

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish you all a very happy Easter. May the Risen Christ enlighten your hearts and minds and grant you all the blessings. We have walked through the way of passion, suffering, cross, death and are blessed by God to enjoy the peace of Resurrection. Let us all be grateful to Christ for his humility in accepting to be one like us and taking our sins upon Himself.

Past week was a deeply spiritual week in the life of the Church and all of us. Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

Let us remember that Easter is not a magic moment where Jesus takes away all our troubles and pains, but it is the moment where Jesus teaches us to take up our crosses and follow him to experience that easter joy. Easter did not occur simply to console those who mourned the death of Jesus, but to open hearts to the extraordinary message of God's triumph over evil and death.

"Brothers and sisters, our hope has a name: the name of Jesus. He entered the tomb of our sin; he descended to those depths where we feel most lost; he wove his way through the tangles of our fears, bore the weight of our burdens and from the dark abyss of death restored us to life and turned our mourning into joy. Let us celebrate Easter with Christ! He is alive!

Today, too, he walks in our midst, changes us and sets us free. Thanks to him, evil has been robbed of its power; failure can no longer hold us back from starting anew; and death has become a passage to the stirrings of new life. For with Jesus, the Risen Lord, no night will last forever; and even in the darkest night, in that darkness, the morning star continues to shine." (Pope Francis, Homily on Easter Vigil 2022)

On this gracious occasion I want to express my gratitude to all of you who make our St. Mary's church a beautiful place, an attractive House of God, and a vibrant community of God's people.

Heartfelt gratitude to our scores of volunteers, groups, staff members and committees who selflessly give their time for the parish and make our liturgical celebrations meaningful and attractive. A big thanks also to all our priests who are ever ready to attend to the needs of the parish any time. May the Risen Lord fill our hearts with renewed enthusiasm and dedication.

Once again, wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Fr. Joseph



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9th, 2023

AT A GLANCE

Divine Mercy Novena

CWL Membership Drive

Legion of Mary Drive

Good Friday Collection

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Integritas: Faith and Mental Health

Schedule for 9 Day Divine Mercy Novena

3:00 pm

Day 1 April 7 - Church Hall

Day 2 April 8 - Church Hall

Day 3 April 9 - Church Hall

Day 4 - April 10 - Church

Day 5 April 11 Church

Day 6 April 12 Church

Day 7 April 13 Church

Day 8 April 14 Church

Day 9 April 15 Church Hall

April 16 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday Mass Readings **Year A**

First Reading
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(R.24)

Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel
John 20:1-18++



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ANNOUNCEMENTS News EVENTS

CWL Membership Drive

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all ladies to visit our information booth at the foyer and church basement on Sunday, April 15/16/23, from 10am to 2pm. Our council hopes to showcase all our contributions and achievements to the parish and community. Come and meet our CWMemberships and see for yourself what the sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment can do for you!

Legion Of Mary Columban Drive

The Legion of Mary is a spiritual organization composed of Catholic lay men and women who voluntarily render spiritual service to the community under the leadership of the Blessed Mother Mary. Everyone is invited to join the ranks of legionaries. Sunday April 16 from 8am-3pm at the front entrance of the church.

Safe Environment Info Session

All St. Mary's Parish Volunteers aged 19 and older are encouraged to attend an information and screening session on Tuesday April 25, 7-9pm in the church basement.

Deacon Bruce from the Archdiocese will be conducting this meeting. Please note that all Parish Volunteers must be screened to be a Bonafide volunteer. Upon completion a safe environment Certificate will issued.

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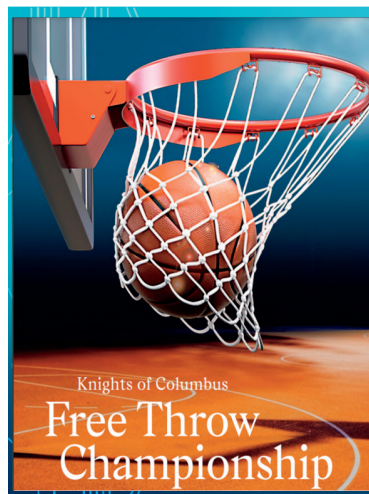
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through the Mercy of God, REST IN PEACE



Anyone who has information regarding the whereabouts of MARIE

PAULINE PROFETANA is requested to contact

Fr. Joseph Le at jle@rcav.org



Who: Open to All
Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14

When: 9:30am, Saturday April 15, 2023
(Registration begins at 9:00am)

Where: St. Mary's School Gym, 5251 Joyce St.
Vancouver BC, V5R 4G8

Cost: Free

If I Win: Go on to the Regional, and State levels

Sign-up: Just show-up & bring your friends-
Bring completed entry form

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus
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More Information :

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete within their own gender and age division and progress from local /district level, regional and state/province competitions. Participants are required to fill out an entry form prior to competition.



Integritas: A Dialogue on Faith and Mental Health

Join us as we continue the dialogue on mental health through a Catholic lens. The last session is about "Self-Care", and will take place on Wednesday April 26 from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Attend the session online or in-person at a host parish site: St. Mary's Vancouver, St. Patrick's Maple Ridge, Christ the Redeemer West Vancouver, Star of the Sea Surrey. Learn more and register

beholdvancouver.org/events

Marriage Anniversary Mass

On Sunday May 14, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will honour couples celebrating Milestone Marriage Anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at St. Francis Xavier Church in Vancouver at 1:30pm. Registrations received before Monday April 24, will receive their certificate at the Mass, and have their names included in the Mass booklet. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam

Stewardship Reflection

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money power and ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

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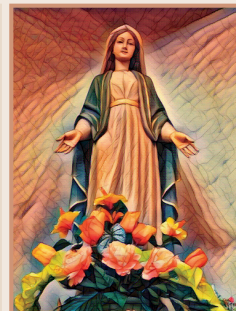
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- go to stmarysvancouver.ca and on the menu click on "Ministries"
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Come join the Mission Ablaze Prayer Group Meeting & experience the power and the love of the Holy Spirit

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

Email: missionablazemv@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.



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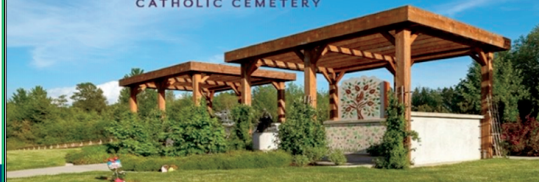
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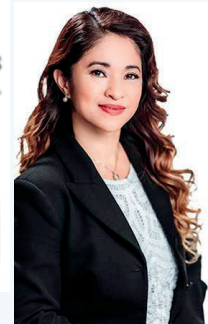


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