

# SAINTS JOACHIM & ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
 Sunday 10 AM 12 Noon (Latin) 7PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday 8 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday 7 PM  
 Friday 11:30 AM  
 Saturday 9 AM

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass on Sundays, Saturday 4 PM  
 & 15 minutes before Weekday Masses

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## MUSIC LIST FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 2	
	O_ come, let_ us_ wor-ship him, for he is the Lord our God.
SPRINKLING RITE Psalm 51	
	Sprin_kle me_ with_hys_sop,Lord, and I shall_ be cleansed wash.me_ and I shall_ be_ whit-er than snow.
Gloria # 125	
RESPON- SORIAL PSALM Ps 72	
	Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Gospel Acclamation	
	Al-le-lu - ia.
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL	
	Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer
OFFERTORY HYMN # 821	
HOLY HOLY # 127	MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: # 128
	AGNUS DEI # 104
COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 96	
	We have seen his star_ in the east,_ and have come with gifts_ to wor - ship the Lord.
COMMUNION HYMN # 824	RECESSIONAL HYMN # 548

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Sat. Jan. 6</b>	
4:30 PM	For The Alary Family
<b>Sun. Jan. 7</b>	
10 AM	Ann McCaffrey
12 NOON	
9 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Joachim & Ann
Mon. Jan. 8 The Baptism Of The Lord	
8 AM	Kobe N
ORDINARY TIME — WEEK 1	
<b>Tue. Jan. 9</b>	
7 PM	Christel's Friends
<b>Wed. Jan. 10</b>	
8 AM	Leah Blain
<b>Thurs. Jan. 11</b>	
7 PM	Leah Blain
<b>Fri. Jan. 12</b>	<b>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin</b>
11:30 AM	John Boulton RIP
<b>Sat. Jan. 13</b>	<b>St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor</b>
9 AM	Rachael Tudan & Family

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK		
Monday		
Prayer Group	7:05 pm	Church
Tuesday		
RCIA	7:30 pm	Hall
Wednesday		
PREP: 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	6:30 pm	Hall
Thursday		
RCIA	7:30 pm	Hall
Friday		
PREP: Confirmation	5 pm	Hall
Saturday		
Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30 am	Church

**COFFEE TIME**

AFTER THE 10 AM MASS  
Everyone welcome!



**SOUP & BUN**

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER THE 10 AM MASS  
Everyone welcome!

*Mom's & Dad's: Please be aware of what your children are doing; no running or roughhousing, no standing on tables & chairs, be with them when they go for snacks and drinks so all can get some and there is no wasting.*

**PRAYER**

FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

*A workshop on how to find Jesus in prayer using the Holy Bible*

**6 Tuesdays, January 16 — February 20**  
**7:30 — 9 pm**  
after the 7 pm Mass, in the Hall


Limited space, so register by emailing the office at [parish.ssja@rcav.org](mailto:parish.ssja@rcav.org) or by phone at 604.857.1944  
Cost: \$20.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

January 18 — 25

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to pray that all may be one, as Christ desires.

On **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**, our parish will hold a Holy Hour with the special prayer intention will be the unity of all Christians.



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## Archbishop's Message for the New Year 2024

January 01, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters:

At the beginning of this new year, let us raise our hearts in gratitude to the good Lord for accompanying us on our journey through time. We thank God who never abandons us and always watches over the faithful of our local Church with his merciful love. With gentle persistence he is leading us beyond the constraints of time to eternity.

As time passes, we are continually amazed by how ultimately short and ephemeral life is. So often we ask ourselves: what's the meaning of our life, and what meaning, in particular, can we give to our days of toil and sorrow? This question permeates history, running through the heart of every generation and of every individual.

But there is an answer: it is written on the face of the Child born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. In "the fullness of time," God became man and remains among us today as the Living One, forever risen from the dead. He entered our history to free us from the slavery of sin and death, and to raise us to the dignity of

being children of God.

With Jesus' Incarnation and Birth, time was, so to speak, forever "touched" by the Eternal God. The time we are now living is the definitive time of salvation and grace. That's why we can truthfully proclaim that 2024 will be yet another "Year of the Lord."

While we take our leave of the year that has just come to a close and set out for the new one, we once again entrust to the Lord his little flock, his Church in Vancouver, which is ever striving to be faithful to him. And let us implore Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, to intercede for us before the throne of mercy. With her, we are invited to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, the Sun rising on the horizon of humanity, who is the hope and Saviour of the world.

May the new year bring you and your families many blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver



HELP FOR PARENTS  
DEALING WITH CHILDREN AND  
TEENS

## Making Sense of Counterwill

The instinct to resist being controlled or coerced is one of the most perplexing and troublesome dynamics in dealing with children and youth. This video course by Dr. Gordon Neufeld reveals the dynamics controlling this instinct and provides suggestions for how to deal with it. This material is applicable for all those dealing with toddlers through adolescents: teachers, parents and helping professionals. Discussions will be facilitated by Kevin

## New Year's Workshop on Building Habits

If you are struggling to see how it might be possible to grow in your spiritual life, if you feel stuck in your walk with God, if you want to go deeper but you don't know how, you will discover much in this free workshop. Fr. John O' Brien's simple recommendations will not overwhelm you or require you to give up every spare moment in an already busy life. These habits will give you a framework on which to grow if your spiritual life has become a place of exhaustion and not rest.

Set up for long-term spiritual resiliency on Thursday, January 11, at 12 p.m. via Zoom. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Weekend Getaway Marriage Conference

We are excited to partner with [Family Life Canada](https://familylifecanada.org) to offer weekend getaways to married couples in the Archdiocese of Vancouver!

The Weekend Getaway is a marriage conference uniquely designed to enrich your relationship. For most couples, it's a chance to reconnect, re-establish the foundation, and rekindle romance. For others, it's a fresh start. For some, it will be the weekend that saves a marriage.

Wherever you're at in your relationship, this retreat is a weekend to remember.

The atmosphere is relaxed, warm and fun! You'll hear from real couples doing real life together... God's way. You'll be given time to process what you're learning. And together, build a joyful marriage that lasts a lifetime.

The next getaway is on the weekend of February 16-18, 2024 at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC. The fee is usually \$299. Use promo code **RCVVIC** to register for \$199.

Accommodations at the Fairmont Empress Victoria for conference participants should be booked separately. Special room rate starts at \$209/night before January 26; rates may vary thereafter.

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**. For more information call Joyce 604-683-0281 ext. 223 or visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## BLESSING YOUR HOME WITH CHALK ON EPIPHANY

*Upon entering the house [or at the front door] the head of the household (Leader) says:*

*Leader:* Peace be to this house.  
*All:* **And to all who dwell herein.**

*Leader:* From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

*During the following prayer, the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water*

**All: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.**

*After this is completed:*

**All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.**

*Leader:* Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,

*All:* **But deliver us from evil.**  
*Leader:* All they from Saba shall come  
*All:* **Bringing gold and frankincense.**  
*Leader:* O Lord, hear my prayer.  
*All:* **And let my cry come unto You.**

*Leader:*  
Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.  
*All:* **Amen.**

*Leader:* Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee— Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

**All: And the Gentiles shall walk in your light and kings in the splendor of your rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

*Leader:* Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.  
*All:* **Amen.**

*After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with Epiphany/holy water.*

*Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for example*

**20+C+M+B+24**

*with the “20” “being the millennium and century, the “C” standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the “M” standing for Melchior, the “B” standing for Balthasar, and the “2x” standing for the decade and year.*

*It is also popularly believed that the Kings’ initials stand for “Christus mansionem benedicat” (“Christ bless this house”). For more on this: <https://aleteia.org/2018/01/05/how-to-bless-your-home-with-epiphany-chalk/>*