



Church of the Annunciation

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February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday of Lent

Annunciation Mass Schedule & Intentions

Via Facebook live on our page, "[Annunciation Church PR](#)", there are daily prayer opportunities and weekend Masses.

Mon Mar 1

Mary Lorello+

Tue Mar 2

Mary Lorello+

Wed Mar 3

Thurs Mar 4

David Gaffney+

Fri Mar 5 @ 7:00 pm

Patrick Hubahib+

Sat Mar 6 @ 5:00 pm

Benito & Angelita

Lauranilla+

Sun Mar 7 @ 10:00 am

OUR PARISHIONERS



Parish Activities

Exposition & International Rosary:

First Friday of the month @ 7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Rosary.

Rosary: Saturday @ 10:15 am.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm before Mass.

Catholic Women's League: Please check out our national website: cwl.ca and provincial: bcyukoncwl.com.

Confessions: Every Tues, Wed and Thurs, before Mass Sat, at 4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Call the office for appt. with Fr. Terry.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months in advance.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation:

see Parish website for details. <https://annunciationchurchpr.ca/news/dear-parents-of-first-reconciliation-first-holy-communion-and-confirmation>

Mass Collection February 14 & 21, 2021

Envelopes

\$3,280.00

Loose

\$291.25

Building Fund

\$70.00

Catholic Missions

\$265.00

New Year's
Collection

\$65.00



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (FROM THE APOSTOLIC LETTER 'PATRIS CORDE' WITH A FATHER'S HEART – FATHER IN THE SHADOWS:

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Father's Shadow*, narrated the life of Saint Joseph in the form of a novel. With the evocative image of the shadow he defines the figure of Joseph, who towards Jesus is the shadow on the earth of Heavenly Father: he guards him, protects him, never detaches himself from Him to follow his steps. Let us think of what Moses reminds Israel: "In the desert ... you have seen how the Lord, your God, has brought you, as a man carries his son, all the way" (*Dt 1:31*). So Joseph exercised fatherhood all his life.

Fathers are not born, you become so. And you don't become one just because you give up a child, but because you take responsibility for him. Every time someone takes responsibility for someone else's life, they kind of exercise paternity towards them.

In the society of our time, children often seem to be orphans of father. Today's Church also needs fathers. St Paul's admonition to the Corinthians is always relevant: "You may have ten thousand pedagogues in Christ, but certainly not many fathers" (*1 Cor 4:15*); and every priest or bishop should be able to add like the Apostle: "It is I who have generated you in Christ Jesus through *the Gospel*" (*ibid.*). And to the Galatians he says: "My children, that I once again give birth in pain until Christ is formed in you!" (4,19).

Being a father means introducing the child to the experience of life, to reality. Do not hold him, do not imprison him, do not own him, but make him capable of choices, freedom, departures. Perhaps for this reason, alongside the name of father, to Giuseppe the tradition has also put that of "castissimo". It is not a purely affective indication, but the synthesis of an attitude that expresses the opposite of possession. Chastity is freedom from possession in all areas of life. Only when a love is chaste, is it really love. The love he wants to possess, in the end he always becomes dangerous, imprisons, suffocates, makes unhappy. God himself loved man with chaste love, leaving him free also to make mistakes and to stand against him. The logic of love is always a logic of freedom, and Joseph has been able to love in an extraordinarily free way. He never put himself at the center. He was able to decentralize himself, put Mary and Jesus at the center of his life.

Joseph's happiness is not in the logic of self-sacrifice, but of self-giving. You never feel frustration in this man, only trust. His persistent silence does not include complaints but always concrete gestures of trust. The world needs fathers, it rejects the masters, that is, it rejects those who want to use the possession of the other to fill their void; rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servism, confrontation with oppression, charity with welfare, strength with destruction. Every true vocation comes from the gift of self, which is the maturation of simple sacrifice. This type of maturity is also called for in the priesthood and consecrated life. Where a vocation, marriage, celibacy or virginal, does not reach the maturation of the gift of self stopping only at the logic of sacrifice, then instead of being a sign of the beauty and joy of love risks expressing unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

Fatherhood that renounces the temptation to live children's lives always opens up spaces for the unpublished. Each child always carries with him a mystery, an unpublished one that can only be revealed with the help of a father who respects his freedom. A father aware of completing his educational action and living fatherhood to the full only when he became "useless", when he saw that his son became autonomous and walked alone on the paths of life, when he placed himself in the situation of Joseph, who always knew that that Child was not his, but had simply been entrusted to his care. After all, it is what Jesus suggests when he says: "Do not call any of you on earth "father", for only one is your Father, the heavenly Father" (*Mt 23:9*).

Mass Schedule for Lectors and Psalmists

Date	1st & 2nd Reader, Prayers of the Faithful	Psalmist
Sat Mar 6 th @ 5:00 pm	Mimmo Ciccone	Cres Rosario
Sun Mar 7 th @ 10:00 am	Angeline DeVera	Marilou DeVera

Every time we find ourselves in the condition of exercising fatherhood, we must always remember that it is never an exercise in possession, but a "sign" that refers to a higher paternity. In a certain sense, we are all always in Joseph's condition: shadow of the one Heavenly Father, who "raises the sun over the bad and the good, and rains down on the righteous and the unjust" (*Mt 5:45*); and shadow that follows the Son.

FRIDAYS OF LENT: Each Friday evening during Lent, Fr. Terry will "Facebook" live the Mass of the day, followed by the stations of the Cross and Rosary. Virtual Mass begins at 7 pm, Stations of the Cross to follow and rosary. Please see link for our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephpr/>

WORLD'S LARGEST CONSECRATION: The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception invite everyone to participate in the *world's largest consecration* to Saint Joseph! **March 19, 2021 is the Feast of St. Joseph, in the "Year of St. Joseph," as declared by Pope Francis.** This significance, coupled with the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in the world today has prompted the need for a worldwide consecration to St. Joseph on March 19. Through your participation and encouragement to others, *this can be the largest spiritual consecration in history!* In this Year of St. Joseph, let's join together for an outpouring of grace. Go to: www.stjosephnow.org to sign up.

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has a series of Lenten videos available on its website for viewing during the Lenten season. To view these go to: [Journey through Lent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccb.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca)

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT: SOLIDARITY WITH COMMUNITIES IN CRISES: Did you know that Development and Peace provides humanitarian aid to communities coping with climate change, conflict and natural disasters in over a dozen countries? This week, the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign looks at how your solidarity is meaningful for Rohingya refugees and their host communities in Bangladesh. Please pray for communities affected by crises and help us to keep supporting them by contributing to the collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. **For inspiration, information and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.**

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS OF LENT: ONE CAN OF FOOD A DAY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: During Lent, our Bishop Buno Council 5282 of the Knights of Columbus at Annunciation Parish is conducting a "40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent" program. The goal is for each family to put aside just one can or non perishable food item every day of Lent and bring the 40 cans or items to Annunciation Church following Masses for Palm Sunday on Saturday evening, March 27th or Sunday morning, March 28, 2021. The Knights will be on hand to collect all donations and deliver them to local agencies.

LETTER TO PROVINCIAL HEALTH FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten Season has begun well and that it will be a source of many blessings for you and your family.

As you know, on November 19, 2020, the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, issued an Order which included a prohibition on religious gatherings for a period of nearly three weeks. This Order was extended in December and again in January, and then, most recently, it was extended indefinitely on February 5, 2021. As a result, our priests have been unable to offer Holy Mass with a congregation, despite the precautions that we had previously taken to combat the spread of COVID-19.

As Easter approaches, I want to assure you that the Archdiocese is taking steps to advocate with the Provincial Government for a safe return to in-person attendance at Mass. It is my ardent hope that we can return from our extended "fast" from the Eucharist and join together to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection this Easter.

I am very grateful for the way that Catholics of the Archdiocese have respected the health Orders of the Provincial Government, while continuing to follow the livestreaming of Mass from our parishes. Like most British Columbians, Catholics are making a great many sacrifices to follow the Orders of the Provincial Health Officer, in order to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, and will continue to do so as good citizens who care for the welfare of their neighbours.

While we respect the measures taken by Government to protect the health of British Columbians, we want to be assured that the Orders are being fairly applied to all sectors of the population. Specifically, we seek to understand why gathering for worship in limited numbers with safety precautions is not allowed, while bars, restaurants and gyms remain open. It also seems necessary to remind the Government that religious freedom is a specifically protected right by Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Last week, I formally requested that the Provincial Government reconsider the Order that currently limits our ability to celebrate Mass publicly in our churches. This request follows several enquiries, dating back to December 2020, from the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Guild. They asked for information regarding the rationale for restricting religious worship, while other gatherings in BC are allowed to continue as long as they enforce the necessary safety measures. I am deeply grateful to the lawyers of the Guild for their wise counsel and their assistance in preparing the request submitted to the Government.

My request for reconsideration outlines several additional measures that the Archdiocese will implement in our parishes. Some of these go beyond measures that were in place last year. They include limiting attendance at Masses and other gatherings, at least initially, to 10% of the capacity of the church, requiring attendees to wear masks at all times, restricting indoor or outdoor social gatherings before or after Mass, and having ushers present at all Masses to ensure adherence to strict safety guidelines.

I believe that this request to the Provincial Government, and the proposed measures, are just and worthy of reconsideration. You will receive updates on developments as they unfold.

With gratitude for your support of our brothers and sisters in need of your solidarity at this trying time, and with my prayers for your families during this holy season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver