



The Parish of Saint Mark

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March 23, 2025 – Third Sunday of Lent



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/>

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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 - 3:45pm 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

Thursdays 12-1 pm (Rm 101) March 6-April 10

Sundays 5:45 pm-6:45 pm (Rm 308) March 9-April 13

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: March 25

Moms and Tots: - Still seeking for new leadership

SACRAMENTAL PREP & CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 - 2025 PROGRAMS

RCIA - Easter Vigil celebrations on April 19, 9pm Service

First Communion — Graduation Ceremony on June 1, 9:30am Mass

Confirmation — Graduation Ceremony on June 8, 11:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy - On-going

“ 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>

Third Sunday of Lent — March 23, 2025

Exodus 3.1-18a, 13-15/Moses, you will tell the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.

1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12/Our ancestor's experience in the desert under Moses is recorded to instruct us.

Luke 13.1-9/Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 30, 2025

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12/Having entered the promise land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.

2 Corinthians 5.17-21/Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32/This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.

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

National Special Collection

April 6

(5th Sunday of Lent)

Development & Peace—SHARE LENT

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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

Weekly Collection Averages

September Average: \$4,102.96

October Average: \$4,554.00

November Average: \$4,650.57

December Average: \$15,635.75

January 2025 Average: \$4,355.53

February Average: \$4,104.57

(weekly averages includes RCAF & CanadaHelps Online donations)

Stewardship Reflection March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts he has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to us.

Weekly Collection & Sacramental Offering

March 2: \$4,378.40

March 9: \$2,372.50

March 16: \$2,144.50

Special Offerings for Diocese:

St. Joseph's Society: \$70.00

Third Sunday of Lent - March 23

'Let it alone this year also, until I dig round it ...'

The readings this week encourage us to repent.

In the **First Reading** Moses is drawn towards a burning bush, where God reveals himself as the creator of all things and indicates his name: 'I am who I am'.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) reminds the Corinthians of how their forebears failed to please God in the desert. This should be a warning to them: they must be on their guard at all times.

Being baptised is no guarantee against falling into temptation.

The **Psalm** expresses our gratitude to God for being loving, patient and compassionate

This same compassion is exemplified in the **Gospel**. After a call to repentance, the parable of the fig tree illustrates how patient God is, even when, like that tree, his people – us – do not bear fruit over a long period of time.

As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee year, we **pray to be granted greater compassion and forgiveness towards those who repent** of their trespasses against us. Perhaps we can also look more closely at our own lives.

What might we change this Lent to bear more fruit?

Third Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross - Fridays during Lent

At St. Mark's Parish, 12:50pm in the chapel

In-person & via Zoom

Contact the parish for the Zoom link



Lenten Reconciliation & Healing (Anointing) Service

St. Mark's Parish - April 6, Sunday - 2:30pm to 4pm

Regular Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 1pm - 1:30pm Thursdays 11am - 11:40am

Sundays 3:15pm - 3:45pm



2025 PENITENTIAL SERVICES

DATES OF SERVICE	NAMES OF PARISH
Vancouver West Deanery	
Tuesday, March 25, 7:00pm	Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, March 26, 7:00pm	Saints Peter & Paul
Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm	St. Augustine
Wednesday, April 2nd, 7:00pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sunday, April 6, 2:30pm-4:00pm	St. Mark
Wednesday, April 9, 7:00pm	Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, April 10, 7:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus
Thursday, April 10, 7:00pm	St. John the Apostle
Sunday, April 13, 6:30pm	St. Anthony of Padua

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
CELEBRATING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

ADORATION
Join us to spend time in Jesus' presence.
1-2pm, first & third Wednesdays of each month
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Eucharistic Adoration:

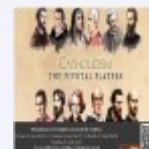
Join us from 1pm - 2pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at St. Mark's Chapel

Lenten Screening: Pivotal Players

See you at Plato's Cave on Wednesdays at 5:30pm – refreshments served!

Schedule: **St. Benedict of Nursia** (Mar 26)
St. Ignatius of Loyola (Apr 2)

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/len-len-screening-pivotal-players-tickets-1257814981469>



SUNDAY PARKING

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

Pay Parking Options: North Parkade, UBC Rose Garden Parkade. Street parking is available at designated points on Campus. Please pay attention to parking meters.

UBC Parking Services allowed us to use some parking lots close to St. Mark's. These parking spaces are for parishioners attending the 930am and 1130am Mass services. **Scan the QR code with your phone to access the rate option.**

6000 Iona Drive - Lot Zone 5602 in the Honkmobile App - This lot is across Theology Mall.

There are about 18 parking spots.

Walter Gage Road - Lot Zone 5644 in the Honkmobile App - There are also 18 parking spaces on one row.

A rate label "St Mark" has been made available on the Honkmobile Parking App at these two locations,

6000 Iona Drive and Walter Gage Road respectively. This "St Mark" rate is visible from 8:30am to 12pm

on SUNDAYS ONLY. This rate will allow anyone who selects the rate to **park for 2.5 hours and pay only \$2.00.**

Join us as we launch our Share Lent campaign!

In this Jubilee Year, we are responding to Pope Francis's call to "**forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them**" (Spes non confudit, 16). That is why our annual Share Lent campaign joins the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign.



Act in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Sign our petition for the cancellation of unjust and unsustainable debts.

Help tackle the root causes of the indebtedness of impoverished countries.

The petition sheets are available on Sundays in Lent March 16 - April 06".

Online, visit: https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_lent2025&utm_content=en



Give generously to Share Lent, Development and Peace —

Caritas Canada's annual fundraising campaign that supports the courageous work of our partners in building a world of justice.

To Donate, visit: https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/?tfa_87=&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter_lent2025&utm_content=en

Archdiocesan Events

Vatican Survey on Abolishing Nuclear Weapons

The Vatican wants to hear from you! Pax Christi is conducting a survey of North American Catholics for their thoughts about nuclear weapons. Please take a few minutes to **complete and submit this survey by April 17:** Visit https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/msujhc4n/3rcdc7/3421822977/h/CLjy8-AYbTkkh_ecTCYRVCK8ltmgq-YvqT6q4PpT9Is
The results will be sent to the Vatican and shared widely. Thank you for your help!

Jubilee Year of Hope Urban Pilgrimage

The Vocations team of the Archdiocese of Vancouver invites you to join an urban pilgrimage as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. It will take place on Sunday, **March 30** from 1:30pm to 6:00pm with the possibility of receiving a Plenary Indulgence. The 7.5-kilometre walking route begins at St Jude's Parish & Shrine on Renfrew Street, then passes by Our Lady of Hungary and St. Francis Xavier parishes (with brief stops for prayer and breaks) before finishing at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, There will also be an opportunity for Confessions.

Learn more at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/jubilee-year-of-hope-urban-pilgrimage>

Anchored in Hope Lent Retreat

This Lent provides us with an opportunity to dive even deeper into the themes of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Fr. Davide Lanzani will lead retreatants to make hope the anchor of their souls. At St. Jude Parish on Saturday **April 5** from 9:00am to 4:00pm, lunch included. **Register by April 1** at

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/anchored-in-hope-lent-retreat>