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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2024



ST.MARY'S PARISH
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THE 29TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

OCT 20TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct.21 - MON
101 Year Anniversary

Oct.22 - TUE
Mission Ablaze Prayer Group

Oct.25 - FRI
Young Adult Ministry

Oct.26 - SAT
DNA | Men's Group

Nov.22 - FRI
Parish Gala Dinner &
Silent Auction

Nov.30 - SAT
Parish Christmas Concert

Dec.1 - SUN
Christmas Market

More info on events on pg.2-3

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 53: 10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

SECOND READING
HEBREWS 4: 14-16

GOSPEL
MARK 10: 35-45 OR
MARK 10: 42-45

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SUNDAY MASSES (AND SATURDAY)

SAT 5 pm (anticipated mass)
SUN 8 am | 9:30 am | 11:15 am | 1 pm
3 pm (Tagalog) | 5 pm | 7 pm

DAILY MASSES

MON - FRI 8 am SAT 8:30 am WED-FRI 7 pm

CONFESSION

SUNDAY before/after mass
WEEKDAY after mass

Catholics all over the world observe today as **World Mission Sunday**. This annual observance was instituted in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On **World Mission Sunday**, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission- work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Let us join in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!

Pope Francis tells us Mission is a tireless outreach to invite others to the Lord's banquet.

He reminds us that mission implies a continuous outreach to all people, not only by going out, but also by inviting each one in a personal way to meet the Lord.

We must go to the ends of the earth, with perseverance and without forgetting that we must incarnate a tireless commitment to the mission of evangelization.

"Everyone" The universal mission of Christ's disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church:

In a divided world, the Gospel remains a unifying force, calling people to meet and rejoice in harmony in the midst of diversity. Mission includes a special concern for the marginalized, echoing the parable's invitation to "all, good and bad."

It is crucial to remember that we are in a period calling for a renewal of strength and to be a fully synodal and

missionary Church, affirming that synodality and mission are interconnected.

"To the wedding feast." The eschatological and Eucharistic dimension of the mission of Christ and the Church:

In the parable, the banquet represents a symbol of the definitive salvation in the Kingdom of God: The invitation to the banquet is linked to the Eucharistic table, where believers share the Body and Blood of Christ, anticipating the final banquet.

The symbolism of the Eucharist, an essential sacrament, paired with the urgency of the evangelization for all peoples in this parable is a strong reminder of the importance of our mission.

As in all his messages, the Holy Father concludes by invoking the intercession of Mary, who played a fundamental role at the wedding feast in Cana. Mary serves as a guiding force in the Church's evangelizing mission, and her maternal intercession is sought out by Christ's disciples in the present.

Hence, on this Mission Sunday, let us learn to appreciate our missionary obligation and support the Church's missionary activities by leading transparent Christian lives, by fervent prayers, and by generous donations. Pope Benedict XVI concluded his 2006 Mission Sunday message thus: "May the Virgin Mary, who collaborated actively in the beginning of the Church's mission with her presence beneath the Cross and her prayers in the Upper Room, sustain their action and help believers in Christ to be ever more capable of true love, so that they become sources of living water in a spiritually thirsting world."

Fr. Joseph



101 YEARS OF ST.MARY'S PARISH VANCOUVER

It gives me tremendous joy to say that St. Mary's parish is 101 years young and is going from strength to strength. Tomorrow, 21st October, is our 101st anniversary. Just fresh from a fabulous, meaningful, and unifying celebration we had last year (one month in advance), as we look back, our life as St. Mary's family has never looked back but gone ahead and become evermore stronger. This is because of the dedication, love, generosity and unity of our scores of volunteers, parishioners and friends. Our priests who serve at Mary's have been exemplary and dedicated.

Thank you so much for being a part of this church, a house of God. It's hard to believe that another year has passed. The Spirit of the Lord is undeniable. And it's only

through his mercy and grace that this church has managed to continue to grow and thrive.

As we go forward, on this special occasion, let us lift our voices to Heaven so that the Heavenly Father can see our hearts and know how much we love Him and rely on him for courage and strength day in and day out. Praise God for all of you and join me in offering a prayer of thanksgiving.

May Mother Mary, our Patroness, intercede for all of us and guide us as she guided the disciples to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Joseph

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

VISIT: stmarysvancouver.ca/all-events

October 21st marks 101 years of St. Mary's Parish Vancouver!



101 years of faith, unity, and community! With deep gratitude, we thank our parishioners for their incredible generosity and dedication, which made our year of Centennial Celebrations truly remarkable. Here's to another century of shared hope and unwavering faith!



Congratulations on consecrating your marriages in the church!



A special congratulations to the 19 couples who participated in the Mass Wedding Oct 19th. May God's love continue to strengthen and bless your union, guiding you in faith and joy for all the days of your lives.

2024 Winter Wonderland
Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction
St. Mary's Winter Wonderland Annual Silent Auction and Gala Dinner
Friday, November 22 - 6:00 pm

The Fundraising Committee is very excited to invite everyone to the Parish Annual Silent Auction **Winter Wonderland Gala Dinner on Nov 22nd** at the Italian Cultural Centre with special guest **Archbishop J Michael Miller**. The event includes a delicious dinner, live band, and silent auctions. Ticket price is \$125 with a tax receipt of \$60 All proceeds are for the New School and Parish Centre Development Project.

Tickets will be on sale next weekend at foyer Oct.26/27

For gala reservation tickets & more info | tky.lung@telus.net | stmarysvancouver.ca/gala2024

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community
Oct.20 Update
We are now at **\$54,681 / 46%** 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

Christ: Uniting Voices, Let Us Adore
Christmas Concert | Sat Nov 30 6:30pm
St. Mary's Parish Church

We warmly invite you to join us for a special evening of music and praise as all our parish choirs unite to celebrate the Christmas season. This concert is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and experience the diverse musical talents within our parish.

For more info, please contact our parish office or visit our website at: stmarysvancouver.ca

St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar!
Christmas Market | Sun - Dec 1st
St. Mary's Parish Church

Get ready for some holiday magic at St. Mary's is hosting a Christmas Market! Join us for a day filled with delicious food, unique crafts, and amazing vendors. Don't miss out on the festive fun and we'll see you there!

Contact Lorna at the parish office if you're interested in showcasing: **604-435-9611 EXT 204** or email at parish.smarv@rcav.org

Parish Family Movie Night | Friday - Oct.25 7:30 pm
Playing: *"The Singing Nun"*

Bring your family this fall for a cozy movie night! The Movie this month will be "The Singing Nun" in which Debbie Reynolds stars as Sister Luc Gabrielle, a Dominican nun famous for her musical talents. The movie received an Oscar nomination for Music. Free to attend and popcorn will be served! See you there.

St. Mary's Parish Community Programs
Support your community, grow in faith

Non-perishable Food Drive | Oct.20 - Dec.29
Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 13072
We'll be collecting canned foods, packaged noodles/ramen, and other non-perishable food items beginning on Sunday, Oct.20, until Sunday, Dec.29 in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer.
Your contributions will be donated to the Door is Open

Charity Appeal Raffle | From Oct.1st - Dec14 After Mass
Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 13072
1st Prize 2024 Ford Escape Hybrid AWD
2nd \$25,000 Cash
3d \$10,000 Cash
4th \$5,000 Cash
Two \$1,000 prizes each week (for 5 weeks)
Tickets are available after mass or you can buy online kofcharity.ca or **scan the QR**



Ambrosia Apples For Sale October 20th - Sunday
St. Mary's School Vancouver

5 lbs bag of apples - \$12 (cash only)
Remember to bring your reusable grocery bags. Get your apples while supplies last Oct.20th after Sunday mass and if required Oct 27th

For more info, please contact our school office at **604-437-1312** or visit our website at stmary.bc.ca

We need your musical talents!
St. Mary's Choir Ministry

If you're looking to lend your musical talent to the Lord consider joining our mass choirs. **Current choirs looking for volunteers:**
5PM Sat, 1PM Sun, 5PM Sun, 7PM Sun

If interested, visit our website at stmarysvancouver.ca/choir

PARISH MINISTRIES

VISIT: stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries

Emmanuel Prayer Meetings Praise God in your own mother tongue! **NEXT MEET NOV.4**

Our prayer meetings take place on the **1st Monday of every month** in the Church, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Church Basement. God loves you, and we do too! Bring your friends and family. See you there!

Contact **Evode & M. Chantal** for more info emukama01@gmail.com or **604-767-7453**

MISSION ABLAZE PRAYER GROUP **NEXT MEET OCT.22**

Join us for: **Mission Ablaze Tuesdays**
***Tuesdays @ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM @ St.Mary's Church**
 Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit!
**Except on the 3rd Tuesday of the month; Praise and worship at Adoration after the following Friday 7pm Mass*
 For more info or zoom link Email: missionablazesmv@gmail.com

St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry **NEXT MEET OCT.25**

Next Event: Friendsgiving - Pubnight
Oct.25 Friday 7:00pm @Village Pub - 7725 Champlain Cres, Vancouver
 A chance for young adults to gather, share, and deepen their understanding of faith in a welcoming and social environment.
Open to adults 19-39| Catholics & non-Catholics, all are welcome!
 Joyce | **(604) 435-9611 ext. 209 | youth.smarv@rcav.org**

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability **NEXT MEET OCT 26 - 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**

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

Next Event: To be announced...
More Details coming soon...
 Learn spirituality and Catechism of the bible and St. Padre Pio!
 For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com
Next in-person meet: TBA (to be announced)

St. Mary's Youth Ministry **NEXT MEET NOV.16**

Next Event: Youth Movie Night
Friday @ 06:00PM - 09:00 PM @St.Mary's School Gym
 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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION *I will come to you in the Silence... Be still and know that I am God... Come and rest in Me*

Join us for meditation and prayers each week either:
In-person: Weds 7:00 pm @Rectory Living Room. Contact Cora Alcuitas calcuitas@gmail.com
Online: Tues 7:00 pm Email- for link Contact Maeve Slein mms3018@gmail.com

Seasons Bereavement of Hope Ministry

Each person's grief journey is unique, and Seasons of Hope offers companionship through scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing for those mourning. **To register, contact the parish office at 604-435-9611**

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.**

Stewardship Reflection

Oct 20, 2024 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

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PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH LIBRARY Check it out!

Looking for books, CDs, and DVDs? View online catalogue at stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries/library. To borrow, email our librarian, **Bill Murphy | wwwmurphy@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

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Tuesday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Located in the Rectory which is the red brick house next to the church on Joyce Street. Buzz Reception.



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Assistant Pastor	203	Fr. Gilles Simard, OP	
Assistant Pastor	-	Fr. Mark Hoo, OP	
Pastoral Assistant	204	Lorna Acosta Please feel free to contact us for wedding (<i>Contact us min of 6 months in advance before any arrangements</i>) For Funeral inquiries contact us.	
Director: Faith Formation	205	Edwin Cruz Parish Religious Education Program. Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2024 for SY 2024/25. 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.	prep.smarv@rcav.org
RCIA			rcia.smarv@rcav.org
Youth Ministry Coord	209	Joyce Villaverde	youth.smarv@rcav.org
Vanspec	-	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.	vanspec.smarv@rcav.org
Finance and Property	207	Michael Gabas	smppacc@telus.net
Reception	0	Priya Menezes Contact for more info on how to get baptized!	reception.smarv@rcav.org
Baptism			
Anointing of the sick		Schedule a visit to speak to a priest and/or to arrange a service.	
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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