



# The Parish Bulletin.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### FAITH IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S STORMS

The central theme of this week's liturgy is the TRUST in God. It is essential for our relationship with God, one another and it is essential for our holiness.

Job was tested (first reading) by God at the behest of the devil who argued with God that Job is obedient to God due to his ulterior motive. Once he loses everything, he will show his 'true' color. As a result, God agrees to put Job to the test. Job did well to hold on to faith, but he questioned God's way of justice. So, God poses these questions to Job:

1. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
2. Who shut the sea with it's doors when it burst out from the womb? ....and many more questions.

These questions are found throughout chapter 38 and 39 in the book of Job. This is to stress the difference between God's power and human frailty. God wants to give Job a perspective: Trust me.

Trust in the midst of confusion, evil, suffering, fear etc.

The gospel further stresses the importance of trust. The question that is posed by Jesus to His disciples is in some way also a reprimand: "Why were you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

We all face these kinds of storms; Job also faced it. There is simply no way to get through life without them. You might be facing one of these storms today. I may or may not know about it. It may be raging within, tossing the boat of your life up and down, and threatening to overwhelm you with doubt or despair. If that is the case, even if it's not, there is much that we can learn from this powerful story in the Gospel.

"Even though he sleeps, Christ is in the boat." Even though he sleeps, our faith leads us to trust that Christ is with us on the boat, and with us in the storm. He may seem to be sleeping on the job, so to speak, but he is still with us. Martin Luther said: "When distress strikes and he does not help immediately, no matter, just hold fast, do not waver, but firmly believe that Christ is with you in the boat. For in his own good time he helps."

Christ is in the boat with us. And in his good time he helps, because it seems to me that Christ is not just on the boat asleep. He can also be woken up.

Our faith and our prayers can wake Jesus up. When the disciples found themselves in the midst of that terrible storm, when they struggled with doubt, and wondered whether Jesus even cared about them, they still managed to do one remarkable thing: They woke Jesus up.

Think about it. The waves were beating into the boat. In fact, the boat was already being swamped, according to the story. They must have been doing everything imaginable to keep that boat from capsizing or sinking. And yet, in the midst of all that, someone thought of waking Jesus up. And whoever that was should have been thanked by the others.

And isn't that the gift and blessing of being part of a church community? In the church, like in that boat in the storm, there is always somebody who thinks to wake up Jesus. That's why we need each other; why we need this community. Because when we're caught in the middle of life's storms, we can forget to wake up Jesus. But there is always someone in the church to do it for us. Our faith is made stronger by the presence of other disciples.

In fact, when you think about it, maybe that is one of the tasks of the church in the world: To be the one who remembers to wake Jesus up. We need to do this very diligently today more than before because of the decay in moral thought and misinterpretation of God's law as well as the law of the nature.

Through our worship and prayer, we can do that. We can wake Jesus up. And we can remind the world that Jesus is in the boat with us. That he cares for us all. And does not want us to perish.

*Fr. Joseph*



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### THE 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 23D, 2024  
UPCOMING EVENTS

June.28 - FRI  
Family Movie Night

July 19 - FRI  
Senior Gathering  
Movie Time

Aug.17 - SAT  
Grotto of our Lady of  
Lourdes Pilgrimage

Oct.19 - SAT  
PROJECT CANA  
Mass Wedding

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING  
JOB 38: 1, 8-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
PS 107: 23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

SECOND READING  
2 CORINTHIANS 5: 14-17

GOSPEL  
MARK 4: 35-41

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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 

**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)

**Street Missionary Weekend - Catholic Street Missionaries**

*Reserve your spot - Limited Availability*  
CSM invites young adults 19-39, to live a communal life, praying, learning, and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets of Downtown Vancouver



Register on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com), don't miss out!

[streetmissionaryweekend2024.eventbrite.ca](https://streetmissionaryweekend2024.eventbrite.ca)

**PREP 2024-2025 | Registration now open!**

*Registration closes Sept 13, 2024*

Elementary P.R.E.P. offers weekly catechism sessions on Weds evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m (starting Sept. 18th, 2024) for public school students in Gr. 1-7. Teen P.R.E.P. is for public school students in Gr. 8-12

[stmarysvancouver.ca/prep2024](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/prep2024)

**Seniors Gatherings | Save the date!**



Join us for... **July 19 - Movie Time**

Friday afternoon - 1pm

Please register at **604-435-9611 ext. 200**

**Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage | Sat - Aug. 17**

*Fraser River Heritage Park | 7494 Mary Street, Mission BC*

St. Joseph's Parish, Mission invites you to the historic Fraser River Heritage Park to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in honour of Our Lady at 1:00 PM. The principal celebrant will be the Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver. Confessions will be heard on-site starting at 10:00 AM

For bus service info and reservations contact: **parish office** or [info@aquinasinstitute.ca](mailto:info@aquinasinstitute.ca) 

For event info: [MissionGrotto.com](http://MissionGrotto.com) | **604-425-0392**

**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) to get started  
Volunteer forms also online 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!  
Get started, contact Mildred at: **778-885-9611** or email [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com)

**Parish Family Movie Night | Friday - June.28 7:30 pm**

Playing: *"Saint Anthony : The Miracle Worker of Padua"*

Join us for movie night on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Shot on location in Italy with top-notch acting and glorious cinematography, this film tells the story of his amazing and adventurous life from his youth to his death at a young age. Popcorn will be served!

**PROJECT ADVANCE** Building our Parish Community 2024   
**Update as of June 15/16**  
We are now at **\$23,282/19%** 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)

**Family Sponsorship Webinar | Sat - July.20 @6:00pm**

*St. Mary's Migrant Ministry and ISSofBC*

This webinar we'll discuss different topics on family sponsorships like ; eligibility to sponsor; documents required, fees, and common issues and any updates!

To register contact [resochoita.arma@issbc.org](mailto:resochoita.arma@issbc.org)  
**Resochita Arma: 778-554-2004**

**St. Mary's School Announcements** 

**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)  
**contact Edwin: 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!**    
Updated each bulletin so don't miss out on your chance to join. Flip to the **next page!**

**Looking to advertise?** If your business is looking to promote, we still have spaces the bulletin! For more info **Teresa: [tky.lung@telus.net](mailto:tky.lung@telus.net)**



# PARISH MINISTRIES

**MISSION ABLAZE PRAYER GROUP** NEXT MEET JUNE.25

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 more info or zoom link Email: [missionablazesm@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazesm@gmail.com)

**St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry** NEXT MEET JULY.5

Next Event: **Summer Group Gathering**  
 July 5 - Friday @ 07:00 PM at the Church Basement  
 We invite all young adults to join us as we gather for fellowship, community building, and faith exploration. Hope to see you there!  
 Open to adults 19-39 | Catholics & non-Catholics, all 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 Event: **Book Of Wisdom | Online Bible Study**  
 Next event coming soon...  
 Learn spirituality and Catechism of the bible and St. Padre Pio!  
 Next In-person Meet: TBA  
 For more info + zoom link: [pppgvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:pppgvancouver@gmail.com)

## Stewardship Reflection

June 23, 2024 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Then he asked them, ‘Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?’” - Mk 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

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**DNA** Discipleship | aNd | Accountability NEXT MEET JULY 13 - 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](mailto:fathergabriel1@outlook.com)

We need you! **ST. MARY'S 5PM 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](mailto: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** | [samsgrman@gmail.com](mailto:samsgrman@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](mailto: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 **RESUMING AUG 7**

**Christian meditation will resume August 7, 2024**  
 For more information contact:  
**In-person** Contact Cora Alcuitas - [calcuitas@gmail.com](mailto:calcuitas@gmail.com)  
**Online** Contact Maeve Slein - [rms3018@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries/library). To borrow email our librarian, **Bill Murphy** | [wwmmurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:wwmmurphy@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!

### 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)



<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP</b>	EXT. 201	<b>CONTACT:</b> jdsouza@rcav.org gabrielmariedominique@gmail.com gsimard@rcav.org
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<b>Pastoral Assistant</b> Marriage	<b>Lorna Acosta</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.	204	parish.smarv@rcav.org
<b>PREP &amp; RCIA Director</b> PREP RCIA	<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.	205	prep.smarv@rcav.org rcia.smarv@rcav.org
<b>Youth Ministry Coord</b> Vanspec	<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.	209 -	youth.smarv@rcav.org vanspec.smarv@rcav.org
<b>Finance and Property Reception</b> Baptism	<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.	207 0	smpacc@telus.net reception.smarv@rcav.org
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