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PASTOR'S CORNER

JOHN 3:16 - GOD'S LOVE REVEALED

This Sunday's Gospel passage begins with the words: "God so loved the world that He sent the only begotten Son." I wonder how many times throughout the years we have heard these simple yet powerful words? John 3:16 is perhaps the most famous verse in the bible. It is because it says in one sentence what the whole bible is all about: God's love.

God so loved the world. Man and woman were the crown of His creation. Yet they rebelled against Him through disobedience. Because of this, they no longer have the right to live with Him in paradise. Yet, God loves them just the same. He tried to win them back by sending them prophets, but their hardness of heart continued to displease Him. What more can He do? For the sake of love, He must intervene in man's history if only to prevent him from eternal damnation.

As His last resort, therefore, God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to redeem His people. By dying on the cross, Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the mankind. Now heaven and earth are once again reconciled. Yet, God respects the freedom He gave to man when He created him. God loves man but He does not force man to love Him back. That is why although heaven is open, man still has the choice to enter it or not. Although Jesus died on the cross for his salvation, man still retains the freedom whether to believe in Him and accept His offer of salvation.

God's purpose in sending his Son into the world is very specific: eternal life. And this is expressed in a very special way: it is a gift that can be enjoyed now, in the present. The changes that God's love brings begin here and now. Now, those who receive this gift must be very aware that they were "saved." In other words, their destiny was different, but thanks to the love of God they were rescued from that. This eternal life, this rescue, is received by 'believing' (see John 1:12).

There is also a challenge for those who 'believe': they must come to the light (that is, to Christ) so the change that has occurred in them can be seen. With this we are informed that eternal life has practical consequences that must be noted from now on. The rescue that God does must be evident in the rescued.

John has given us his own reflection so that we can cling to the rescue that the Son of God gives us. His exhortation is to trust in the Son sent to us by God of love to enjoy this rescue that is available to us in Christ.

Fr. Joseph

Please note: From 22 April 2024 to 25 May 2024, I will be on my annual holiday in India. During my absence the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish will be taken care of by Fr. Gabriel Chadarevian and Fr. Gilles Simard, all other administrative needs will be handled by our staff.



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr.19
Seniors' Gathering

May.4
Crowning of Mary

May.5
CWL Mother's Day Brunch

May.9
March 4 Life

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PSALMS 4: 2, 4, 7-8 (R.6B)

SECOND READING
FIRST JOHN 2: 1-5

GOSPEL
LUKE 24: 35-48

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2024 YEAR OF PRAYER AS DECLARED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

SUNDAY MASSES (AND SATURDAY)

SAT 05:00 pm (anticipated mass)
SUN 08:00 am | 09:30 am | 11:15 am | 01:00 pm
03:00 pm (Tagalog) | 05:00 pm | 07:00 pm

DAILY MASSES

 MON - FRI 08:00 am | SAT 08:30 am | WED-FRI  07:00 pm

CONFESSION

SUNDAY before & after mass | WEEKDAY after mass

DEVOTIONS

MON - FRI 07:15 am Rosary & Lauds
WED 06:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
THU 06:00 pm Rosary & Prayer for Vocations
FRI 03:00 pm Divine Mercy
06:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary
07:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
09:00 pm Benediction
SAT 07:45 am Rosary & Lauds

FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Catholic Women's League Announcements

Crowning of Mary - May 4th 6:00pm (after 5pm mass)

St Mary's Catholic Women's League is hosting our annual Crowning of Mary celebration on Sunday May 4th at the parish from 6pm to 7pm. If attending, please bring a flower, it will be presented to Mother Mary during the ceremony. So, we encourage everyone to join us at this special celebration honoring our Mother Mary!

CWL 2024 Membership Drive - April. 14th 10am -2pm

We invite all ladies in the parish 16 years old and up to visit our info booth at the **foyer and in the basement on Sunday, April 14 th from 10am to 2pm**. A great opportunity to learn more about CWL and experience what the sisterhood of faith, fun, and fulfillment can do for you. Brochures and membership forms are available in the foyer for anyone interested.

For more info and registration please contact **Cynthia Yambao - y.cean@yahoo.ca**
Teresa Lung - tky.lung@telus.net

Annual Mother's Day Brunch - May 5th 9:30am - 1pm

A great opportunity to treat your lovely mother or special friends to a fabulous brunch and show her your appreciation. We have great menu, at a very low cost so buy your tickets now before it's sold out!! **Ticket price is \$28 per adult, children 6-12 years \$12 and FREE for children under 6.** (Please note, ticket will be honored until 1:30pm)

For more info or purchase tickets please contact **Beth Hernandez - bethhernandez86@yahoo.com**
Lenn Castro - lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com

 **New Hope on the Horizon Opportunity!** **April.30**
Catholic Street Missionaries *Deadline*

Calling all young adults, a summer full of spiritual enrichment is waiting! CSM is hosting a summer outreach program empowering those to live like Christ and help the homeless.

Financial support offered. Special bursaries are available for those who want to join this summer!

Visit our website and contact us for more info...

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon

Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!

Catholic Steet Missionaries wants you!

Are you looking to improve your skills in project management, event planning, marketing, designing, and have a heart to serve the home homeless? We want you!
778-885-9611 or **email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com**

VBS Railway 2024 | Vacation Bible School is back!

It's finally happening! After 4 years, Saint Mary's is officially running Vacation Bible School this summer August 19 to 23! If you're interested in working with children and teaching God's lessons, email us at **cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com** for more information. Registration TBA.

 **Looking to advertise?** If your business is looking to promote, we still have spaces the bulletin! For more info **Teresa: tky.lung@telus.net**

March4Life | May.9 - Thurs | Victoria, BC M4L Victoria & Knights of Columbus + Columbus Homes

Join us for the March for Life in Victoria, BC, on May 9, 2024! Starting with Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Delta, at 9:15 am, presided over by Archbishop Miller. Catch the 11:00 am ferry to Victoria and participate in the March from Centennial Square to the BC Parliament Buildings. Speakers will enlighten us on vital life issues. m4lvictoria.ca

*Buses are available from select parishes. Deadline to register for bus transportations is April.25th ; for transportation inquiries, contact **Jim Canil at jrcanil@telus.net**.*

St.Mary's School Announcements

Wine Survivor Challenge: SM Fundraiser | Now till Apr.16

Help support St. Mary's School in purchasing a new school bus. The funds raised will directly contribute to enhancing educational programs and opportunities for the students at St. Mary's School. To help support scan the QR code for more info.

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SMS Parent Support Group Raffle | Now till June.19

St Mary's Raffle Event are back! Tickets will be on sale starting March 25th for **\$2.50 per 1 ticket**. Get a ticket for some great cash prizes! *Raffle starts March.25 and ends June.19th and Draw Date on June 21st - 2:00pm at the school.*

1st Prize \$5,000 | 2nd \$2,000 | 3d \$1,000 | 4th and 5th \$500
All proceeds are for the development project of the school. Thank you for your support and good luck!! Raffle license # 148639

Kindergarten 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications

Now accepting applications for the kindergarten 2024 - 2025 school year. *Child must be born in 2019 and turn 5 by Dec 31st.* Apply/ info contact **604 437-1312 | office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca**

Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!

Friday April 19th, 1:00pm **Frauds & Scams - talk by Ann Marie.**

Light refreshments served.
To register contact the parish office:
604-435-9611 ext. 0
Next gatherings: May 17th, Jun 21st



Mass Wedding | Join us Oct 19, 2024 St.Mary's Project Cana

Married outside the Catholic Church? Desire to regularize your union for sacramental access? Join Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP, in celebrating the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. A cost-effective, communal celebration awaits!
For more info rcia.smarv@rcav.org or **604-435-9611 ext. 205**

Donations | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30

Canned goods, packaged noodles/ramen, and other non-perishable food items until in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer. *St.Mary's Council 13072*

All collected food items will be delivered to The Door Is Open at the end of June 2024.

Check out our Ministries!  next page!
Each Ministry is updated each bulletin so don't miss out on your chance to join!

PARISH MINISTRIES

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci
NEXT MEET APR 18 - THU

Topic: Book of Ecclesiastes
Who wrote it? What is it about? What is the wisdom conveyed?
 Join us online via zoom, and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio.
 For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

St. Mary's Youth Ministry
NEXT MEET APR 19 - FRI

April 19 @ 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Movie Night | Elemental
 A space where youth can make memories, ask deep questions, and learn how to grow in the faith with the fellowship of your friends!
Open to gr 7-12 | Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome!
Joyce | (604) 435-9611 ext. 209 | youth.smarv@rcav.org

MISSION ABLAZE
NEXT MEET APR

Join us April.19 after the 7pm mass for singing and adoration
 Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit
 For more info Email: missionablazesmvm@gmail.com

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability
NEXT MEET APR 27 - SAT

D.N.A. is a men's Group meeting on the **2nd and the 4th Saturday of every month**, at **9:30am**, in the Parish Rectory basement. For more info reach out to Fr. Gabriel at: **604-435-9611, ext. 202 | fathergabriel1@outlook.com**

ST. MARY'S 1PM MASS CHOIR *We need you!* **ST. MARY'S 5PM YOUTH CHOIR**

- 1PM Mass needs singers and piano players, to share praise in song. Every **FRI 7:30PM** - Parish choir area
Sam Law | samsgman@gmail.com
- 5PM Mass is looking young adults who want to offer their musical talents (singers, guitarists, bassists, cajon players). Weekly practice **THURS 7:30PM** - Rectory basement | **SUN 4:15PM** - Parish choir area
**Except 3d week of the month*
Wen | 604-780-2830 | seals.stmarys@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION *I will come to you in the Silence... Be still and know that I am God... Come and rest in Me*
EVERY TUE & WED

Join us for meditation and prayers once a week either:
In-person: Wednesday 7:00 pm @ Rectory Basement.
 Contact Cora Alcuitas - calcuitas@gmail.com
Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Contact Maeve Slein - mms3018@gmail.com

Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium A Legion of Mary Youth Program

Inviting youths (and their parents/guardians) ages 6 - 18 years old to join the Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium.
 Guided by senior legionaries, learn about prayers, works of the Legion, and deepen your relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
If interested, we have a sign-up sheet at the foyer!

CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS

MARRIAGE
 Lorna | ext.204

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.

RCIA
 Edwin | ext. 205
rcia.smarv@rcav.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - VANCOUVER BC
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

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

INFANT BAPTISM
 ext.204
reception.smarv@rcav.org

For infants 5 years old and younger. Family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish.

PREP
 Edwin | ext.205
prep.smarv@rcav.org

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

VANSPEC
 Christina | vanspec.smarv@rcav.org

1-on-1 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.

Stewardship Reflection

Apr. 14, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check your emails for a link to begin using FORMED!

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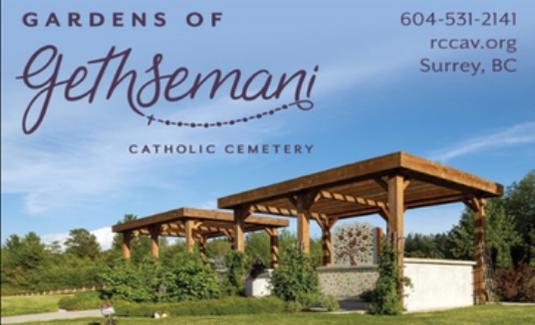


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