originally, in fact, Advent was held to be primarily a period of getting ready to greet the Lord when he comes in glory at the end of the ages. Second, of course, and what is more to the forefront, is Advent as a preparation for our celebration of the Lord's Birth at Christmas.

In the fifth century, St. Cyril of Alexandria distinguished the two "comings" of Jesus in this way:

In his first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In his second coming he is clothed with light as with a garment. In his first coming he bore the cross, despising its shame; he will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels. It is not enough for us, then to be content with his first coming; we must wait in hope of his second coming.

Dear friends: May this Advent draw you ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, anticipating with hope his coming at the close of the ages, and celebrating with joy the staggering and wondrous mystery that the Word was made flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver



# December Choir Schedule

<b>Dec 2/3</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	Children's Choir
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Organ
<b>Sun 11am</b>	Salmo
<b>Sun 5pm</b>	Organ
<b>Dec 9/10</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	Piano
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Organ
<b>Sun 11am</b>	Organ
<b>Sun 5pm</b>	Organ
<b>Dec 16/17</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	Piano
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Organ
<b>Sun 11am</b>	Hymn Provs
<b>Sun 5pm</b>	Organ
<b>Dec 23/24</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	Piano
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Organ
<b>Sun 11am</b>	Organ

*Richmond Deanery*

*Simbang Gabi*

*Pilgrimage*

December 15: 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, Ladner (Tagalog)

December 16: 5 p.m., St. Paul Parish, Richmond

December 17 : 7 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Parish,  
Richmond

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December 20: 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, Ladner (Tagalog)

December 21: 7 p.m., Canadian Martyrs Parish, Richmond

December 22: 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, Ladner (Tagalog)

December 23: 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Parish,  
Richmond

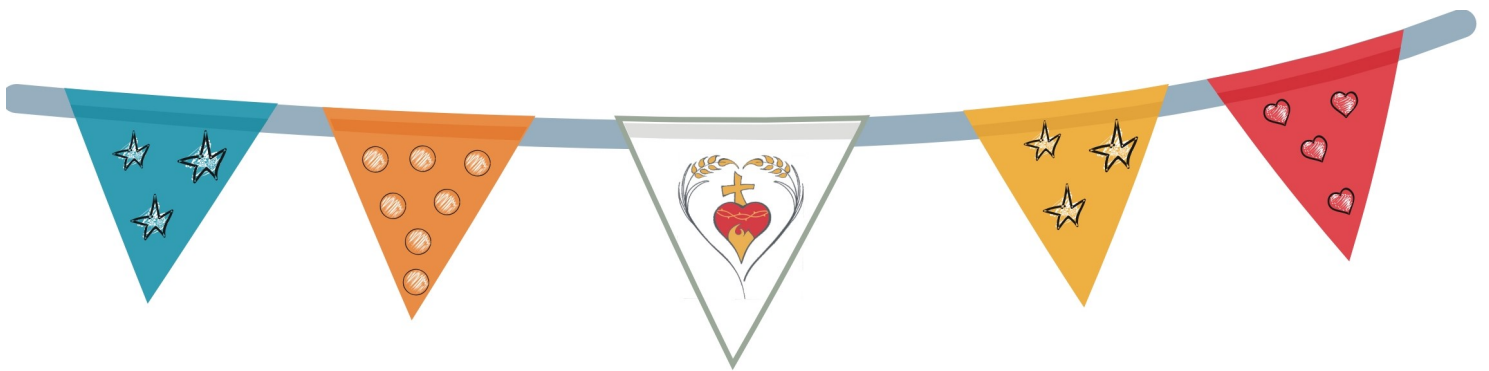
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\*Misa de Gallo\*

December 16th - 24th: 6 a.m., St. Monica Parish, Richmond



We are excited to announce that  
Liturgy of the Word with Children  
is back starting Sunday, December 3rd

Children ages 3-12 are invited to join us at the 9am or 11am Mass.



SunShine Kids

**Join us for**

Liturgy of the Word with Children



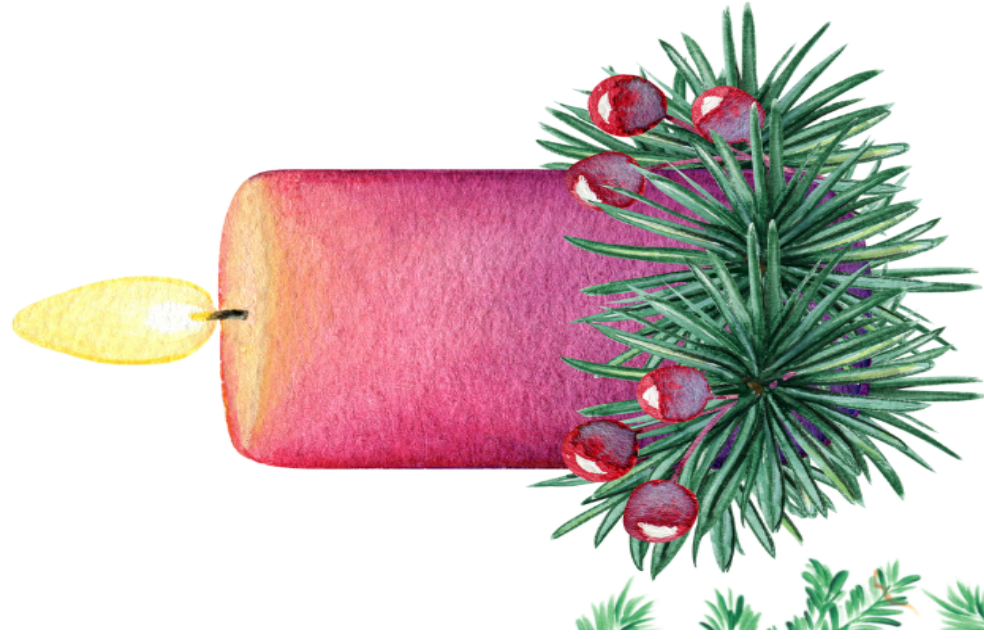


**We hope you can join us for a  
Pancake Breakfast with Santa  
on Sunday, Dec 17th following  
our 9am and 11am Masses  
in our parish center.**

**By donation and  
Cash only please.**

**Hosted by our Knights  
of Columbus**





**Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide  
me during Advent this year.**

**May the Holy Spirit help me journey  
closer to You and lift me up when I  
feel down and led me when I feel lost.  
I may stumble at times, but I know my  
ultimate journey is to draw closer to  
You and build Your kingdom here on  
earth—a kingdom that Jesus’s birth,  
life and death helped secure.**

**Amen.**