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PASTOR'S CORNER

PARABLES: SIMPLE STORIES, DEEP TRUTHS

The gospel of this Sunday begins with the sentence, ".....and (Jesus) began to teach them using many parables". Parables hold immense significance in the Bible. They serve as powerful teaching tools, allowing Jesus to convey spiritual truths in relatable and accessible ways. These short stories often feature everyday scenarios and relatable characters, making them memorable and impactful for believers. Through parables, Jesus addressed themes related to the kingdom of heaven, love, forgiveness, and human nature. By using parables, Jesus connected emotionally with his audience, transmitted cultural values, and inspired action. Their simplicity and embedded messages continue to shape our understanding of God's kingdom and our relationship with Him. By their very nature, parables are simple but effective teaching aids. They wrap deep truths in everyday stories and make complex ideas accessible and comprehensible for all listeners. This teaching method isn't only timeless but also transcends cultural and linguistic barriers so that the teachings resonate across different societies and eras.

Mark records one of the first parables that Jesus used to convey His message to the hearers: The parables of the seed and mustard seed. Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a seed - small, simple, and obscure but once it is planted on the ground, it will germinate, grow and become huge. We may not know how but for sure, it will happen. More than two thousand years ago, Jesus started a small community of believers in an obscure place somewhere in Israel. When He was arrested, crucified and died, His disciples were scattered and confused. However, as soon as He rose again on the third day and appeared before them, they regrouped. On Pentecost Day, they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. From then on, that tiny community became a force that is present in all countries today.

Likewise, our spiritual growth as individuals mirrors that of the growth of a community of believers. Once the seed of the teachings of Jesus is planted in our hearts, the growth process is initiated and transformation starts. It happens little by little, in stages, and as long as we nourish it through prayers and service, we will put forth "branches" and bear fruit.

There are no shortcuts to spiritual growth. Much like the growth of a plant, it will be an organic process. Along the way, there will be storms and other problems but the growth process will continue. Sometimes we ask why it seems that we are not growing at all. The key is patience and perseverance.

Amid all the claims about our achievements, even in our belonging to God and His Kingdom, the Lord tells us certain fundamental truths about our life through today's readings: what happens in us is not our work or our achievements, but the Lord's work in us. In John 3:27, we read: "No one can receive anything except what is given him from heaven."

As we constantly try to return to our God, let us glorify our God, who can bring the seed of His Kingdom into us to its full fruition. This fruitfulness goes beyond our calculation and imagination: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Fr. Joseph



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THE 11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 16TH, 2024
UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 19
St. Mary's School
Year End Mass

Jun 21
Seniors Gathering

Oct.19
PROJECT CANA - Mass
Wedding

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
EZEKIEL 17:22-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 92:1-2, 12-13, 14-15
(R.1)

SECOND READING
2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

GOSPEL
MARK 4:26-34

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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!**

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

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

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 Anthony Esposito, a champion of religious freedom. Doors open at 5:30pm.

POSTPONED

Register and pay at catholicpacific.ca/fundraiser.
RSVP before June 17. Tickets are \$65 each (\$360 for a table of 6).

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 to get started
Volunteer forms also online 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!
Get started, contact Mildred at: **778-885-9611** or email 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

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! Last chance!
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**

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

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

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**

Winter Wonderland | Fri Nov 22 6pm
St. Mary's Annual Silent Auction Gala Dinner
Mark your calendars for an enchanting evening at our Winter Wonderland Gala. Doors open at 6pm, with dinner served at 7pm. Enjoy a silent auction, exquisite cuisine, and a night of faith, community, and seasonal celebration! Tickets are \$125 each.
More info to come. Follow us on social media to stay up to date!

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.18

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.20

Next Event: **Book Of Wisdom | Online Bible Study**
 June 20, 2024 7:00pm on ZOOM
 Learn spirituality and Catechism of the bible and St. Padre Pio!
 Next In-person Meet: TBA
 For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

Stewardship Reflection

June 16, 2024 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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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 RESUMING AUG 7

Christian meditation will resume August 7, 2024
 For more information contact:
In-person Contact Cora Alcuitas - calcuitas@gmail.com
Online Contact Maeve Slein - rms3018@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**

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 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 Assistant Pastor Assistant Pastor Resident Priest Pastoral Assistant	Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP Fr. Gabriel de Chadarévian, OP Fr. Gilles Simard, OP Fr. David Bellusci, OP Lorna Acosta			CONTACT: jdsouza@rcav.org gabrielmariedominique@gmail.com gsimard@rcav.org davidbellusci@yahoo.ca parish.smarv@rcav.org
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 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.			prep.smarv@rcav.org rcia.smarv@rcav.org
Youth Ministry Coord	Joyce Villaverde Christina Reyes Ocampo 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.			youth.smarv@rcav.org vanspec.smarv@rcav.org
Finance and Property Reception	Michael Gabas Priya Menezes 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.			207 0 smpacc@telus.net reception.smarv@rcav.org
Anointing of the sick St. Mary's Elementary	Principal - Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff stmary.bc.ca			office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca 604-437-1312 Fax: 604-437-1193



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