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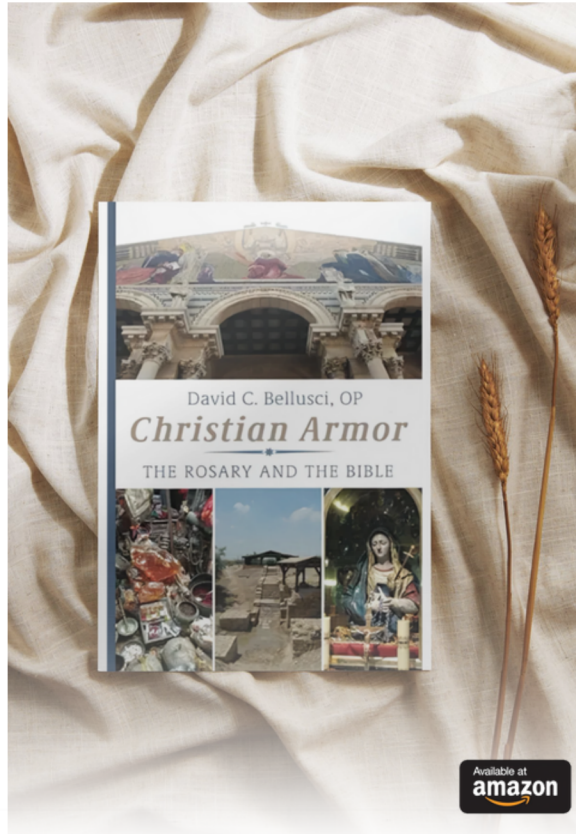
RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

CHRISTIAN ARMOR | A BOOK BY FR.DAVID C. BELLUSCI, OP

The Rosary signifies prayer—a form of daily prayer and meditation for millions of Roman Catholics across the world—and has been for centuries. The Rosary unites the followers of Christ as one family in a common faith, baptism, and Lord. The power of the Rosary stems not only from the intercession of the Mother of our Savior, but each of the twenty mysteries finds its source in the Bible.

The truth of the word of God teaches us not only that the Father sent his Son to save us from our sins so we may have eternal life, but also how we live our communion with Christ through our daily choices. The Rosary and the Bible lead us to Jesus Christ; the Scriptures point to Jesus, and Jesus is at the very center of the Rosary. And so, the Rosary and the Bible provide us with the armor we need to help us in combat: against Satan's deceptions, lies, and attacks.

To know the truth, we need the word of God, and to live in truth Jesus gives us his mother at the cross, "This is your mother." We need the grace of God, Mary's intercession, and the word of God in spiritual combat.



About the author

Born in Vancouver, BC, David C. Bellusci has written eight books, including four books of poetry. He holds a BA in English literature, MA in linguistics, MFA in creative writing, PhD in philosophy, and PsyD in clinical pastoral psychotherapy. Bellusci's poems have been published in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, the UK, and the USA. He is a member of the Writers' Union of Canada and lives in Vancouver where he teaches philosophy and theology.



Christian Armor:
The Rosary and the Bible
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by David C. Bellusci

Available on Amazon
a.co/d/fcxyhCC



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

May.4
Pro Life Mass & Vigil
Crowning of Mary
Fundraiser Concert/Dinner

May.5
CWL Mother's Day Brunch

May.9
March 4 Life

May.11/12
Mother's Day Carnation Sale

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
ACTS 9: 26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PSALMS 22: 26-27,
28, 30, 31-32

SECOND READING
1 JOHN 3: 18-24

GOSPEL
JOHN 15: 1-8

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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

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

Treat your loved ones to a fabulous brunch. We have great menu, at a very low cost so get your tickets before they sell out!!
Adult | \$28
children 6-12 | \$12,
children under 6 | FREE!!!

Tickets will be honored until 1:30pm. For more info/how to purchase please contact:
Beth Hernandez
bethhernandez86@yahoo.com
Lenn Castro
lenn.castro.yvr@gmail.com


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


Celebrating on Sunday May 4th at the parish at 6pm. If attending, please bring a flower, to present to Mother Mary during the ceremony. We encourage everyone to join us at this special celebration honoring our Mother Mary!


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

Registration closes April.30th! tinyurl.com/CSMHorizon

 **10th Annual Fundraising Concert/Dinner May.4 - Sat**
Ambrose Matilda Music Connection + D&P Caritas Canada
Event begins at 5:00 pm with, prayer, music, and meaningful statements from Development and Peace. 6:30 onwards enjoy the fantastic musical performances accompanied with dinner. *Point Grey Golf Club 3350 SW Marine Dr, Vancouver, BC.* To purchase tickets contact ammusicconnection@gmail.com


 **Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil | May.4 - Sat 8:30am**
Archdiocese of Vancouver & St.Mary's Parish
One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray for a new culture of life. We begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers with Adoration. All are welcome!

 **March4Life | May.9 - Thurs | Victoria, BC**
M4L Victoria & Knights of Columbus + Columbus Homes
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
Transportation inquiries, contact [Jim Canil at jrcahil@telus.net](mailto:jimcanil@jrcahil.telus.net)

Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!

 **Catholic Steeet 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 Rocky Railway 2024 | Vacation Bible School is back!**
Registration forms will be available on the [parish's website](#), Friday May 3 for an easier registration process. Registration day is on Sunday May 5 until 4:00pm. We will not be accepting forms in the parish office and only on registration day. We are also still looking for volunteers! E-mail Dana & Christina @ cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com

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

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Project Advance 2024 is back
our goal of our parish goal of **\$120,000**



Pledge now at projectadvance.ca

New and previous donors can donate online or drop off your donations in regular Sunday collections. For more info contact Teresa Lung tky.lung@telus.net

Christian Life Program | Starts May.11 | Every Sat @7pm *Couples for Christ | @St.Mary's Parish Basement*

For individuals who wanted a deeper relationship with God, and couples desiring a renewed commitment to Christian family life. No fees, pre-registration preferred. Contact any of the following:
Roel / Brenda Malazarte: **778-895-9904 / 604-722-8866**
Dave/Hannalee Barce: **778-317-8918 / 778-928-3952**
Mike/Tet Bamba: **604-783-6190 / 604-803-9511**

Mother's Day Carnation Sale | May 11-12 after every mass *Knights Of Columbus #13072*

Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale from May 11-12/24, Saturday & Sunday after every mass until supplies last.

Webinar Applying PR for Care Workers | Sat - May.11 @3pm *St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC*

Updates on the pilot program • Options for Permanent Residency (PR) • Requirements for PR Application • The application Process • Other Related Issues
To register, please email Resochita Arma at: resochoita.arma@issbc.org / **778-554-2004**

St.Mary's School Announcements

 **Chocolate Bar Fundraiser | Sundays from Apr.28 - May.12**
Dark and Milk Chocolate Bars - \$3.00
Milk Chocolate Bars with Almonds - \$6.00
Milk Chocolate Bars with Crisps - \$6.00
Cash only, exact change appreciated. Available while supplies last. Proceeds go towards a new school bus.

 **SMS Parent Support Group Raffle | Now till June.19**
St.Mary's Raffle Event is 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**

 **Donations** | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

 **Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30**
Non-perishable food items accepted for donation 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

MISSION ABLAZE NEXT MEET APR.30

Come join the Mission Ablaze Prayer Group Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit Every Tues @ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM at the church hall **IN-PERSON & ZOOM** For zoom link + info Email: missionablazesm@gmail.com

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci NEXT MEET MAY 4 - SAT

Next Meet: Catechesis meeting to learn spirituality of St. Padre Pio St. Mary's Parish Basement, May 4 - Sat | 9:00am - 11:30am

Online Bible Study (zoom), May 16, 2024 - Thurs 7:00pm - 8:30pm For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability NEXT MEET MAY 11 - 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 Youth Ministry NEXT MEET TBA

Last event: **Movie Night** | Next: **Event TBA**
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

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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stmary.bc.ca

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.0 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. 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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Bill Murphy | wmmurphy@hotmail.com

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND. formed.org/signup

1. Go to the formed site and Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
2. Select "St. Marys Vancouver 5251 Joyce Street"
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check your emails for a link to begin using FORMED!

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
604-435-9611 (phone)
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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