

# Sacred Heart May 2024 Bulletin



**Sacred Heart Parish**  
525 Campbell Avenue  
Vancouver, BC, V6A 3K5  
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 May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Easter season ends on Pentecost, May 20, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

"The month of May, with its profusion of blooms was adopted by the Church in the eighteenth century as a celebration of the flowering of Mary's maidenly spirituality...With its origins in Isaiah's prophecy of the Virgin birth of the Messiah under the figure of the Blossoming Rod or Root of Jesse, the flower symbolism of Mary was extended by the Church Fathers, and in the liturgy, by applying to her the flower figures of the Sapiential Books—Canticles, Wisdom, Proverbs and Sirach.

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

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. (See also [The Pope's Prayer Intentions.](#))

Source: *Catholic Culture*

## Sacred Heart Mass Intentions for May 2024

- May 1 - Vicente, Edgardo et al requested by Lurlene
- May 5 - Gilvy Coonghe requested by Carmel Miral and Family
- May 8 - Birthday Ma. Janice Gladys Martin
- May 9 - Rogelio Martin
- May 12 - 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 May!**

## Archbishop announces pastoral appointments for 2024

We will be saying farewell to Fr. Nestor Silva as he retires, effective August 1, 2024. With Father Nestor's retirement, we welcome our newly appointed pastor Fr. Ray Smith, CMF, who will be coming to us from Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, Missouri. With the change of pastors on August 1<sup>st</sup>, care of Sacred Heart will transfer from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate to the Claretian Missionaries. A celebration to say farewell to Father Nestor, thank the Oblates for their service to our parish and welcome Father Ray will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Project Advance 2024: Building our Parish Community

Your support of Project Advance will help grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most. It will fund initiatives such as pastoral support for the hospitalized, youth and young adult ministries, outreach programs for the homeless and vulnerable, and the construction of new Catholic schools. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online. Legacy gifts are also appreciated. Learn more and donate at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca).

**For more information:** [Download launch video.](#) [Archbishop Miller's letter.](#)

## May 2024 — Overview for the Month

In May 2024, the liturgical themes focus on love, the Holy Spirit, and the nature of God. Themes of love and inclusion teach us that God's love is for everyone and that we should love others deeply. The Holy Spirit is central, especially in teaching us to spread the Gospel and showing us how to live in unity and diversity within the Church. We also reflect on the Trinity, understanding God as three-in-one and our role in sharing our faith and following God's ways. These themes highlight faith, community, and our mission to live according to God's teachings.

May 9 or 12 - Ascension

The whole universe is invited to acclaim the glories of the Ascending Christ. He is surrounded with the just of Limbo, with the souls who had finished their purgatorial expiation and probably with the saints who came out of their tombs on Easter Sunday: "Ascending on high He has led captivity captive".

Source: *Young Catholic*

## Sacred Heart Parish News

- **Parish Council Meeting for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the St. Kateri Centre.**
- **Sunday collections:**
  - April 7 - \$670.00
  - April 14 - \$1,020.00
  - April 21 - \$1,126.95
- **May 26<sup>th</sup> - Birthdays and Anniversaries Greetings/Blessing and Snacks will take place after mass.** Please consider bringing something.
- **Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate the Parish's Feast Day on at 9:30am on June 9<sup>th</sup>.** More details will be shared after mass.
- **St. Paul's Parish will celebrate the Parish's Feast Day at 11:30am on June 30<sup>th</sup> with Archbishop M. Miller as the main celebrant.** More details will be shared after mass.
- **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.
- **Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries** is conducting a research survey that explores the experiences of Canadian congregants living with mental health challenges, attitudes towards and beliefs about mental illness and mental health challenges in Canadian churches, and the congregational supports and resources related to supporting mental health and wellbeing. The link to the survey is <https://ca1se.voxco.com/SE/90/SMHM/>.

## Archdiocese News

**May Events** - To view more about these and many more upcoming events, visit [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

- Applications Open: Youth Ministry Leadership Bursary - Application deadline: Monday, May 13. Learn more and apply at [rcav.org/youth-ministry](https://rcav.org/youth-ministry).
- Indigenous Pastoral and Lay Leader Ministry Education - Tuesdays, from April 2 to May 28, from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$200. No prerequisite required. Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)
- Save 20% on Sacred Burial Space - Spring Open House - Learn more at [rccav.org/event](https://rccav.org/event)
- Mother-Daughter-Sister Tea, May 11 - All moms and their daughters are invited to spend an afternoon with religious sisters over tea and treats. [Register by May 4.](#)
- Save the date for the upcoming March4life in Victoria at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta (3900 Arthur Drive, Delta) with Mass at 9:15 - Archbishop Miller presiding. See Father Nester for details.
- 9th Annual Gala Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver - May 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Learn more and buy tickets via [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).
- Mayfair 2024, Vancouver College - a day filled with delicious international food, midway fun, music, raffles and bazaars. On Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. at Vancouver College. Learn more at [vcmayfair.com](https://vcmayfair.com).
- Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024 - Sunday, May 12 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Archbishop Michael Miller, will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries. Learn more and register at [family.rcav.org/mam](https://family.rcav.org/mam).
- 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 [griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403. Register at [griegtograce.org](https://griegtograce.org).
- Pregnancy, Infant and Child Loss Memorial Mass - Saturday, May 18, 5:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey. For more information, please contact Brittany Garisto at [b.garisto@outlook.com](mailto:b.garisto@outlook.com) or visit [elizabethministrybc.ca](https://elizabethministrybc.ca)
- Pentecost Vigil at St. Mary's, Vancouver - Saturday, May 18, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. For more information, please email [missionablazestmary@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazestmary@gmail.com).
- Magnificat Spring 2024 Luncheon - A brunch for all women of the Archdiocese of Vancouver where we will share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise of God. Saturday, May 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$30. Registration deadline: Friday, May 17. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).
- The Compassion and Social Justice Lecture Series: Practical Applications for a Social Justice Mindset in Healthcare - Friday, May 24, 12:00 p.m. Registration deadline: Monday, May 20. [Learn more and to register click here.](#)
- 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).
- Momentum Single Mothers' Retreat - Catholic single mothers are invited to attend a two-night retreat, with or without their children. May 24-26 at Charis Camp in Chilliwack. Cost is \$150/family. **Registration deadline: Monday, May 6.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).
- 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.

*"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 4:7*