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## Solemnity of Christ the King—November 24, 2019 PARISH FEAST DAY



*To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever! -Revelation 5:13b*

## A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	November 24	11:00 a.m.	Mass—Archbishop Miller Celebrating	Church
		12:00 p.m.	Feast Day Reception	Mallon Room
Monday	November 25	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	November 26	7:00 p.m.	Alpha	Gym
Wednesday	November 27	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
		7:00 p.m.	CWL General Meeting	Mallon Room
Thursday	November 28	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study — <i>Prophets</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
Friday	November 29	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Mallon Room
		1:00 p.m.	¡Quiero Conocer la Verdad! — <i>Crecimiento</i>	McCarthy Room
Sunday	December 1	10:00 a.m.	CWL Bake Sale (After 9 and 11 a.m. Mass)	Mallon Room
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry— <i>Anchor</i>	Mallon Room

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Nov 24	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Shu Fong Shu Chin † <b>CHRIST THE KING</b> <i>Parish Feast Day</i>
Mon Nov 25	8:15 a.m.	Henry Bargen †
Tues Nov 26	8:15 a.m.	Marcelo da Costa, Juliana de Matheus, & Heather de Matheus da Costa (int)
Wed Nov 27	9:00 a.m.	Jane Smith †
Thu Nov 28	8:15 a.m.	Bernie Sheehan †
Fri Nov 29	8:15 a.m.	Ray & Veronica Johnson †
Sat Nov 30	9:00 a.m.	Peter Fensslein † <i>St. Andrew</i>
Sun Dec 1	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jorge Dupouy & Ligia Fernandez † <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>



## Ordination Mass

Join our local Church in praise and thanksgiving to God at the **Ordination Mass** of our past summer seminarian, **Deacon Felix Min**, to the priesthood; and our parishioner, **Richard Conlin**, to the diaconate.



The Mass is on **Saturday, December 7 at 12 p.m.** at **Holy Rosary Cathedral** (646 Richards Street, Vancouver). Please pray for them as they enter this new step in their vocational journey.

## We Continue to Pray For

*Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Veronica Chan, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Mireille Farwagi, Hank Giefing, Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Margaret McCormick, Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, and Terry Zweng*



## Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Jorge Cantu Barbosa (*brother of Yolanda Santos*)  
Neil Campbell (*father of Alex Campbell*)  
Dereck Nicholas

## 2019 Donations



There is still time to make your Project Advance donations in support of this year's campaign. To donate, please visit [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca) or come into the parish office.

If you would like to top-off your annual contribution to the parish for your 2019 tax receipt, please make sure it is received by the parish by **December 31, 2019**.



## Youth Ministry: Anchor

Teens grades 8-12, join us **next Sunday, December 1** for **Anchor**, a monthly event with food, music, fellowship, and more! We'll begin with Mass at 5 p.m., dinner at 6, and end by 9 p.m. RSVP so we know numbers for dinner: [bit.ly/rsvpdec1](http://bit.ly/rsvpdec1).



## Parish Gift Shop

The Parish Gift Shop has stocked Advent candles, prayers, and calendars in preparation for the Advent season. The shop is open on Sundays after the 9 and 11 a.m. Mass, and on weekdays through the Parish Office.



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Please find attached to this week's bulletin Archbishop Miller's Pastoral Letter on Clerical Sexual Abuse, which will also be read aloud at all Sunday Masses in the Archdiocese this weekend.

You can read the full Archdiocese's response to the report of the Case Review Committee at

<https://rcav.org/abuse-report/>



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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
November 21, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Although I am writing today to all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, I wish to begin by addressing personally the victims/survivors of the clerical sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults that has taken place in the Church.

This past year, guided by divine Providence, we have studied and learned more than ever before about the pain suffered by you, victims/survivors of clerical sexual abuse in our Archdiocese.

I realize that no expression of regret can repair the horror of what happened. Although nothing can undo the wrong that was done to you, I nonetheless wish to offer each of you my heartfelt apology for the trauma, the violation in body and soul, and the sense of betrayal and abandonment by the Church that you feel. For those occasions when we failed to protect you or when we were more concerned with the Church's reputation than with your suffering, I am truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness as I strive to make amends and bind your wounds.

Even though the brutality of the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults is a widespread tragedy that affects every corner of society, it has taken the Catholic Church around the world far too long to address its particularly devastating consequences when that abuse is perpetrated by a priest, whom the faithful hold in a position of trust. Such abuse readily leads to shame, confusion, guilt, and loss of faith – all of which have painful, lifelong effects on victims.

I invite and encourage any victim/survivor of sexual abuse at the hands of anyone assigned to ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver to come forward and report the



incident. It is our responsibility to walk with you and provide for your psychological and spiritual well-being and that of your families.

Now is the time for us to address more fully what we, as the local Church, can do to respond better to the needs of victims of abuse, as well as improve our policies and procedures that have been in place for many years. All these efforts going forward entail a profound and continuous conversion of our hearts. Such a conversion must be accompanied by a firm commitment to take concrete and effective action marked by greater transparency and accountability in all that we do.

An initial step in this commitment was the formation in October 2018 of an Archdiocesan Case Review Committee. It was charged with conducting “a prospective review of cases involving the abuse of children and adults by clergy and to assess the effectiveness, identify gaps, and make recommendations for the improvement of the RCAF’s policies, practices and procedures in this context.”

I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the Committee’s 13 extraordinarily hard-working and dedicated members, which included a majority of laity representing various occupations and four self-identified victims/survivors of clerical sexual abuse. Over a period of nine months, they conscientiously carried out their mandate of reviewing cases from 1950 to the present. Bearing this review in mind, the Committee made 31 recommendations that were presented to me in mid-July and have now been published as written, without any editing.

The members called on me “to take concrete steps to prevent abuse, address it when it happens, and prevent cover-ups from ever happening again.” Such steps, they affirmed, should focus on “the healing of the victim, the community and the offender.” Furthermore, increased attention must be paid to the underlying causes of sexual abuse in the Church, if we are to eradicate it and fulfill our evangelizing mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

To move forward with the Committee’s recommendations, I then set up an Implementation Working Group. It was mandated to draw up responses to the recommendations and to work out the practical details of how each one is to be carried out.

Some of the recommendations have already been implemented; others will be in the very near future; and some require more time and reflection before being acted upon. Certainly, a great deal of work remains to be done. I urge you to study carefully each

recommendation and response, so that you will become familiar with the commitments the Archdiocese has made.

As we move along the path of healing and purifying the Church, let us remember that, insofar as one member of Christ's Body suffers, "all suffer together" (1 Cor 12:26). Going forward, our task is to work together to eliminate the scourge of abuse and to ensure that our Church, as a loving Mother, is a safe place especially for the young and the vulnerable, the protection of whose God-given dignity is entrusted to us.

With prayerful greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "+ J. Michael Miller CSB". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver



## Catholic Women's League

The CWL annual bake sale is happening next **Sunday, December 1** after the 9 and 11 Masses, until **3 p.m.** Come and find treats for the whole family! All proceeds go to various charities and CWL sponsors.

Baking help and setup volunteers are needed for **Saturday, November 30** and selling help on the day of the sale. You can drop off donations from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** To volunteer, contact Lorraine at [lorraine.ma@shaw.ca](mailto:lorraine.ma@shaw.ca).



## Can You Hear Me Now?

CTR has a hearing loop sound system for hearing aids compatible with audio induction systems. The system provides a magnetic wireless audio signal of church sound system content for compatible hearing aids. Sit in the center two sections of the church for best sound quality.



## Great Adventure Bible Study

Deepen your faith by taking a Bible study! Our Great Adventure Bible Study is studying **The Prophets**, every **Thursday morning** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the McCarthy Room. All are welcome to join. For more information, contact **Jane Curalli** at [njcuralli@telus.net](mailto:njcuralli@telus.net).



## Outreach—Men's Hostel

The Men's Hostel, located in downtown Vancouver, provides shelter for transient or destitute men, modelling the caring and compassionate spirit of Jesus Christ. A new outreach ministry at CTR, led by Claudia Fraga, will provide a meal once a month to over a hundred guests at the hostel. The first meal is on **Thursday, December 12**.

If you would like to join or support the team with prayer, preparing the meal, or clothing donations (men's jackets, sweaters, hoodies, and socks are especially welcome), contact Claudia Fraga at [cfragai@gmail.com](mailto:cfragai@gmail.com).



## Fiat—Women's Discernment

Fiat, is hosting an Advent Day of Recollection on **Saturday, December 14 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). The event includes dinner, a talk, discussion, and adoration and night prayer. For more information, email [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org).



## Sunday, December 1 is Youth Ministry Sunday!

This means the second collection at all Masses that day goes to support the work of Youth Ministry in our parish. Our parish has **the largest Youth Ministry** on the North Shore and we could not do the work we do without your generous support!

### What do we do?

Youth Ministry exists to bring teens closer to Jesus and each other through events, games, retreats, music, and more!

### What does Youth Ministry in our parish look like?

- **Teen Youth Ministry:** We minister to teens Grades 8-12 through things like Anchor, our event that happens the first Sunday of every month; the Greater Than Retreat, which we ran for the third time this year; and our other discipleship events that happen most months, which help teens go deeper into their relationship with Jesus.
- **Junior Youth Ministry:** For Grade 6 and 7s we offer seasonal events that include games, talks, small group discussion, music, and more.
- **Serving:** Teens from Youth Ministry can be found serving all around the parish including within Youth Ministry, at Alpha, and in Music Ministry. As we continue to grow, you will see teens serving in even more areas including prayer ministry, corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and evangelization and outreach!

### How can you find us?

We're on Instagram [@ctrwvyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ctrwvyouth) and on **Flocknote**. You can also email us at [youthministry@ctrwestvan.ca](mailto:youthministry@ctrwestvan.ca) with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

**Thank you for your support of Youth Ministry in our parish!**





## Advent Retreat

You are invited to an Advent Retreat led by Fr. Nick Meisl on **Friday, December 6** from **6 to 9:30 p.m.** at the **JPII Pastoral Centre** (4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver). The retreat will explore how Jesus is "God with us". In preparation for Christmas, different ways to encounter Jesus will be explored and Scriptural reflections presented. You can register online at [rcav.org/event/advent-retreat-2019](http://rcav.org/event/advent-retreat-2019).



## CCO Rise Up 2019

Join 700+ other Catholic young adults from across Canada in **Toronto, Ontario** for **Rise Up**: Catholic Christian Outreach's annual national conference, from **December 28, 2019 to January 1, 2020**. Through keynote speakers, workshops, fellowship, praise and worship, and the Sacraments, Rise Up exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Get more info and register at [cco.ca/rise-up](http://cco.ca/rise-up).



## Employment Opportunities

Work for the Catholic Church in Vancouver! There are many open positions for the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, the Men's Hostel, and various colleges and schools throughout the Archdiocese. View a list of all open positions at [rcav.org/employment](http://rcav.org/employment).



## FORMED

Our parish has a subscription on FORMED—an on-demand video service with Catholic films and faith formation for all ages. The subscription is available free to you—simply visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) and enter our parish code **T86P8N** to make an account, and enjoy!



## Pro-Life Mass and Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice at the monthly pro-life Mass and vigil, on **Saturday, December 7** at **9 a.m.** at **Our Lady of Mercy** (7455 10th Ave, Burnaby).

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