

Talking With Your Children About Tragic Events

This is an evening for supporting parents in the wake of the tragedy following the Lapu-Lapu Day Festival. We will explore faith-centered responses to trauma, helping your family as you journey together in recovery over the summer months. Speakers include Father Bryan Duggan, and Trixie Cruz, School Counsellor at Vancouver College. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Mental Health Ministry.

To register visit beholdvancouver.org/events. This is a free event, and all are welcome on Tuesday, June 24th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at St. Patrick's Regional Secondary School in Vancouver.

Festival of Nations

Celebrate the beautiful diversity of our Catholic community with music and food from over 18 countries! Proceeds will help repaint Sacred Heart Parish in Vancouver. All are welcome! Saturday, June 28th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, Vancouver. Learn more at [Behold Vancouver Festival Of Nations](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

Advance Planning for Catholics

This free presentation offers a Catholic perspective on wills, estates, advance healthcare planning, legacy, sacred funerals and burials. Expert presenters will share wisdom and practical advice you need to plan with peace of mind. Attendees of this presentation are eligible to receive:

- 20% burial benefit toward their pre-need purchase of burial space at Gardens of Gethsemani.
- Free one-on-one consultation with a professional estate planner later on.

On Saturday, June 28th, 9:45 a.m., at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby. Register via [Advance Planning for Catholics – Support Catholic Vancouver](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

Monthly Movie Screenings at Canadian Martyrs Parish

Join us for monthly movie screenings, each preceded by a short presentation offering historical and theological context, followed by an optional group discussion. The films are carefully curated, with particular emphasis on artistic merit and their communication of truth, goodness, and beauty. The next screening is *Life is Beautiful* by Roberto Benigni on Sunday, July 6th at 1:30 p.m. at Canadian Martyrs Parish in Richmond. Snacks will be served during the event.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Mass will be followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! Saturday, July 5th, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul Parish in Richmond.

Hope on the Horizon – 8-Day Summer Program

We are excited to announce *Hope on the Horizon*: a live-in summer program designed for young adults seeking to deepen their faith and serve those in need.

This powerful week of prayer, formation, community life, and outreach to the homeless will take place from August 10th to 17th at Sacred Heart Parish in Vancouver. Participants will also have a special opportunity to spend time with Archbishop Smith.

Hope on the Horizon is jointly organized by Catholic Street Missionaries and the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

The application deadline is July 10th, and spots are limited, so we encourage interested young adults to apply soon by visiting [SUMMER PROGRAM | CSM!](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

Arise Youth Retreat

This 4-day, overnight retreat is for those born in 2010 and 2011 (Youth entering Grade 9/10 in September 2025). By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities (including outdoor recreation activities), presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. We will explore self-identity, how to build community connections, and how to make Jesus Christ the centre of our lives. This retreat takes place at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver. All participants must be accompanied by adult leaders (aged 19+). We require each group to have at least 1 Adult leader for every 8-youth registered. For registration visit [Arise Youth Retreat](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

Civilly married couples are invited to deepen their journey in Christ by celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. This special Marriage Mass is an opportunity to open their hearts to God's graces and receive the blessing of the Catholic Church. The Archbishop will preside this Mass on September 6th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Richmond. Please, register by July 20 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Project Advance 2025

The theme for Project Advance in 2025 is: **Hope Thrives Here**. Our goal for this year is \$45,000. The goal for the Archdiocese is \$11,900. We ask for your prayers and for your tangible contributions via cash, cheque, credit card, through the website: support-project-advance-2025 or in person at the Parish Office. If you have donated in the past, pre-printed pledge cards are available in the church foyer and at the parish office. The funds collected will be used for parish operating costs, parish building maintenance, and repayment of the loan for the school seismic upgrade.

Thank you for your continued generosity.