



# The Parish of Saint Mark

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June 1, 2025 – Ascension of the Lord



## 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

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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  
*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

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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: 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>

## **Ascension of the Lord — June 1, 2025**

Acts 1.1-11/ As the disciples were watching, Jesus was lifted up.

Ephesians 1.17-23/God seated Jesus at his right hand in heaven.

Luke 24. 46-53/Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

## **Pentecost Sunday — June 8, 2025**

Acts 2.1-11/ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages.

1 Corinthians 12.3b7, 12-13/In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

John 20.19-23/As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

## **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**

**June 1**

(1st Sunday of June)

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA**

### **The Pope's Prayer Intentions for June 2025**

**June**

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray  
that each one of us might find consolation in a  
personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart,  
learn to have compassion on the world.

### **Stewardship Reflection June 1, 2025**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work, or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

### **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**

**May 11: \$4,012.00**

**May 18: \$3,301.89**

**May 25: \$2,359.44**

#### **Special Offerings for Diocese:**

**Lapu-Lapu Survivors: \$100.00**

**Pope's Pastoral Works: \$430.00**

**Work of Vocations: \$25.00**



Join us this coming **June 1** at the **9:30am Mass**  
to celebrate the graduation of St. Mark's

**First Holy Communion class**

**All are welcome!**

**A warm welcome to all their families & guests!**

*Join us on June 8 (Pentecost Sunday)  
at the 11:30am Mass*

*Let's celebrate the graduation of  
St. Mark's Confirmation Class 2025*

*Meet the beloved children, their parents, volunteer  
instructors, post grads & apprentices.*



**St. Mark's Parish Celebrates PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

**JOIN the Parish First Communion ~ Confirmation ~ Pentecost  
DRAWING CONTEST**



**Open to all children in the parish** - Entries must be original.

Draw from your own inspiration of the **Resurrection**, your depiction of your **First Communion** or **Confirmation journey**... Add in detail & color. Use any medium: pencils, paints, watercolors, construction paper or other materials.

**Send your entry to [parish.smark@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smark@rcav.org) with your name & contact info by 5pm, Friday June 13.** Three winning entries will be chosen, as **1st, 2nd & 3rd best** & announced on the **June 22** Sunday Masses. Judges' decisions are final. Prizes will be provided by the parish.

**Criteria: Originality & Creativity - 50%, Color Scheme – 25%, Theme Appropriateness – 25%**

**Note: Implied consent** is **given by parents** for all entries, that the children's artwork can be used in relevant parish production materials, for example, the parish Christmas card, bulletin, etc...



**JUNE 15 is VOLUNTEER SIGN UP DAY,  
NAMETAG SUNDAY, most importantly FATHER's DAY!**

On that note, **let's celebrate!**

**Grab A NAMETAG,**

let's put a name to the face & get to know  
each other... in the community...

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On another note,

**join our parish VOLUNTEER pool**

**Fill in the sign-up sheets Plato's Cave on June 15,**  
with your **name, email & phone numbers.**

**We will reach out to you about our various parish ministries.**





## 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 on Sunday, June 22!**

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

**Magic Show & Balloon Fun starts at 1:30pm with**  
**CRAIG, the Magician"**

**Looking forward to see you all!**

The parish will provide the main baking.

We are **looking for donations of fresh fruit & finger foods**  
(like spring rolls, pigs in a blanket, mini quiches, chicken tenders,  
roasted cauliflower bites, zucchini sticks, potato skins,  
pinwheels -veggie or ham & cheese, meatballs, potstickers,  
samosas, taquitos or any small-bite sized food item of your choice)

**We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving & clean-up.**

**Let us know what food you plan to share & if you can volunteer.**

**Sign up sheets will be at Plato's Cave**  
**starting this Sunday, June 1**

**or email the parish at [parish.smark@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smark@rcav.org)**

## Archdiocesan Events

### Hope on the Horizon 8-Day Program

Are you 19–35 and looking for a life-changing experience this summer? Hope on the Horizon invites you to step into the life of a street missionary. Spend your days in downtown Vancouver serving those on the margins, living in intentional community, and deepening your prayer life alongside others your age. You'll receive food, accommodations, and even scholarship support. Choose between a one-week mission (August 10 - 17) or a six-week immersion (July 14 - August 22). Turn Summer 2025 into the adventure that defines your faith and your future.

**Apply by June 15 at [catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](https://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)**

### Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

Civilly married couples are invited to deepen your journey in Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. This special Marriage Mass for civilly married couples is a wonderful opportunity to open your heart to God's grace and receive the full blessing of the Church. The Archbishop will preside over a **Wedding Mass on Saturday, September 6** at 1:30pm at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. **Register by July 20 at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/mass-wedding-for-civilly-married-couples>**