



The Parish of Saint Mark

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May 11, 2025 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 or by appointment

Sunday Mass: 9:30am, 11:30am. The 4:30pm Mass will resume in September

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 Resumes in September

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 Sessions: Will resume in the Fall

Moms and Tots: - Still seeking for new leadership

SACRAMENTAL PREP & CHILDREN'S LITURGY 2024 - 2025 PROGRAMS

RCIA - 2025-2026 Program starts in the Fall

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 Easter — May 11, 2025

Acts 13.14, 43-52/ We are now returning to the Gentiles.

Revelations 7.9, 14b –17/The Lamb will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life.

John 10.27-30/ I give my sheep eternal life.

Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 18, 2025

Acts 14.21b-27/ They called the Church together and related all that God had done with them.

Revelations 21.1-5a/God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

John 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++/I give you a commandment, that you love one another.

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

Diocesan Special Collection
May 11 (4th Sunday of Easter)

WORK OF VOCATIONS

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for May 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Stewardship Reflection May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

“...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’”
(John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

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

Weekly Collection Averages

December Average: \$15,635.75

January 2025 Average: \$4,355.53

February Average: \$4,104.57

March Average: \$4,213.45

April Average: \$4,954.88

(weekly averages includes RCAF & CanadaHelps Online donations)

Weekly Collection & Sacramental Offering

May 4: \$3,249.35

Special Offerings for Diocese:

Easter Offerings: \$40..00

Lapu-Lapu Survivors: \$100.00

Thank you for your generous support of parish life

Happy Mother's Day!

*For the unwavering love & support,
we are ever grateful...*



**"Longing for the Lord": Easter Season (Hybrid) Retreat
May 24, 9am - 12pm, St. Mark's Parish and via Zoom**

Mary Magdalene's longing for the Lord propelled her to become the first apostle. How can our longing transform us this Easter season?

Register via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/1317880258329?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Support Victims and Survivors of the Lapu-Lapu Tragedy

In response to the tragic events after the Lapu-Lapu Festival, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is holding a special collection at all parishes. Your gift will help meet immediate needs and ensure that ongoing healing and outreach services are available in the weeks and months ahead.

If you are donating through the parish, please make the cheque out to St. Marks Parish with a notation 'for Lapu Lapu.' If you are donating cash, please mark your envelope clearly for Lapu Lapu Tragedy. Your donation will be added to a central fund managed by the Archdiocese.

To donate online or learn more, please visit rcav.org. Thank you for your support.

<https://rcav.org/lapu-lapu> Click on donate: Special Collection



*Welcome and Blessings to
Andrew Brian Albert Robb
and
Antonio George Whittaker*

*for their Baptism at St. Mark's Parish
on March 30 & May 4, 2025 respectively.*



**Join us on Sunday,
June 22!**

**Let's have a
PARISH PICNIC
after the 11:30am
Mass at St. Mark's**

Details to follow...mark your calendars!

Formation for Lay Ministry Scholarship

The Formation for Lay Ministry Scholarship at St. Mark's College supports the ongoing formation of people serving in a variety of parish and non-parish ministries within the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Examples of ministry involvement could include RCIA, PREP, Youth Ministry, marriage preparation, catechesis, faith sharing, prison ministry, social justice ministry, etc.

Learn more at stmarkscollege.ca/scholarships
Application deadline is May 15

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.**

Second Collection for Vocations

This Good Shepherd Sunday, show support for our future priests by praying for an increase in vocations and by giving to the Work of Vocations Second Collection.

Your tax-deductible gift to this second collection helps:

- ◆ Promote a culture of vocations in the Archdiocese
- ◆ Provide accompaniment to those discerning the priesthood and the consecrated life
- ◆ Fund the formation and education of seminarians in training for the priesthood

In brief, your gift will contribute to having more priests and religious in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, and we are grateful for your support. Give online at rcav.org/vocations or at this weekend's second collection.

Catholic Spiritual Care Available after Lapu-Lapu Festival Tragedy

In these days of sorrow following the tragedy at the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival in Vancouver, I continue to hold you all, especially our Filipino community, in my prayers.

If you or your loved ones are seeking spiritual care, Catholic hospital chaplains are available to offer prayer, support, and the Sacraments, including Anointing of the Sick. Faith-based counselling and other spiritual supports are also available to help individuals and families carry their grief with hope.

Resources are likewise available for clergy, parish staff, ministry leaders, and Catholic educators to accompany those affected by trauma, drawing on the best practices of pastoral care.

For more information on these supports, please visit rcav.org/lapu-lapu

May our merciful Lord bring healing to all who are suffering,
and may our Blessed Mother comfort every broken heart.

+ **J. Michael Miller, CSB** *Apostolic Administrator*

Archdiocesan Events

National Family and Life Week, May 11 - 18, 2025

"Abound in hope!" This powerful message from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans is the theme for National Family and Life Week, Sunday, May 11, through Sunday, May 18. Celebrate your own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones. Multimedia resources are available for parishes, families, and schools at cccba.ca/national-family-and-life-week

Installation Mass of Archbishop Richard W. Smith

With gratitude to God, the Archdiocese of Vancouver joyfully welcomes The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith as the Archbishop of Vancouver. Due to limited space, the Mass will be by invitation only. **Everyone is invited to watch the live stream at <https://rcav.org/events/installation-mass-of-archbishop-richard-w-smith> and join us in prayer on Friday, May 23 at 7:00pm.**

Family Fun Day

Join the local Catholic community, invite other families and even your priest to attend, come and meet the seminarians and the various communities of religious sisters. Registration includes a BBQ dinner, interactive games, bouncy castles, fun activities for all ages including a competitive soccer game with the "Men in Black". **On Saturday, June 7, from 4:00 to 8:00pm** at Pacific Academy, Surrey. **Register by June 2 at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/rcav-family-fun-day>** **Apply to be a volunteer by May 23 at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/rcav-family-fun-day#volunteer-call-out>**