



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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Weekday Mass: Monday—Saturday 9:00am

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JANUARY 21, 2024

HERE I AM, LORD!

Last weekend, Monsignor Smith asked every person sitting in the pews to fill out a survey card that asked the question, **Can you help?** The results are in, and they are very good!

5 pm Mass—Total Attendance: 93

of people who said Yes: 43

9 am Mass—Total Attendance: 124

of people who said Yes: 67

11 am Mass—Total Attendance: 192

of people who said Yes: 90

Total Attendance at All Masses: 409

Total Number of People Who Said Yes: 200

An average of **48.8%** of all in attendance said “Yes” to helping!

This is higher than the average response (38%) in other parishes of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Thank you to our dedicated phone callers who have been making 200 phone calls, emails, and text messages this past week to hear from all the people who said yes!

If you were away last weekend and missed the chance to fill out a card but still want to help, please fill out a card at the Welcome Table. You can put it in the basket on the table or drop it off in the parish office mail slot this week.

Thank you to all of the people in our parish who are active in your faith and willing to say, “Here I am, Lord!” when help is needed.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

The **good news** is that the parish finance council has approved a plan to simplify—and reduce—the many second collections in the parish, which were happening almost every week. Instead of a monthly collection for the needy, we will support charitable causes annually through Project Advance, with two special collections each year for charity, one near Christmas and the other in the summer months. But we did not remove all of the extra envelopes from your boxes—the finance council resolved that there should be two special collections each year to help cover the costs of repairs, maintenance, and other facility issues in our parish.

The **bad news** is that the first special collection for Facility Improvements comes on the heels of learning that our furnace has to be replaced—at a cost of **\$40,000**. After shivering through Mass last Sunday, most parishioners will consider this a very worthy cause! It is, however, an unfortunate and unplanned expense, so we are asking you to give as generously as your means allow.

But there’s **more good news**: a generous parishioner learned of the broken boiler and made a **\$10,000** contribution to our first ever Facility Improvements collection. May God bless her and all our generous parish stewards!

2024 DONATION ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the vestibule at the welcome table.



DONATE TO WEEKLY COLLECTION OR SECOND COLLECTION:

Scan this QR code to make your donation online or visit

www.holynameparish.ca/donate

TWO WORDS WORTH REPEATING: THANK YOU



We are more than grateful to the numerous parishioners who made our Christmas celebrations worthy and beautiful for giving their time and talent abundantly.

The musicians, the singers, the lectors, the servers, the hospitality ministers, the ushers, and the parish team worked together on our many liturgies. It was amazing to watch the decoration of the church: hard working volunteers set everything up in a day, including our large manger scene and six real trees. And then, with help from other parishioners, they took everything down when the Season ended.

A couple of our key players were ill around Christmas but were back on the job as quickly as possible, in keeping with the spirit of dedication that was so evident during this special time.

So, once again: thank you. Thank you all!

—Msgr. Smith

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JANUARY 18 to 25, 2024: This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to reflect on scripture together, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Ecumenical Prayer Services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity include:

Friday January 19, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta

Saturday January 20, 6:30pm at St. Anthony's, West Vancouver

Tuesday January 23, 7pm at St. Mary's, Vancouver

Wednesday January 24, 3:30pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver

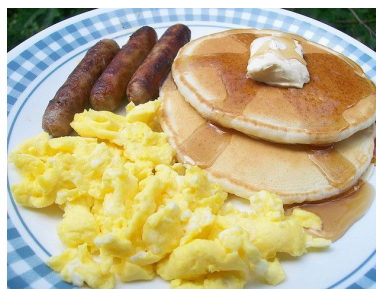
Saturday January 27, 10am at St. Nicholas, Langley

For the full schedule, go to: <https://rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations/wpcu>



Megan and Miguel Andres have been parishioners at Holy Name of Jesus since they got married in 2021. They are both full-time missionaries with Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), a lay movement dedicated to the evangelization of young people. They have been missionaries since 2018 and are

currently the Campus Team Leaders at UBC and SFU. As missionaries, Megan and Miguel rely fully on God's providence through the generosity of their community. If you are interested in hearing more about their work or supporting them financially, please call Megan at **778-984-4431** or email megan.andres@cco.ca or simply speak with them at the end of Mass.



THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21: Our Knights of Columbus will be in the kitchen after the 9am and 11am Masses serving pancakes and sausages at their ever-popular

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Hope to see you there!

REMINDER: JANUARY 27 & 28: RELIGIOUS OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS handcrafted by Christians of the Holy Land will be for sale. The Christians of the Holy Land are seeking your support in staying rooted in the land of Christ. **70 years ago, the Christian population in the Holy Land was 20% of the whole population. Now they are only 1.0%.** Their cultural heritage is in danger of being lost as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. These religious articles can be used as gifts for many sacred and special occasions, and some of them can be used as a means of praying and providing comfort, strength, and even hope for people who are suffering. **Cash, E-transfer, or cheques are accepted as forms of payment.**

January 21, 2024: Sunday of the Word of God



This Sunday gives us an opportunity to reflect on how we can become better listeners of the Lord. When it feels like we can't say the right thing in prayer, turn to **Lectio Divina**. Simply open the Bible to a passage, and try to listen well. In doing this, we might hear more clearly what God is asking of us — opening ourselves to peace, gratitude, and living rooted in Christ.

What is Lectio Divina?

Lectio divina means “**divine reading**” in Latin. It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us.

It's not the same as Bible Study

While Lectio Divina is a great way to study the Bible, it isn't the same thing as a Bible study. Lectio Divina offers something more specific, more personal to you, in the moment you are praying. Bible studies lead us to interpret the Bible by asking questions and at times, doing research, and looking at the Bible as a whole. Lectio Divina, on the other hand, asks us to intentionally focus on a short section of Scripture. This prayerful focus could be one passage, one verse, or even just one word.

How to Pray Lectio Divina

The time you spend praying the Lectio Divina is entirely up to you and varies by person.

1. Read.

Take a short passage from the Bible and listen to it carefully. Let it soak in.

If you're praying with a Bible, maybe start with a passage you've heard before. For example, you could pray with an excerpt from any of the Psalms, Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42), the story of the Woman at the Well (John 4), or the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12).

2. Meditate.

Then, after reading or listening for a second time, consider: What sticks out to you? Perhaps it's a particular image, phrase, or single word. Let that be your focus, meditating on what might God be trying to show you through what stands out.

3. Pray.

Respond to the text and to God. Ask God to show you what He wants you to take from it. This could lead you to offer thanks, ask forgiveness, or simply talk with God about what the passage brought to your heart.

4. Contemplate.

Rest with God. Be aware of God's presence with you. Listen for His voice.

SAINTS

The Conversion of St. Paul

Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. James Prothro

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The Conversion of Saint Paul

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There will be a **Vocation Live-In** on the weekend of **February 10 -11** at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information, phone **604-826-8975** or email rector.minors@sck.ca

Immaculate Conception School Open House
Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30-8:00 pm
Discover why ICS Catholic elementary school is for you. Meet the families, tour the school and hear from students. **3745 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver**
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