



# The Parish Bulletin.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

GOD'S QUESTION: WHERE ARE YOU?

In this Pastor's Corner, I want to speak about the first reading of this Sunday (Genesis 3:8-15). It's a lovely piece of conversation between God and Adam which happens after the disobedience of man and the subsequent realisation of his mistake. Adam and Eve take plight from the presence of God and God comes after them, as He always does. He calls out to them and asks this important question:

**"Where are you?"**

It's the very first question God asks Adam. In fact, it's the first question God asks in scripture. That suggests to me that it's a pretty important question. This question intrinsically suggests that God is always on the look out for us, He cares for us, He is concerned about us. And the answer by Adam, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself", suggests how our conscience condemns us after we have sinned. The recourse should not be HIDING from God but "I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you," (Luke 15:18).

Adam and Eve hid behind inadequate, self-made coverings to mask their sin and shame. We too often hide behind self-made righteousness in order to make ourselves appear more acceptable than we really are. If you want to change, to really change—which, by the way, is the mark of true repentance—then you must hide **in** God alone.

It's not enough just to repent of overt sins. It's not enough to say, "I admit to my wrong behaviors." All kinds of people repent that way, especially religious people with an image to maintain.

A Christian doesn't just repent of their outward sins, but also of their attempts to hide behind shoddy self-made righteousness. Stop hiding in your effort. Hide in God.

### Where are you hiding today?

Here's the second way I want to think about that question. Where are you hiding today? What parts of your life are you hiding and why are you hiding? In what ways do you hide? Do you hide through busyness, work, taking care of the kids, distractions, the things that get you high – shopping, alcohol, drugs, sex, the internet?

Do you hide in your preoccupations, dreams and fantasies. Do you hide because you are afraid, embarrassed, because you feel some guilt or shame? Are you hiding from the hard decisions in life you just don't want to deal with or from those difficult relationships and circumstances you just don't know how to deal with? Are you hiding from your past or maybe your future?

That's where Adam and Eve are today. They are naked and afraid. They are hiding among the trees of the garden. They're trying to protect themselves, eliminate vulnerability and risk. They're trying to cover up in such a way that they won't be seen or noticed.

They think they are hiding from God but my experience of hiding, and maybe this is true for you too, is that I'm not really hiding from God or other people. I'm hiding from myself. Every time I hide from myself I live, to use an image from this Sunday's gospel ([Mark 3:20-35](#)), as a divided house. The house of my life is divided. I live with a part of me here and a part of me there, but there's not the whole of me anywhere.

I wonder what hiding looks like in your life today. And, once again, as you ponder that don't make it a conclusion or a judgment. It's just information. Let it inform you, offer you new opportunities and possibilities. Let it teach and guide you.

*Fr. Joseph*



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## THE 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9TH, 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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### 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!**

**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](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/vbs)

For more info: [cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com](mailto:cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com)

**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](http://tinyurl.com/CSMHorizon)

**Fundraiser Dinner | Mon June 24th 6pm**  
*Catholic Pacific College | @John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver*  
Catholic Pacific College is hosting a fundraiser dinner. Join us for dinner, live classical music, and a keynote address by Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett, a champion of religious freedom. Doors open at 6pm.  
Register and pay at [catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser](http://catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser).  
RSVP before June 17. Tickets are \$65 each (\$360 for a table of 6).

**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](http://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

**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](mailto:cvbs.stmaryvan@gmail.com)  
Volunteer form available at: [stmarysvancouver.ca/vbs](http://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](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com)**

**Pinoy Festival | Sat June 22 8:30am-9pm**  
*PinoyFestivalAlliance & Mabuhay House Society @ Swangard Stadium, Burnaby*

Pinoy Festival Alliance and Mabuhay House Society at Swangard Stadium, Burnaby Celebrate Philippine Heritage Month with family and friends at this free, fun-filled event. Enjoy a family fun park with bouncy castles, a Grand Santacruzian, cultural parade and performances from Cordillera to Mindanao, a Filipino art exhibit, a Tianggehan, a Beer BBQ and Music Garden, and a variety of Filipino food trucks and food booths. Experience the vibrant sights and sounds of the Philippines all in one exciting day!

For more info visit: [pinoyfestival.ca](http://pinoyfestival.ca)

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

**Chalice is at 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](http://chalice.ca)

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2024** Building our Parish Community June 8/9 Update  
We are now at **\$15,292 / 13%** of our parish goal of **\$120,000**. Thank you for your generosity  
**Pledge now at [projectadvance.ca](http://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](mailto: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! **Available in the foyer**  
**1st Prize \$5,000 | 2nd \$2,000 | 3d \$1,000 | 4th & 5th \$500**

*Raffle ends June.19th and Draw Date on June 21st - 2:00pm at the school. Don't miss out and get your ticket!*

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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 11**

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](mailto: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](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org)

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** & Fr. David Bellusci | **NEXT MEET TBA**

Last Meet: **In-person Catechesis Meet + light breakfast**  
 Next event coming soon...  
 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](mailto:pppgvancouver@gmail.com)

## Stewardship Reflection

June 9, 2024 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

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

**5PM Saturday Mass** needs singers to lend their voice in praise.  
 Every **SAT 3:30PM - 4:30PM** - Parish choir area (followed by 5pm mass)  
**Ruby | rub.cort@telus.net**  
**1PM Mass** needs singers and piano players, to share praise in song.  
 Every **FRI 7:30PM** - Parish choir area  
**Sam Law | samsman@gmail.com**  
**5PM Mass** is looking for singers, guitarists, bassists, cajon players).  
 \***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**

**DNA** Discipleship | aNd | Accountability | **NEXT MEET JUNE 22 - 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**

**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 Alcuitas - [calcuitas@gmail.com](mailto:calcuitas@gmail.com)  
**Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm**  
 Contact Maeve Slein - [mms3018@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries/library). To borrow email our librarian, **Bill Murphy | wmmurphy@hotmail.com**

**FORMED** THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND. [formed.org/signup](http://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!

<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	<b>Office Hours:</b> Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Located in the Rectory</b> which is the red brick house next to the church on Joyce Street. Buzz Reception.	<b>Office Phone:</b> 604-435-9611 (phone) + EXT 604-439-9413 (fax)	
<b>Pastor</b> <b>Assistant Pastor</b> <b>Assistant Pastor</b> <b>Resident Priest</b> <b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	<b>Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP</b> <b>Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP</b> <b>Fr. Gilles Simard, OP</b> <b>Fr. David Bellusci, OP</b> <b>Lorna Acosta</b>			<b>CONTACT:</b> jdsouza@rcav.org gabrielmariedominique@gmail.com gsimard@rcav.org davidbellusci@yahoo.ca parish.smarv@rcav.org
<b>Marriage</b>	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.			
<b>PREP &amp; RCIA Director</b>	<b>Edwin Cruz</b> 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. Parish Religious Education Program. Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2024 for SY 2024/25.			<b>prep.smarv@rcav.org</b> <b>rcia.smarv@rcav.org</b>
<b>Youth Ministry Coord</b>	<b>Joyce Villaverde</b> <b>Christina Reyes Ocampo</b> 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.			<b>youth.smarv@rcav.org</b> <b>vanspec.smarv@rcav.org</b>
<b>Finance and Property Reception</b>	<b>Michael Gabas</b> <b>Priya Menezes</b> 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.			<b>smpacc@telus.net</b> <b>reception.smarv@rcav.org</b>
<b>Anointing of the sick</b> <b>St. Mary's Elementary</b>	<b>Principal - Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff</b> stmary.bc.ca			<b>office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca</b> 604-437-1312 Fax: 604-437-1193



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