



The Parish of Saint Mark

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December 22 to January 5, 2025 – Christmas & New Year



Ministries at St. Mark's Parish & UBC Catholic Campus Ministry

Parish Team

Pastor / Chaplain - Fr. Robert Allore, SJ

Assistant Pastor / Chaplain - Fr. Bill Wilson, SJ

Administrative Assistant / Sacristy & Program Assistant - Rowena Delicana

Music Coordinator, RCIA, Web maintenance, Special Events - Kevin Eng

Director of Spiritual Formation, Retreats and CLC - Catherine Kelly

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-4:30pm (on site Mon. & Wed.)

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<http://www.stmarksparishvancouver.ca/>

Parish Office: 604-822-0261 Rectory: 604-564-2131

Please direct all enquiries through the Parish Office

Masses: Mon to Friday: 12:10pm in-person & by Zoom

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wed 1pm -1:30pm; Thurs 11am -11:40am; Sun 3:15pm - 4pm or by appointment

Sunday Mass: 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm

Masks are no longer required but are available for those who wish to wear them in St. Mark's chapel

Parish Council: Philippe Barois

Finance Council: Jim Rogers, Don Shumka & Karen Keating

Project Advance: Janet Jacy Wingson, Janille Durity Wingson

Music Coordinators:

9:30am Mass: Kevin Eng

11:30am & 4:30pm Masses: Kevin Eng

Hospitality Coordinators 9:30 am Mass: Susan/ David Wilkinson

Hospitality Coordinators 11:30 am Mass: Delmy & Jose Jimenez

Hospitality Coordinators 4:30 pm Mass: Maria Tinoco & Armando Rocha

First Communion Preparation: Andrea Barraza & Tatiana VR & Valentina Ramirez

Confirmation Preparation: Kim & Fernando Jacob and Nicholas Olkovich

Children's Liturgy: Caroline Lindholm & Anne Rocha

Christian Life Community (Students): Catherine Kelly
Weekly Sundays 5:45pm, Wed 1:30pm and Thurs 12pm

Christian Life Community (CLC): Catherine Kelly – *Ongoing Marriage Enrichment: Catherine Kelly – Monthly on Sundays*

Hospital Outreach: Audrey Low

Development & Peace/Social Justice: Felix Durity & Jenny Cheng

Catholic Charities Prison Ministries: Jim Rogers

Flowers & Liturgical Space: Linda Dennison &

Catherine Elder

Newman Alumni Association: Conroy Hui

Bible Study: Fr. Bill Wilson, SJ - *Sessions are cancelled until further notice.*

Science and Faith Reflection Group: Fr. Rob Allore, SJ

2nd & 4th Tues. of each month at 7:00pm

Next Session: January 14, 2025

Moms and Tots: - *Stay tuned for the next event Still seeking new leadership*

SACRAMENTAL PREP & CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 - 2025 PROGRAMS

RCIA - Classes will resume in January 2025

First Communion — Classes will resume in January 2025

Confirmation — Classes will resume in January 2025

Children's Liturgy - Classes will resume in January 2025

“ As we gather to build community and give thanks to God, we acknowledge with gratitude, and in prayer, that we assemble on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people”

<https://students.ubc.ca/ubclife/what-land-acknowledgement>

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 22, 2024

Zephaniah 3.14-18a/The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

Philippians 4.4-7/Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Luke 3.10-18/ He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — December 29, 2024

1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28/For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted the petition made to him.

1 John 3.1-2, 21-24/Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

Luke 2.41-52/ Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?

Family Services and Personal Counselling

Personal Counselling

<http://rcav.org/personal-counselling/>

Couples Connect

<https://rcav.org/event/couples-connect-a-deeper-bond/>

Student Health and Wellness support & counselling services

<https://students.ubc.ca/health-wellness/help-friend>

<https://students.ubc.ca/health-wellness/mental-health-support-counselling-services>

<https://students.ubc.ca/health-wellness/crisis-support>

Planning a Wedding?

An initial interview between the couple and the parish priest is required before a wedding date can be booked.

Contact the pastor & register for the Marriage Preparation program at the Archdiocese

Visit <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

PARISH AND CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

St. Mark's Parish

Roman Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of British Columbia

Parish Collection

December 25, 2024 & January 1, 2025

Christmas & New Year’s Offering

Advent Penitential Services

This Advent, take an important step in your spiritual journey by **returning to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

By opening your heart to his healing mercy, you are preparing a place for his joy and peace to dwell within you this Christmas.

Vancouver West Deanery

Dec 22: St. Anthony of Padua, Vancouver – 6:30 pm

Weekly Parish Operating Expenses (budgeted): \$5,500

Weekly Collection Averages

April Average: \$4,392.95

May Average: \$4,330.94

June Average: \$3,602.01

July Average: \$3,827.39

August Average: \$4,083.59

September Average: \$4,102.96

October Average: \$4,554.00

November Average: \$4,650.57

(weekly averages includes RCAF & CanadaHelps Online donations)

Weekly Collection & Sacramental Offering

December 1: \$4,547.00

December 8: \$5,734.85

December 15: Not Available

Special Offerings for Diocese:

**Stewardship Reflection December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent



A Friendly Reminder:

For year-end charitable contributions to St. Mark's Parish to be included in the 2024 fiscal year tax-receipt, kindly make sure they are received at the parish by Dec. 31, 2024.

Cheques need to be dated on or before December 31, 2024

Christmas and New Year's Liturgy Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent December 22

- 9:30am, 11:30am Masses

Christmas Eve: Tuesday December 24

- 5:00pm Family Liturgy
- 8:30pm Caroling
- 9:00pm Evening Liturgy

Christmas Day: Wednesday December 25

- 11:00am Mass

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday December 29

- 9:30am, 11:30am Masses

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

- 11:00am Mass

The 12:10pm weekday Mass continues during the holiday season!

For the **Zoom link**, please contact - parish.smark@rcav.org



First Communion Class - Christmas Performance - December 24 at 5pm

All parish children are invited to join 1st Communion class to learn a song "*Oh what a glorious night.*"

Children will perform this song at "Family Christmas Liturgy" at 5pm on Christmas Eve.

Next Rehearsal:

Sunday December 22, after 11:30am Mass in the chapel

O What a Glorious Night Lyrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aGLV5CfoTU&t=87s>



EPIPHANY: GIFTS OF THE LITTLE MAGI

Come join us on Sunday, **January 5, 2025**

Let's celebrate the **Feast of Epiphany (aka Three Kings)** with a procession of "Gifts of the Little Magi".

We encourage the young children to bring a birthday gift baby Jesus and present this at the Creche during the Offertory.

This is a wonderful opportunity to remind children that while Christmas is Jesus' birthday, He so generously loves every child so much that everyone gets gifts on His birthday! And that if they wish to present a gift to the birthday celebrant Himself, they can wrap some baby clothing, blankets, diapers, wipes or other newborn items and **give homage to Jesus like the Magi on Epiphany.**

The gifts collected will be forwarded to **BirthRight Vancouver** in support of their ministry to women and their infants.



SUNDAY PARKING

Limited parking spaces are available in the St. Mark's College parking lot.

Pay Parking Options: North Parkade, UBC Rose Garden Parkade & Walter Gage Rd (a few spots).

Street parking is available at designated points on Campus. Please pay attention to parking meters.

Parking Enforcement

Please avoid parking in areas marked by **YELLOW LINES /curbs** in the college parking lot and on **Iona Drive**.

Areas marked by **yellow lines/curbs** are marked to preserve access for emergency vehicles. Free, 2 hour parking, is available in designated areas on the Theological Mall.

Christmas Parking: The Parish had arranged with the UBC Parking Services once again to offer the special "St Mark" rate to parishioners attending the **Christmas Masses on December 24 (5pm & 9pm), December 25 and January 1, 2025** at 11am at St. Mark's Parish. The Sunday special rate stays the same. The QR codes remain the same.

 Active	St Mark Hash ID: Qx2HRD	\$2.00	Park For 150 minutes	Available On Sun - 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM
 Inactive	St. Marks - Tuesday Dec 24 Hash ID: 5AMpp7	\$2.00	Park Until 11:59 PM	Available On Tue - 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Inactive	St. Marks - Wednesday Dec 25 Hash ID: ENPWuz	\$2.00	Park For 150 minutes	Available On Wed - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Inactive	St. Marks - Wednesday January 01, 2025 Hash ID: Qx30UD	\$2.00	Park For 150 minutes	Available On Wed - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

6000 Iona Drive - Lot Zone 5602
in the Honkmobile App



Walter Gage Road - Lot Zone 5644
in the Honkmobile App



Jubilee Year 2025 Opening Mass

Join **Archbishop Miller** at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, **December 29, 2024**
at **11:00am** for the **Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year 2025**.

This Holy Year, celebrated every 25 years, invites the faithful to **embrace pilgrimage, deepen prayer, and renew relationships** under the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**".

Archdiocesan Events

The B.C. Catholic Christmas Edition

The Christmas edition of The B.C. Catholic is now available online. Registered parishioners can receive a free subscription to The B.C. Catholic by calling **(604) 683-3208** or registering at bccatholic.ca/subscribe. Due to a mail disruption, our print edition is temporarily paused. We hope to resume printing on January 6.

Adveniat: O Emmanuel

This event is for youth and young adults to spiritually prepare for Christmas through meaningful praise, worship, adoration, and confession, creating space to connect deeply with God. Father Patrick Le will present: "How can we open our hearts and lives to the presence of Emmanuel?" Monday, **December 23** at 8:00pm at St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver. Register at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/adveniat>

The Twelve Days of Christmas

An annual tradition, the MOTET Chamber Choir is serving up another dozen choral offerings to celebrate the Christmas season. Saturday, **December 28** at 3:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, Vancouver.

Learn more at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/the-twelve-days-of-christmas>

FIAT Snowshoe

Spend quality time with young Catholic women and have fun outdoors with religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. All women aged 18-30 are welcome! Meet for 9:00am. Mass at St. Anthony on Saturday, **January 4**.

Drive to Cypress and hike Black Mountain's 5.3 km snowshoe trail. **Register by January 1** at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/fiat-snowshoe>