



Permanent Diaconate Program

Now accepting applications

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I want to focus our attention to the first reading (Acts 6:1-7) of this Sunday, the fifth Sunday of Easter. It starts with the positive note: "the disciples were increasing in number". Along with the increase in number of disciples, the responsibilities and the workload also was increasing. At this time the leadership was basically provided by the Apostles. They were obviously finding it hard to balance between spiritual service and material service. The Hellenists complained about the discrepancy and neglect in serving their widows. The problem was evident but certainly not intended one. So, the Apostles call the community together to discuss and find a solution. They decide to appoint seven men of good standing, from among the community, suggested by the community and with the purpose of serving the community in taking care of temporal needs. These men were:

1. To be selected by the people.
2. To be men of good standing, filled by the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

The Apostles prayed over these seven men chosen by the community and appointed them to their tasks. Though the Christian community selected the Seven, they were commissioned by the apostles by praying and laying on of hands over them. The practice of laying hands on others was a gesture signifying commissioning and granting of authority (cf. 8:17-19; 13:3; 19:6; 1 Tim. 4:14; 5:22; Heb. 6:2). This resulted in Apostles having more time to look after the spiritual needs of the community and preach the word of God. Thus, the number of disciples was growing. These seven men were called the deacons. The word deacon is derived from the Greek word *diákonos* (δῖάκονος), which is a standard ancient Greek word meaning "servant", "waiting-man", "minister", or "messenger".

Call to be a deacon is a call to serve. Today let us be grateful to our deacons and pray for them. Let us also pray to God that he may provide many generous men who will dedicate their life to serve God and His people.

This is also an opportunity to think of our own gifts and talents and decide the ways to use them for the good of the Church. Each of you has a gift or two or more. You are part of God's plan and method. He wants to use you, to be a part of His ministry to the world. We all form one family of Christ and each of us is a member of that Body.

We also would like to congratulate seventy-four children from our parish who received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on 6 May 2023, and their parents. May Jesus stay with them always, guide and enlighten them and may these children ever seek to be with Jesus. A big thanks to all the teachers and volunteers who prepared these children for this day so beautifully. Thank you all.

Fr. Joseph



**5th SUNDAY
OF EASTER
May 7th, 2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14

K of C Mothers Day
Carnation Sales

Pancake Breakfast 8am-12pm

July 1

Centennial Challenge Day

September 22

Centennial Mass



Sunday Mass Readings

Year A

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:1-2, 4,5, 18-19
(R.22)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel

John 14:1-12



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ANNOUNCEMENTS News EVENTS

THE GENESIS ST. MARY'S PROJECT

If you have any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish, please share them at:

stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com

Please include the (approximate decade).

St. Mary's Street Ministry & Catholic Street Missionaries: Chocolate Drive

St. Mary's SM and CSM are asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolate bought with the last 3 months. Please bring your donations to the parish office during regular business hours or give to an usher on Sunday. Please mark your items with "STREET MINISTRY" Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

Our Lady of Namacpacan Novena

Enshrinement of Our Lady of Namacpacan at St. Mary's Parish from May 14 to Aug 13. OLN Ministry, invites all faithfuls, Welcome Mass, Sunday, May 14 11:15 AM. Thanksgiving Mass Aug 13 3 PM (Tagalog Mass) Vigil, Rosary and Novena every Monday and Tuesday 5-9PM starting May 15 until Aug 8

For more information or to register:

seasonsofhope.stmary@gmail.com

604-435-9611 ext. 0

Seasons of Hope

A faith-based, Scripture-based support group for those who lost a loved one and those who know someone who is struggling with grief.

The Program will run for 6 weeks on Tuesdays starting May 16 from 7-9pm in the Church Library.

SENIORS GATHERING

SAVE THE DATES

Fun Games &
Potluck Appetizers
Date - May 19, 2023
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Chit Chat &
Strawberry Tea
Date - June 23, 2023
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Register -

Email - smvanseniors@gmail.com or Call - 604-435-9611

St. Mary's School - HOPE ALOUD!

Chris Bray is a Catholic musician & speaker, dedicated to giving people hope by helping them draw closer to Christ. "Hope Aloud!" is a 2 part event: an hour (1:15pm) with students singing, dancing, praying & talking about their hopes & the hopes of children who live in Chalice's sponsor sites in Africa. In the evening at 7pm come hear Chris perform original music, along with the songs he rehearses with the children that day. For more info: <https://chaliceevents.org/hope-aloud>

Ave Maria Garden Mother's Day Fundraiser

Ave Maria Garden is doing a Mother's Day Bouquet fundraiser to support family programs at Collingwood Neighborhood House. A dozen carnation bouquet is \$50. Please help support this outreach program by placing your order on or before May 10. (see ad image on front page)

EMAIL FRAUD WARNING

We have received multiple reports from parishioners who have fallen victim to a recent internet phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, GC's and other forms of financial assistance. Never respond to emails requesting Google play cards, iTunes or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, parish staff or bishop. If you have any doubt, please contact the sender by other means to verify any requests.

Stewardship Reflection

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"

1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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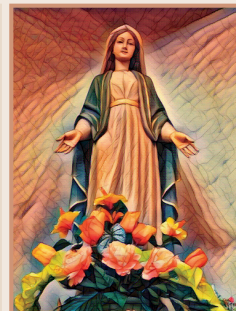
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Monday to Friday
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604-439-9413 (fax)

Located in the Rectory which is the red brick house next to the church on Joyce Street. Buzz Reception.

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When: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to 9 pm on Zoom

Email: missionablazemu@gmail.com

REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

CONFESSION	Weekdays	After mass
	Sundays	Before and after mass
DAILY MASS	Monday to Friday	8:00 am
	Wednesday to Friday	7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:30 am 5:00 pm (anticipated mass)
	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm
		3:00 pm (Tagalog) 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
DEVOTIONS	Monday to Friday	7:15 am Rosary and Lauds
	Wednesday	6:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Thursday	6:00 pm Rosary and Prayer for Vocations
	Friday	3:00 pm Divine Mercy
		6:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary
		7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 pm Benediction
	Saturday	7:45 am Rosary and Lauds

CATECHISM & Sacraments

MARRIAGE

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. Contact us at least six months prior to the wedding. Make no wedding arrangement until you have met with the priest. For details, call Lorna ext. 6



INFANT BAPTISM (under 5 yrs. old)

The family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish. For more information, call ext. 0 or email reception.smarvercav.org.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Contact rcia.smarvercav.org or call ext. 5.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



VANSPEC (one-on-one special needs catechism)

Vanspec classes are led by volunteer catechists and aides who, with the assistance of the Program Director, adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs of the individual student. For more information, email vanspec.smarvercav.org.



ANointing OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.



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Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff
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Volunteers needed

The 5pm Saturday Choir is seeking parishioners to praise God with Song. No experience is necessary; however, music tonality is an asset. Must be able to attend practice on Saturdays at 3 and mass at 5pm. Contact Ruby rub.cortetelus.net

Volunteers needed



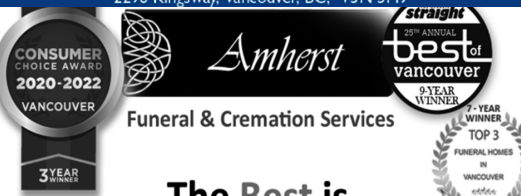
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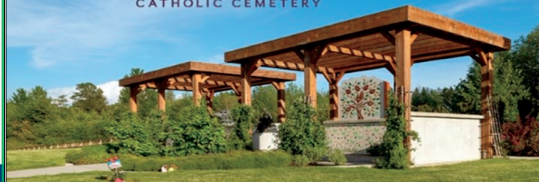
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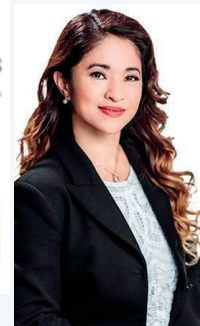


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