



Archdiocese  
of Vancouver

## *Pastoral Care Ministry*

### *Fall 2023 Newsletter*



*Register for our Upcoming Pastoral Care Retreat*  
*Date: Oct 14, 2023*

This retreat is for all those who are involved in spiritual care or bereavement ministry.

One of the most important habits we can cultivate is self-care — especially for those ministering in the pastoral care field. This retreat is an opportunity for you to "come away and rest" while also being strengthened with new skills and tools for your ministry.

The morning will consist of Mass, retreat talks and prayer led by Fr. James Hughes. The afternoon will consist of sessions for interactive learning and role

playing to help you bring this ministry to your parish.

**Location:** Our Lady of the Assumption Parish  
(3141 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam)

**Date:** October 14, 2023

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$25/person

[Register here by Oct 12, 2023.](#)



***Free "Being With" Volunteer Training  
In-Person or Online  
Saturday, Oct 28, 2023***

Gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life.

This training is free!

Mass is at 8:30 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast and two training sessions.

Speakers include **Kathy Matusiak Costa**, Executive Director of Compassionate Community Care, and **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

**Location:** Star of the Sea Parish Centre  
15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock  
**Date:** Oct 28, 2023  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

[Register here by Oct 26, 2023.](#)



### *Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass*

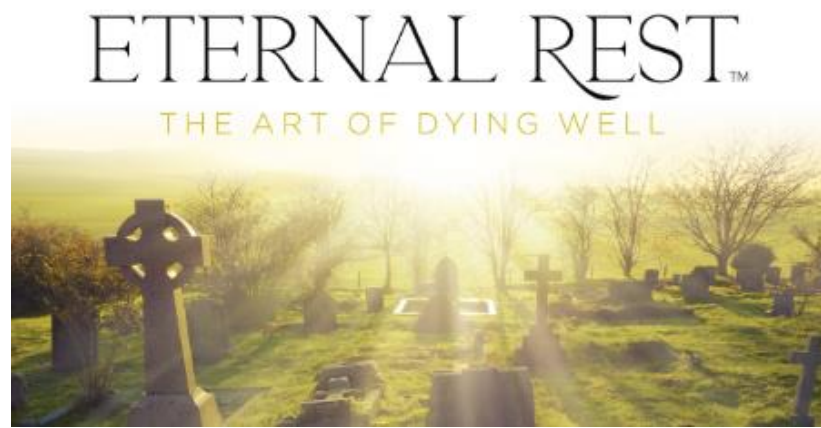
Join us in person as we honour our little ones. A special Mass will be celebrated and candles lit in honour of the little ones we have lost.

Members of Elizabeth Ministry will be present to share their testimony and offer support. Elizabeth Ministry encourages faith, hope and healing. As Mary visited Elizabeth, our ministers journey, support & pray for you.

There will be light refreshments following the Mass.

**Location:** Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani  
15694 32 Ave, Surrey  
**Date:** October 15, 2023  
**Time:** 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

[Register here.](#)



*Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well Video Series*

Video and discussion group in November. More details to come!



*Save the Date!*

Upcoming Bereavement Ministry Support Meetings

- Jan 24, 2024; 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- April 24, 2024; 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom
- [Learn more by clicking here](#)

Spiritual Care Training Program (8 Weeks)

- Feb 1 - Mar 21, 2024; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Zoom
- Stay tuned for a 2024 registration link; [you can learn more by clicking here](#)

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*“In difficult moments I will fix my gaze upon the silent heart of Jesus, stretched upon the cross,  
and from the exploding flames of His merciful Heart, will flow down upon me power and strength  
to keep fighting.”*  
**— St Faustina**