



# The Parish of Saint Mark

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March 30, 2025 – Fourth 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/>

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 - 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

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Music Coordinators:

9:30am Mass: Kevin Eng

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

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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

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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

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Catholic Charities Prison Ministries: Jim Rogers

Flowers & Liturgical Space: Linda Dennison &

Catherine Elder

Newman Alumni Association: Conroy Hui

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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 Sessions: April 8 & 22

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>

### 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.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent — April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43.16-21/I am about to do a new thing: I will give drink to my chosen people.

Philippians 3.8-14/I have suffered the loss of all things, in order that I may gain Christ.

John 8.1-11/Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

## 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.

### Stewardship Reflection March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

### 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)

### Weekly Collection & Sacramental Offering

March 2: \$4,378.40

March 9: \$2,372.50

March 16: \$2,144.50

March 30: \$2,497.26

### Special Offerings for Diocese:

St. Joseph's Society: \$70.00

BC Catholic: \$10.00



## Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30 Rejoice! In Christ we are a new creation

On this *Laetare* ('Rejoice!') Sunday at the mid-point of Lent, our liturgy centres on the boundless forgiveness of our loving God

In the **First Reading** God tells Joshua that he has taken away the shame of the people of Israel: their years in exile eating manna in the desert are over. From now on, they eat from the bounty of the land.

The generosity of God's goodness and forgiveness is proclaimed throughout the **Psalm**. God comes to us in our need and distress, desiring us to put aside our shame and be radiant with his transforming love.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians continues this feast of forgiveness. We are reconciled to God through Christ and in him we are a new creation, liberated from our sins. (**Second Reading**)

Finally, the beautiful parable that Jesus shares in today's **Gospel** sums up the whole message of the Good News and the promise of reconciliation

In this **Jubilee Year**, we pray as **Pilgrims of Hope**, made new in Christ. This week, we pray for all those in the world who are unable to secure enough food to eat from their land as a result of a changing climate.

May we be moved with compassion to take whatever practical steps we can to alleviate their food poverty.

### *Holy Week Services — St. Mark's Parish*

#### April 13: Palm Sunday

9:30am, 11:30am & 4:30pm Masses

#### April 17: Holy Thursday Service - 7pm

#### April 18: Good Friday

11am - Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

1pm - Seven Last Words of Christ (Plato's Cave)

3pm - The Passion of the Lord (Chapel)

#### April 19: Saturday Easter Vigil and

#### RCIA Celebration - 9pm

#### April 20: Easter Sunday

9:30am & 11:30am Masses. No 4:30pm Mass

Easter Egg Hunt: After the 9:30am Mass



The Archdiocese Vocation's Office **Urban Pilgrimage** is on **March 30**, a walking event from Saint Jude's

to the Cathedral. To participate, visit <https://rcav.org/jubilee-2025/participate#jubilee-year-of-hope-urban-pilgrimage>

### **Clarification on Holy Doors during the Jubilee of Hope**

This **Jubilee Year**, **Pope Francis** has designated **Holy Doors** exclusively at the **four major papal basilicas in Rome** to highlight the unity of the universal Church and to invite Catholics worldwide to make the traditional pilgrimage to Rome.

**There are no Holy Doors in Vancouver**, though Catholics can still obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by following the instructions outlined on the website here: <https://rcav.org/announcements/clarification-on-holy-doors-during-the-jubilee-of-hope>

## 2025 PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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

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

### **Farewell Events for Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB**

Join us in celebrating Archbishop Miller's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination and his 16+ years of service to the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Due to limited capacity, we ask that you **register for only one of the two events**, allowing as many people as possible the opportunity to attend:

#### **Option 1: Farewell Dinner**

Tuesday, **April 29**, 6:30pm  
(Door opens at 5:30pm)

Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver  
\$100 / ticket

#### **Option 2: Farewell Mass**

Tuesday, **May 13**, 7:00pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver  
Free (Advance registration required online)

**Registration opens Tuesday,  
April 1, 8:00am at [rcav.org](https://rcav.org)**

## 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.**

## Development and Peace: Share Lent Appeal

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.



### "How to donate 2025":

#### · *By envelope:*

- ◆ Use the specific Share Lent Envelope in your box collection or
- ◆ Use your own envelope, either cash or a cheque, made out to St. Mark's Parish and in the memo line, write to **Share Lent**. Please include your name and address on the envelope for tax receipt purposes. Deposit in the parish's regular collection, either in the basket or in the collection stand at entrance. or
- ◆ Use the Development and Peace envelopes available on the tables in the chapel and mail to Montreal.
  - ◆ To **donate Online**, visit <https://devp.org/en/make-a-donation/> or [devp.org/give](https://devp.org/give)  
Select the Where the need is greatest button to donate to Share Lent Campaign.
  - ◆ **If you donate directly through Montreal HQ**, please **notify parish.smark@rcav.org** to let us know of your contribution so we can tally up a Parish total.  
You will be receipted directly from head office.

## Share Lent—Archbishop Letter

Archbishop Miller has written a letter to the faithful asking for their generous support of next weekend's **Share Lent second collection**. To read the letter, visit,

[https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2025-03-25/3rf1hm/897551/1742927659Z8tYCTib/  
All\\_Faithful\\_\\_Development\\_and\\_Peace\\_Share\\_Lent\\_Campaign\\_2025.pdf](https://www2.rcav.org/l/897551/2025-03-25/3rf1hm/897551/1742927659Z8tYCTib/All_Faithful__Development_and_Peace_Share_Lent_Campaign_2025.pdf)

## Archdiocesan Events

### Pray the Way of Light this Easter

The *Via Lucis* (Way of Light) commemorates the fifty days of Easter through 14 key events of Christ's life following his resurrection. Sign up to receive 14 emails, one per station, throughout the Easter season and pray the Way of Light. Each email consists of a scripture reading, a reflection, and prayer. **Sign up at [rcav.org/light](https://rcav.org/light)**

### Ching Ming Mass for the Deceased

Join us for Mass for our deceased ancestors, in accordance with Chinese traditions. On Saturday, **April 4**, 11:00am in the Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani in Surrey. For more information, please contact (778) 321-0618.

### Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. The next Mass and Vigil takes place on April 5, 8:00am, at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil-14>