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PARISH HIGHLIGHT

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrates Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Corpus Christi as a doctrinal feast was established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

In 1207, a Belgian Augustinian nun, Giuliana di Cornillon, who had just turned fifteen, had a vision of a full moon with a dark spot sullyng it. Contemporary experts interpreted it thus: the full moon symbolized the Church; the dark spot was the absence of a specific feast in honour of the Body of the Eucharistic Jesus. The following year, the same nun had an even clearer vision, but had to fight hard to get the feast instituted. In 1261, the former archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Pantaléon, became Pope Urban IV. In 1264, impressed by a Eucharistic miracle that had taken place in Bolsena, near Orvieto in Italy where he was residing, he promulgated the bull Transiturus through which he instituted a new solemnity to be celebrated the Thursday after the Octave of Pentecost in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Thomas Aquinas (famous Dominican Theologian) was given the task of composing the liturgical office. Since Pope Urban IV died two months after having instituted the feast, the bull was never implemented, but Pope Clement V, the first Avignon Pope (1312), confirmed it later.

The now traditional procession of Corpus Christi was introduced by Pope John XXII in 1316. For many Catholics, such devotions deeply nourish their faith and they continue to have an important place in the Church. As in other aspects of Catholic life, however, different periods call for different emphases. Over the last century, and particularly in the Second

Vatican Council, the Church has emphasised more strongly the presence of Christ within the community, which Paul called the Body of Christ. In this vision, all Catholics are active as well as receptive in the celebration of the Eucharist. It has also given strong weight to Christ's action in the Eucharist. Christ is present, not simply in the consecrated bread and wine, but as the one who forgives, speaks, feeds, gathers together and makes present his offering on the Cross. In this fuller understanding of the Eucharist, Christ is present in the bread and wine because he is active in the Church. In the Eucharist, he calls us to prayer and reverence. He also calls us to follow his way in feeding the poor and giving spirit to the excluded and in taking up our own cross.

This feast also encourages us to pray, to wonder at Christ's continuing gift to us through his presence and his continuing activity, and to follow him in giving ourselves to those in need.

By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

As we celebrate this great feast of faith, let us worship what St. Thomas Aquinas did not hesitate to call, "the greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth My Body My Blood". Before the greatness of this mystery, let us exclaim with St. Augustine, "O Sacrament of devotion! O Sign of unity! O Bond of charity!" Let us also repeat St. Thomas Aquinas' prayer of devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament: "O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!"

May the Eucharistic Lord continue to nourish our parish community and may all those drifted away from the Eucharist be drawn closer by Him. I wish all of us a very happy and blessed feast!

Fr. Joseph



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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

JUNE 2ND, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 8 & 9
Chalice Weekend -
Child Sponsorship

Jun 21
Seniors Gathering

Oct. 19
PROJECT CANA - Mass
Wedding

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
EXODUS 24: 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 116: 12-13, 15-16,
17-18

SECOND READING
HEBREWS 9: 11-15

GOSPEL
MARK 14: 12-16, 22-26

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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

Upcoming Programs
Don't miss out on your chance to grow in faith **JOIN US!**

Hope on the Horizon - Catholic Street Missionaries
Registration Extended - Limited Availability
Calling all young adults, CSM is hosting a summer outreach program empowering those to live like Christ and help the homeless. **Registration has been extended with limited availability. Special bursaries are available for those who want to join this summer!** Visit site for info and to register

tinyurl.com/CSMHorizon

Summer Kid's faith event and day camp
Registration extended for Vacation Bible School
A **summer kids event** hosted at Saint Mary's church basement on **Aug. 9 - 23 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

To register **forms + payment can be made at the parish office.** Forms also available at stmarysvancouver.ca/vbs

For more info: cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com

Webinar EI, CPP, and OAS | Sat - June.7 @6:30pm
St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC
Updates, Eligibility and Applications on: Employment Insurance (EI), Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age
To register, please email Resochita Arma at: resochita.arma@issbc.org / **778-554-2004**

2024 Man's Destiny Men's Conference | Sat - June 15th 8:30am
Knights Of Columbus @ St. Matthew's Parish 16079 88th Ave Surrey
This year's conference aims to educate men and their sons about the value of Catholicism and how to combat the evils that are so corrosive in modern society with special guest Keith Nester! For more info scan the **QR or go to saintmatthews.ca/events**

Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!
Join us for... Strawberry Tea Time Jun 21st
Friday - 1:00 Pm Church Basement
Please register at 604-435-9611 ext. 200
Next event: July 19 - Movie, No event in August

National Conference From Anxiety to Peace July 5-7
Canadian Christian Meditation Community
The solution to the ecological crisis hosted at UBC, Vancouver, BC. Register at bit.ly/CCMC-NC2024

Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!

VBS Rocky Railway 2024 | Help grow the next gen in faith!
We are also still looking for volunteers! E-mail Dana & Christina @ cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com
Volunteer form available at: stmarysvancouver.ca/vbs

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

New Young Adult Group Meetup - Friday June 7 @7:00pm
St. Mary's Young Adult Group
Join us for the first-ever meet and greet of our new Young Adult group in the school gym. Be part of this exciting new venture as we gather for fellowship and community building. All young adults are welcome!
① Joyce | **(604) 435-9611 ext. 209** | youth.smarv@rcav.org

Catholic Youth Conference | Sat - June 8th 10am - 9pm
Mary Pattison Chapel, Pacific Academy, Surrey
Join us at CYC 2024! For grades 8-12 and the adults that are journeying with them as their parish youth ministry leaders, teachers, and mentors. To group register contact:
① Joyce | **(604) 435-9611 ext. 209** | youth.smarv@rcav.org

Donations | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Chalice is coming to St. Mary Parish!
On the Feast of Corpus Christi, At the June 8-9 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. For more information about Chalice and its mission, please visit chalice.ca

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

We are now at **\$13,402/11%** of our parish goal of **\$120,000**. Thank you for your generosity

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

St. Mary's School Announcements

SMS Parent Support Group Raffle | Now till June.19
Tickets will be on sale for **\$2.50 per 1 ticket**. Get a ticket for some great cash prizes! **Raffle 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 & 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

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**

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 PRAYER GROUP NEXT MEET JUNE.4

Join us for: **Mission Ablaze Tuesdays!**
 *Tuesdays @ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM at the Church Hall
 Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit!
 *except on the Tuesday before the 3rd Friday of the month when the Music Ministry will sing at the Adoration after the 7 pm mass
 For zoom link + info Email: missionablazesm@gmail.com

St. Mary's Youth Ministry NEXT MEET TBA

Last Event: **ATP... JESUS IS CALLING, Praise & Worship**
 Next event coming soon...
 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

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci NEXT MEET JUNE 1 - SAT

Next Meet: **In-person Catechesis Meet + free light breakfast**
 Saturday June 1st - 9:30am @ St. Mary's Parish Basement
 After the 8:30am mass, learn spirituality and Catechism of St. Padre Pio
 Next Online Meet: June 20 - Thursday | 7:00pm
 For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

Stewardship Reflection

June 2, 2024 - The Feast of Corpus Christi

"Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means we offer our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

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PARISH OFFICE

- Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Located in the Rectory which is the red brick house next to the church on Joyce Street. Buzz Reception.
- Office Phone: 604-435-9611 (phone) + EXT 604-439-9413 (fax)



Pastor	Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP	EXT. 201	CONTACT: jdsouza@rcav.org gabrielmariedominique@gmail.com gsimard@rcav.org davidbellusci@yahoo.ca parish.smarv@rcav.org
Assistant Pastor	Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP	202	
Assistant Pastor	Fr. Gilles Simard, OP	203	
Resident Priest	Fr. David Bellusci, OP	-	
Pastoral Assistant	Lorna Acosta	204	
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.		
PREP & RCIA Director	Edwin Cruz	205	prep.smarv@rcav.org
PREP	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.		
RCIA	Parish Religious Education Program. Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2024 for SY 2024/25.		rcia.smarv@rcav.org
Youth Ministry Coord	Joyce Villaverde	209	youth.smarv@rcav.org
Vanspec	Christina Reyes Ocampo	-	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.		
Finance and Property	Michael Gabas	207	smpacc@telus.net
Reception	Priya Menezes	0	reception.smarv@rcav.org
Baptism	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. Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.		
Anointing of the sick			
St. Mary's Elementary	Principal - Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff	-	office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca 604-437-1312 Fax: 604-437-1193
	stmary.bc.ca		

REMEMBER ST. MARY'S PARISH IN YOUR WILL

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability NEXT MEET JUNE 8 - SAT

D.N.A. is a men's Group meeting on the **2nd and 4th Saturday each month**, at **9:30am**, in the Parish Rectory basement. For more info contact: 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 | samsgrman@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 Living Room.
 Contact Cora Alcuítas - calcuítas@gmail.com
Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Contact Maeve Slein - mms3018@gmail.com

St. Mary's Praesidium A Legion of Mary Youth Program NEXT MEET TBA

Inviting all girls and young ladies to join our Jr. 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 or contact the parish office.**

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH LIBRARY Check it out!

Collection of books, CDs, and DVDs in our library? View online catalogue at stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries/library. To borrow email our librarian, **Bill Murphy** | wmmurphy@hotmail.com

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- Go to the formed site and Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
- Select "St. Marys Vancouver 5251 Joyce Street"
- Register with your name and email address
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