

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church



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**Augustinian Friars in the Parish:**

Fr. Francis Galvan, OSA – Pastor

Fr. Michael Martell, OSA



**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, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Make straight the way of the Lord.  
John 1-6-8, 19-28

**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.

**Sunday Reflection:** *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.* In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ. **LITURGY OF THE WORD** In the first reading, Isaiah is anointed by the Lord and sent to announce *a day of vindication by our God*. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to always rejoice, pray, and give thanks. In the Gospel, John the Baptist testifies to the light and says *he is the voice of one crying out in the desert, "make straight the way of the Lord."* ***Faith Catholic.***

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

# Christmas Mass Schedule



**Sunday, Dec 24th**

5pm- Children's Choir

7pm - Hymn Provs

9pm - Salmo Choir

11pm- Mosaic Choir

**Monday, Dec. 25th**

9am - Organ

11am -Cornerstone Choir



## Parish Office Hours during Christmas

Friday, Dec 22nd	Closed
Monday, Dec 25th	
Tuesday, Dec 26th	
Wednesday, Dec 27th	Open
Thursday, Dec 28th	9am to 4pm
Friday, Dec 29th	Closed
Monday, Jan 1st	
Tuesday, Jan 2nd	
Wednesday, Jan 3rd	Open
Thursday, Jan 4th	9am to 4pm
Friday, Jan 5th	Closed

For pastoral emergencies outside of parish office hours please call the rectory at 946-4522 and connect with a priest. Thank you.

## Advent Confession Times at

### Sacred Heart

Saturday's 10am -11am

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

In our chapel

Parishes in Richmond:

### Saint Paul

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

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."*

- Saint John Paul II

## Mass Schedule for Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, Dec. 30 at 5pm

Sunday, Dec 31 at 9am and 11am

## Mass Schedule for the Feast of Solemnity of the Most Holy Mother of God

~Holy Day of Obligation~

Sunday, Dec 31st at 5pm

Monday, Jan 1 at 9am, 11am and 5pm

Liturgy of the Word with Children  
at our 9am or 11am Mass  
This Sunday, Dec 17th



Our Liturgy of the Word with Children will take a break during the Christmas season and will return Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations and God's blessings** to Patricia and Dorian Baisi who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this weekend.

2024 Offertory Envelopes  
are now available.



Please clearly mark your name and address on the first few you use.

Thank you for your support  
of the parish.  
It is greatly appreciated.

Church Donation Envelopes for the year 2024 are now available to pick up in the lobby of the Church, foyer of the Chapel or at the parish office. Please take any box and **clearly identify yourself** on the first envelopes you use in the New Year. If you prefer to go the Pre-Authorized Payment route, please pick up a form, also at the back of the Church, or chapel or contact the office or by visiting our website. If you go the PAP route you may still wish to pick up a box of envelopes for the special second collections.

Another option for gift giving is the Archdiocesan online service. For regular weekly donations please go to <https://support.rcav.org/parishes/parish-offertory/sunday-offering/> and for second collection offerings <https://support.rcav.org/parishes/second-collection/>. Please do not use your new envelopes until the New Year. Thank you for continued support of your parish.

LAST CALL TO SAVE ON 2023 TAXES

Looking to save some money at this time of year? By making a donation to Sacred Heart Parish or Project Advance, you can save on your 2023 taxes by getting a charitable donation tax receipt for 2023. Only donations received by December 31 are eligible for the 2023 tax year. Donations can be made online at [support.rcav.org](https://support.rcav.org) or by putting an envelope marked special year end donation or for Project Advance. If donating online, be sure and identify Sacred Heart - Delta as your parish. Thank you to all our parishioners who have shared their time, talent and treasure with Sacred Heart this year.

**No name envelopes:** If you wish a tax receipt, please contact the parish office and let us know who you are: #61,153, 292, 320, 340, 482, 485, 552. Thank you.

Simbang Gabi Masses Our parish along with parishes in Richmond will celebrate Simbang Gabi Masses in December. Everyone is warmly welcome.

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  
December 18: 7 p.m., St. Paul Parish, Richmond  
December 19: 7 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond  
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

\*Misa de Gallo\*

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

Everyone warmly welcome.





*Thank you ... Thank you...  
Thank you...*

We would like to thank all of you for the amazing outpouring of generosity in this year's Angel Tree Campaign.

Your contributions made this so successful that we were able to donate large food hampers to 9 families in need in our community through Deltassist and Azure Place Transition house (for women and children who are fleeing domestic abuse). In addition, we were able to donate a tremendous amount of food to other organizations such as the Delta Food Bank, Deltassist Food Pantry, and the Cold Weather Shelter.

We also received a very generous donation of over 70 new blankets & throws from QE Home in Tsawwassen Mills which we also distributed and were gratefully accepted. The food and blankets were greatly appreciated, and many families will have a much brighter Christmas because of your generosity.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who helped sort and transport the hampers, we couldn't have done it without your help.

Wishing you all a Joyous & Blessed Christmas.

Sacred Heart Parish Outreach Ministry

*Thank you ... Thank you...  
Thank you...*

We would like to thank all the parishioners for their very generous donations of Christmas gifts for our local Migrant Workers. It is greatly appreciated. Dinner was served by our amazing volunteers from our Migrant Ministry group on Saturday to over 130 of the workers. Please keep our local migrant workers in your prayers as they celebrate this Holy Season away from their families and friends.







Collection of warm clothing,  
sleeping bags and blankets

This weekend only December 16, 17

We will be accepting sleeping bags, blankets, socks, hats, scarves and warm, clean clothing for the residents of the downtown east side. **Please ensure your donations are clean, warm, and not torn or stained.** Homelessness strips individuals of their self-esteem and dignity and by providing clean and warm clothing you will help provide dignity, self-respect and confidence to people who are homeless and in need. Please do not bring any donations after this weekend. Thank you for your generosity. To volunteer or for more information please contact Jason Jones at [jasonandselenajones@gmail.com](mailto:jasonandselenajones@gmail.com)

*He was created of a mother  
whom He created.  
He was carried by hands  
that He formed.  
He cried in the manger  
in wordless infancy,  
He the Word, without  
whom all human eloquence  
is mute.  
- St. Augustine -*



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*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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**FIAT Snowshoe**

Come spend quality time with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese and have fun outdoors on Saturday, January 6! We will meet at St. Anthony's Parish in West Vancouver and start with Mass at 9 a.m., then drive to Cypress for the snowshoe up Black Mountain. The trail is a 5.3-km snowshoe loop with a beautiful view at the top.

All women aged 18-35 are welcome! There is no cost. Please pack a bagged lunch and bring your snowshoes. If you need help getting snowshoes or a ride, please contact Sister Mary Martha at [smmhetzler@rcav.org](mailto:smmhetzler@rcav.org). Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 3

# The Twelve Days of Christmas

-- The true love refers to God.

-- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.

-- The two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.

-- The three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.

-- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

-- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

-- The six geese a laying stood for the six days of creation.

-- The seven swans a swimming represented the gifts of the Holy Spirit -- prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

-- The eight maids a milking were the Eight Beatitudes.

-- The nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit -- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

-- The 10 lords a leaping were the Ten Commandments.

-- The 11 pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful disciples.

-- And the 12 drummers drumming symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

