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PASTOR'S CORNER

AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

On behalf of our Priests and Staff at St. Mary's we are appealing to help someone dear to our parish.

Our Pastoral Assistant Lorna was diagnosed last year with a rare blood disorder that, if not maintained with medication or treatment, may develop into an acute leukemia.

After having tried a couple of treatments and medications, which did not prove useful, she is now trying a naturopathic treatment along with a new medication.

This is an expensive route and is not covered by MSP or her extended health. While she has tried many avenues and applied for a number of offered assistance plans, the amount they are giving her is very minimal and is beginning to cause a financial burden for her.

Therefore, I am earnestly appealing to all of you to contribute your bit to help Lorna to continue her treatment.

Since starting here in 2019, Lorna has made a positive impact to all those who surround her with her loud yet funny and sweet demeanor I know you can all attest, she is truly one of a kind.

Recently receiving a Stewardship Award, let's remember what she, and her team at the Archdiocese did for all those families struggling through the pandemic with the "All Were Filled Program. It was her personal mission that no one in our community would go hungry, and I think that with the agreeance of the Archbishop and the members of the Archdiocese, nobody went hungry! Now it's our turn to help her!

If you wish to help Lorna, here are some of your options:

please use the **special donation envelops** placed in the pockets in the pews and write "help Lorna" on it before you drop them in the white box at the entrance of the church.

OR you can **donate through our site:**

stmarysvancouver.ca/giving

(indicate Special donation for Lorna)

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph D Souza OP
Pastor



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**THE ACENSION
OF THE LORD
MAY 21ST, 2023**

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1
Hope Aloud

June 23
Seniors Gathering

★ **July 1**
Centennial Challenge Day

August 13
Our Lady of Namacpacan
Thanksgiving Mass

★ **September 22**
Centennial Mass

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING
ACTS 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8,
(R.5A)

SECOND READING
EPHESIANS 1:17-23

GOSPEL
MATTHEW 28:16-20

SUNDAY MASSES (AND SATURDAY)

SAT 08:30 am | 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

WEEKDAY MASSES

MON - FRI 08:00 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Project Advance Official Launch

Previous campaign donors will be receiving a "Thank You" letter from Archbishop Miller. We hope you can consider donating again and for new donors, you can donate from home, online via projectadvance.ca or drop off your donations in regular Sunday collections.



Parish Goal \$120,000 | Excess proceeds go towards parish building fund
For more details contact tky.jung@telus.net

Chit Chat & Strawberry Tea | Senior Gathering

A refreshing way to beat the heat, **June 23, 2023** at 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM. To register email or call at:
smvanseniors@gmail.com | 604-435-9611

Seasons of Hope | Faith-based support group

For those who lost a loved and those who know someone whose struggling with grief. From **May 16 - June 20th** for 6 weeks **every Tue from 7-9pm** in the Church Library. For more info/register:

seasonsofhope.stmary@gmail.com or
604-435-9611 ext.0

Our Lady of Namacpacan | May 14 - Aug 13

Every Mon & Tues come to the parish for Vigils at 5pm-7pm and Rosary & Novenas from 7pm-9pm. Also **SAVE THE DATE: AUG 13 - Thanksgiving Mass**

CSM Street Missionary Weekend

Young adults 19-39 are invited to join us in the CSM Street Missionary Weekend **July 13-17**. Staying overnights in the church hall and rectory basement, participants will live a communal life, praying, learning and reaching out to our homeless friends on the streets. To register:

csmstreetmissionweekend.eventbrite.ca

Chocolate Drive

SM Street Min & CSM are asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolate bought with the last 3 months. Bring your donations to the parish office during regular business hours or give to an usher on Sunday. Please mark your items with "STREET MINISTRY". Thank you in advance!

The Genesis of St. Mary's Project

Any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish? Please share them at:

stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com

Please include the approx decade

SEPT 22 | SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 | 5:30 PM

100th Anniversary of St. Mary's Parish Vancouver, BC

The centennial celebration will begin with Mass in the Church at 5:30pm celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller. If you are unable to join us in person, you are welcome to send your congratulations via email, recorded message, or regular mail.

SM Centennial Souvenir Sales

We have some great Centennial souvenirs on sale again starting today. WE have umbrellas, mugs, sling bags and handmade scented prayer candles making great gifts. Limited supply so don't miss your chance to celebrate 100 years | Thanks in advance for your support!

St. Mary's School | HOPE ALOUD! - June 1st

A 2 part event: an hour (1:15pm) with students singing, dancing, praying & talking about their hopes & the hopes of children who live in Chalice's sponsor sites in Africa. In the evening come hear Chris Bray, a Catholic musician & speaker, dedicated to giving people hope by helping them draw closer to Christ.. At 7pm watch Chris perform original music, along with the songs he rehearses with the children that day. For more info:

chaliceevents.org/hope-aloud

St. Mary's School | Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

\$3 milk or dark chocolate | \$6 milk chocolate w/almonds
(available after mass)

St. Mary's School | Clothing Drive

St. Mary's School is hosting a clothing drive for Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver. Join us **May 31st** (school drop off 9am and pick up 3pm) and **June 1st**. (school drop off only 9am) Donate your lightly used clothing (if it can be worn on the body and cleaned is acceptable) and play your part in changing local children's lives.

Mission Ablaze | Life in the Spirit Seminar

Fri - May 26, 7:30 PM to 9 PM (Doors open 6:30 PM) AND
Sat May 27, 9 AM to 5 PM (Doors open 8:00 AM) register at:

stmaryslss2023.eventbrite.ca OR
missionablazestmary@gmail.com

The Lord is my Strength" (A Healing Service)

Presented by the Saint Mary's Healing and Deliverance Ministry in commemoration of the Parish's Centennial Year on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, **16th of June 2023 at 6 PM**, here at our Church. Praise and worship at 6 PM followed by short talks on: morality of happiness, healing ministry of Jesus and forgiveness. Healing Mass starts at 7PM, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and laying of hands / pray-over after mass with Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP; Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP and Fr Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP. Prayer teams will be available after Mass.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact : Ruby
rub.cort@telus.net

The **5pm Saturday Choir** is seeking parishioners to praise God with Song. No experience is necessary; however, music tonality is an asset. Must be able to attend practice on Saturdays at 3 and mass at 5pm.

PARISH RESOURCES

BOOKS | VIDEOS | MINISTRIES

PARISH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the collection of books, CDs and DVDs in our parish library? To view our online catalogue:

1. go to stmarysvancouver.ca and on the menu click on "Ministries"
2. scroll down and click on "Library"
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MISSION ABLAZE

Come join the Mission Ablaze Prayer Group

Meet and experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit
Every Tues @ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM ON ZOOM

Email: missionablazesmv@gmail.com

Stewardship Reflection

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am praying for them..." - John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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PARISH OFFICE

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

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3	Assistant Pastor	Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP
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6	Assistant	Lorna Acosta
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CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS

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. For details, call Lorna ext. 6



INFANT BAPTISM (under 5 yrs. old)

The family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish. For more information, call ext. 0 or email reception.smarv@rcav.org.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Contact rcia.smarv@rcav.org or call ext. 5.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



VANSPEC (one-on-one 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. For more information, email vanspec.smarv@rcav.org.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.



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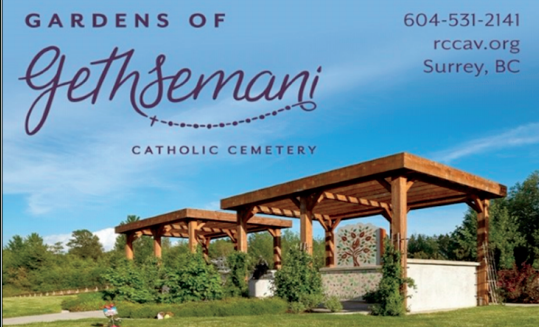


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