

# Sacred Heart March 2024 Bulletin



**Sacred Heart Parish**  
525 Campbell Avenue  
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Mass: Sunday at 9:30am

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**St. Tekakwitha Centre**  
887 Keefer Street  
Mass: Weekdays at 10am

**St. Paul's Parish**  
381 East Cordova Street  
Mass: Sunday at 11:30am

## The month of March is traditionally dedicated to the St Joseph.

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus.

The entire month of March, except the very last day, falls during the liturgical season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color violet or purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. All saint days that are usually Memorials are shifted to Optional Memorials during the season of Lent. The last day of the month is the beginning of the Easter season.

## The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2024

For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Source: Catholic Culture

## Sacred Heart Mass Intentions for March 2024

- March 1 - Birthday of Mary Jane Patacsil requested by Lurlene
- March 2 - Birthday of Cricepcin de Peralta requested by Lurlene
- March 3 - Rino & Fernanda Caverzan requested by Amelia Morlin
- March 11 - Giorgianna Tubola requested by Lurlene
- March 12 - Michael Barrey
- March 13 - Lourdes Perada
- March 14 - Raymond Bathgate
- March 17 - Alfonso & Giuseppina Caverzan requested by Amelia Morlin
- March 22 - Birthday of Cassandra Tubola requested by Lurlene
- March 24 - Vicente & Maria Garcia et al...
- March 31 - Gino & Teresa Pettovello requested by Sestilia Pettovello

## Wonderful people to remember in your prayers:

Amelia & Pietro Morlin, Anastasia Estropia & Family, Angela Calogero, Angelina Ciotti, Audrey Breaker, Darryl Halisky, Francesco (Antonella's father), George Macri, Irene Lapierre, Iolanda Minicucci, Jacob Legoff, James B., Lena Record, Maria Dos Santos, Mateo Carelse-Borzel, Mimi Yeung and her Mother, Raymond LaBoucane, Tessie Chin's Husband, the husband of Ursula, the family of Gloria, the mother of Jim.

## Happy Birthday & Anniversary to all celebrating a special day in March!

## Easter Season 2024

Easter Sunday falls on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a significant day for Catholics and other Christians as it commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this season, believers celebrate the victory of life over death and the hope of salvation.

Some key traditions and practices associated with Catholic Easter:

- Palm Sunday marks both the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Parishioners receive blessed palm leaves during Mass, which can be made into crosses or kept as personal devotions.
- On Holy Thursday, Catholics commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus and the institution of the priesthood. This meal, celebrated as a Passover feast, emphasizes unity, service, and the Eucharist.
- Good Friday is a solemn day when Catholics remember Jesus' crucifixion. It is a day of fasting and reflection. The Stations of the Cross are often observed, retracing Jesus' journey to Calvary.
- Holy Saturday Night, the Easter Vigil, is a profound liturgical celebration held on Holy Saturday night. It begins in darkness and culminates in the joyous proclamation of Christ's resurrection. New converts are traditionally baptized, confirmed, and receive their first Holy Communion during this vigil.
- Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of the Christian calendar. It symbolizes the fulfillment of faith through Christ's resurrection. Catholics attend Mass, celebrating the victory of life over death.
- Easter extends beyond a single day—it encompasses the entire Easter season, leading up to Pentecost Sunday and celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May this Easter bring you blessings and renewed hope!

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## Sacred Heart Parish News

- **Parish Council Meeting for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the St. Kateri Centre**
- **Sunday collections:**
  - February 4 - \$2,025.60
  - February 11 - \$805.00
  - February 18 - \$985.00
  - February 25 - \$1,293.89
- **Paschal Triduum 2024 Schedule**
  - Holy Thursday (March 28) - 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
  - Good Friday (March 29) - 2pm - Stations of the Cross & 3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
  - Holy Saturday (March 30) - 9pm - Easter Vigil & Resurrection of the Lord
  - Easter Sunday (March 31) - regular mass times
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation March 2024**
  - March 16-22 in Kateri Charity Centre 10-10:30am
  - March 24 Palm Sunday in St. Paul's Church 12:30-2pm
  - March 25-27 Holy Week in Kateri Charity Centre 10-10:30am
  - March 28 Holy Thursday in Sacred Heart Church 5-7pm
  - March 29 Good Friday in Sacred Heart Church 1-3pm
  - March 30 Holy Saturday in Sacred Heart Church 7-9pm
- **Lenten Recollection/Retreat 2024 at St. Paul's Church (all are welcome)**
  - Sunday, March 3 at 1:30-3pm
  - Saturday, March 16 at 8:30am-2pm with the Sisters of Charity
- **March 31<sup>st</sup> - Birthdays and Anniversaries Greetings/Blessing and Snacks will take place after mass.** Please sign up at the back of the church if you can bring something.
- **Any parishioner who would like donation envelopes,** please contact Father Nestor. Also please confirm your address and telephone number are up to date.
- If you wish to call Fr. Al staying in the OMI Pandosy House near St. Augustine Church, please call 778-868-7120.
- **Pray** for our past parishioner & seminarian, Luis Esquivel, as he prepares for priesthood.

## Archdiocese News

- March Events** - To view more about these and many more upcoming events, visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)
- The Craft of Spirit: BC Liturgical Textiles exhibition, January 18 - March 31 at the Museum in the Italian Cultural Centre.
  - **40 Days for Life: Nightly Rosary**, nightly rosary at 8:00 p.m. on Zoom until Palm Sunday, March 24.
  - **Estate and Memorial Planning Webinar** - Thursday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.
  - **Humbled & Exalted Lenten Retreat** - On Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey. Cost is \$25. Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6.
  - **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** - Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Burnaby. Cost is \$20.
  - **The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life Retreat for Young Adults** - start on Tuesday, May 7. Application fee is \$100. Registration deadline: Thursday, March 14.
  - **Who Is Jesus Christ For Me As A Man In The 21st Century?** - Saturday, March 16, at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock.
  - Cenaculo (The Passion of the Christ) - Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. For tickets and inquiries, please get in touch with Mike at 604-375-2138, or Marilou at 604-828-9856, or Carmelita at 604-551-4883.
  - The Personal Call to Holiness and Divine Mercy - Lenten Mission at St. John the Apostle Parish in Vancouver, led by Rev. Martin Scott, SDM. The mission talks will be held from Monday to Wednesday, March 18-20, preceded by Mass at 6:30 p.m. There will be Confessions at 6:15 p.m.
  - **The Role of Mary in Salvation History** - March 19-22, 8:00 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Vancouver.
  - Grief to Grace Healing Retreat May 14 to May 18. Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. For more information, please email [griegtograncelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograncelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403. Register at [griegtograncelowna.org](https://griegtograncelowna.org).
  - Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - Next retreat is on May 24-26. For confidential information, call 604-525-0999. Email: [info@pacscanada.org](mailto:info@pacscanada.org).
  - **Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach program** is an incredible opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 30 to answer the call of Christ and serve the homeless with compassion. August 6 to August 21, 2024.
  - Save the Date: Archdiocesan Mass for Civilly Married Couples - Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond. For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at [rabella@rcav.org](mailto:rabella@rcav.org) or 778-512-9163. Registration Deadline: Sunday, July 21.

## **Masses and Prayer Sessions**

Sundays at 11am pray with the Legion of Mary at Kateri Centre basement.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 30 minutes before Mass.

Monday to Friday masses (10am) and Saturday (4:30pm) in St. Kateri Centre Chapel (in the Basement Room).

The Lay Carmelites 3<sup>rd</sup> Order Mass, first Saturday of every month in St. Kateri Centre Chapel (in the Basement Room)

Every Wednesday after 10am Mass, we will have a very informal gathering for a little sharing of reflections on the reading or any other topic of interest along with snacks (please bring a little snack that you wish to share).

Friday after the 10am Mass - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, a Holy Hour with Benediction; all other Fridays, the Stations of the Cross.

**Blessing** "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (*Romans 15:13*)