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PASTOR'S CORNER

CORPUS CHRISTI: CELEBRATING THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today our holy mother the church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

This feast is usually celebrated on the Thursday following **Trinity Sunday**, or on the next Sunday following Trinity Sunday. This celebration is also known as **Corpus Christi**, which means the Body of Christ. This feast started a long time ago; in the middle of the 13th century to be precise, in France. Over time, it was extended to the whole church by **Pope Urban IV** in the year 1264. Thus, it is now a universal celebration in the church. Usually on this Sunday, there is a procession with the **Monstrance**, showing Christ who is a gift from God to all people and also blessing us all as we adore him.

The Mass, **Holy Eucharist**, is the sacrifice or offering of the new covenant in the **Blood of Christ**. It is likewise the offering of the faithful, God's people, united to Jesus in praise of the One God.

Saint Paul the Apostle preached that the entire life of a Christian is a prolongation of the Eucharist, as a spiritual sacrifice offered to God in union with Christ. For this reason, Saint Paul exhorted his hearers to offer themselves as a **living sacrifice**, **holy and acceptable to God**. This is the message for each of us today as well and the heart of our religion and

worship, in spirit and in truth (*Romans 12:1*).

We should not come to Mass out of mere obligation, but because the Eucharistic celebration is an integral part of our life in Christ and our communion with others. The celebration and reception of the Eucharist should be our strength and joy, a commitment in faith and love that gives meaning to all our existence.

We aren't Christians because we go to Mass, but we go to Mass because we are Christians, to celebrate God's unbounded love for us and to participate in the action that followers of Christ have engaged in since the Lord walked among his own.

The Mass never ends, we might say, because at the conclusion of every Mass we are "sent forth," to announce the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, to the ends of the earth, by our words and especially by our actions. As tabernacles of the Lord, by receiving His Body and Blood, we are commissioned with a special task that not everyone has embraced: to be bearers of Christ, Christophers, to all people, until our final breath.

Fr. Joseph



THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 11TH, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS TODAY

KofC Pancake Breakfast

June 23 Seniors Gathering

★ **July 1** Centennial Challenge Day

August 13
Our Lady of Namacpacan
Thanksgiving Mass

★ September 22 Centennial Mass

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING
DEUTERONOMY 8:2-3, 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (R.12)

SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

> GOSPEL JOHN 6:51-59



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SUNDAY MASSES

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

HU 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Project Advance Official Launch

Donate at **projectadyance.ca** or drop off your donations in regular Sunday collections.



Parish Goal \$120,000 | Excess proceeds go towards parish building fund For more details contact tky.lung@telus.net

Christian Meditation | Every Wed @ 7PM

All are welcome to join! We have resumed inperson group meditation every Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the rectory basement. For more info you can contact Cora Alcuitas:

calcuitas@gmail.com or phone 604 339 2904.

What does "holiness" look like? June 12

Join us for an inspiring evening of mass and discussion, as we conclude our talk series on the incredible life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati! June 12, a mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's church, **6:30pm** proceeded with a **talk** & simple dinner in the rectory basement with Fr. David Bellusci. OP

> The talk is based on Fr. David's book: Pier Giorgio Frassati: Truth, Love & Sacrifice. For more info contact: fr.david.bellusci@catholicpacific.ca

Chit Chat & Strawberry Tea | Senior Gathering A refreshing way to beat the heat, June 23, 2023 at

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM. To register email or call at:

smvanseniors@gmail.com | 604-435-9611

💙 Our Lady of Namacpacan | Now till Aug 13

Every Mon & Tues come to the parish for Vigils at 5pm-7pm and Rosary & Novenas from 7pm-9pm.

Also SAVE THE DATE: AUG 13 - Thanksgiving Mass

🚣 CSM Street Missionary Weekend

Young adults 19-39 are invited to join us in the CSM Street Missionary Weekend July 13-17. Staying overnights in the church hall and rectory basement, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. To register: csmstreetmissionweekend.eventbrite.ca

🦚 The Genesis of St.Mary's Project

Any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish? Include the decade and share them at: stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS





Celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller we will have mass followed by an eventful day marking our 100 years! More info to come. If you are unable to join in-person you are welcome to send your congratulations via email, recorded message, or regular mail.

Email Issue | Impersonation - *Msg from Fr. Joseph*

Someone is impersonating me, sending emails asking for money and making other requests. They create fake email addresses using my name and access contacts from my official email. Please be careful with emails that seem to be from me. I never ask for favors through email. Thank you and God bless. -Fr. Joseph D Souza OP

🌠 SM Centennial Souvenir Sales till end of JUNE

WE have umbrellas, mugs, sling bags and handmade scented prayer candles making great gifts. Limited supply so don't miss your chance to celebrate 100 years | Thanks in advance for your support!

St.Mary's School | Chocolate Bar Fundraiser after mass \$3 milk or dark chocolate | \$6 milk chocolate w/almonds

`‡' Online Bible Study | PPPG | June 15 - Thurs 7:00 pm Presented by: Father David Bellusci, OP This session you'll have the unique opportunity to have your prayer requests personally delivered to the sacred tomb of St. Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

The Lord is my Strength" (A Healing Service) | June 16

Presented by the Saint Mary's Healing and Deliverance Ministry: Praise and worship at 6 PM followed by short talks on: morality of happiness, healing ministry of Jesus and forgiveness. Healing Mass starts at 7PM, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and laying of hands / pray-over after mass with Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP; Fr, Joseph D'Souza, OP and Fr Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP. Prayer teams will be available after Mass.

★ R.C.I.A. Accepting Inquirers

Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church? Whether you lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, join St. Mary's RCIA program! Registrations for September are now open. Don't miss this life-changing opportunity. Contact rcia.smarv@rcav.org or call 604 435 9611 ext.5 for more info.

↑P.R.E.P. Registration | Parish Religious Education Programme

PREP offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. Next PREP year starts on Sept 20, 2023. Online registration for new and returning students now open. Read registration notes for program requirements for students and parents. For questions and more information, call 604 435 9611 ext. 5. OR go to the PREP ministry page

stmarysvancouver.ca/prep-registration-2023



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact : Ruby rub.cort@telus.net

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.

PARISH RESOURCES

BOOKS | VIDEOS | MINISTRIES



PARISH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the collection of books, CDs and DVDs in our parish library? To view our online catalogue:

- 1.go to stmarysvancouver.ca and on the menu click on "Ministries"
- 2.scroll down and click on "Library"
- 3. click button to view the catalogue

Email our librarian, **Bill Murphy**, at **wwmmurphy@hotmail.com** to borrow books and other materials.

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

MISSION ABLAZE

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 ON ZOOM

Email: missionablazesmv@gmail.com

Stewardship Reflection

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and firgiveness? Are you gerous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a person relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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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.smarv@rcav.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.smarv@rcav.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.smarv@rcav.org.



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



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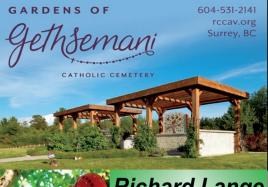
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