



HAPPY   
*Mother's Day*



**6TH SUNDAY  
 OF EASTER  
 MAY 14TH, 2023**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**In two weeks, we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost,** Jesus' promised gift of the Holy Spirit. The readings of this Sunday in particular help us to prepare ourselves to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is the continuation of Jesus' presence among us: "I will not leave you orphans" (**Jn 14:18**). Let us prepare ourselves spiritually to receive this great gift from God, that we may become Christians filled with the Holy Spirit and the "living stones (**cf 1Pet 2:5**) of that temple called Jesus. Mark the words "living stones" and not life-less stones. We are called to be a vibrant church, constantly seeking to live actively, the will of God. We are also called to be the 'witnessing' church: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (**Mt 5:16**)

We are inching closer to achieve a milestone in the life of our parish, centennial celebrations. I have always reminded everyone of you, the importance to thank God for this beautiful and vibrant place, where believers from all nationalities come to worship. Centenary celebration is an occasion to live actively in what we believe and come even closer as one family bound by the love of God, united in one purpose and celebrating our variety. We are to strive to become "one mind and one heart" (**Acts 4:32**). Let us not forget that this is the celebration of everyone and each one must be a part of it. It is my great desire that at the end of the celebration each member must

feel satisfied with the part one has played in making it a memorable event. Let us all respond generously by investing our time and talents as well as contributing generously for this purpose.

There is one more thing I wish to appeal to you all. We have eight Masses on weekendS and our scores of volunteers, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers and choir members work generously to make these masses worthy celebrations. However, we still are short of ushers, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and singers for Sunday evening masses. There are two possible ways to address this problem; one, to reduce the number of masses (combine evening 5pm and 7pm masses), second, to get more volunteers to help. The second option, to my mind, is the best as I see an increase in the people taking part in our evening masses. My earnest appeal to you all to come forward to help us. We have a participation form available at the parish office. Please visit the office and fill the form so that we can contact you and see where and how you can help us. This is also an appeal to the listed volunteers to serve more generously and with utmost dedication.

May God Bless you all!

*Fr. Joseph*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 14**

KofC Mothers Day  
 Carnation Sales

Pancake Breakfast  
 8am-12pm

**May 16**

PREP Going Forth Mass  
 6:45pm

**May 19**

Seniors Gathering

**July 1**

Centennial Challenge Day

**September 22**

Centennial Mass

**SUNDAY MASS READINGS**

**YEAR A**

FIRST READING

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 66:1-3A, 4-5,6-7A, 16-20

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SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:15-18

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE GENESIS ST. MARY'S PROJECT

If you have any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish, please share them at:

[stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com)

Please include the (approximate decade).

### St. Mary's Street Ministry & Catholic Street Missionaries: Chocolate Drive

St. Mary's SM and CSM are asking for donations of individually wrapped chocolate bought with the last 3 months. Please 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 for your kind generosity.

### 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](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/csm-street-mission-weekend)

For more information or to register:

[seasonsofhope.stmary@gmail.com](mailto:seasonsofhope.stmary@gmail.com)

604-435-9611 ext. 0

## Seasons of Hope

A faith-based, Scripture-based support group for those who lost a loved one and those who know someone who is struggling with grief.

The Program will run for 6 weeks on Tuesdays starting May 16 from 7-9pm in the Church Library.

## SENIORS GATHERING SAVE THE DATES



Fun Games &  
Potluck Appetizers

**MAY 19, 2023**

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



Chit Chat &  
Strawberry Tea

**JUNE 23, 2023**

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

To register email or call at:

[smvanseniors@gmail.com](mailto:smvanseniors@gmail.com) | 604-435-9611

### St. Mary's School - HOPE ALOUD! - June 1st 7:00 PM

Chris Bray is a Catholic musician & speaker, dedicated to giving people hope by helping them draw closer to Christ. "Hope Aloud!" is 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 at 7pm come hear Chris perform original music, along with the songs he rehearses with the children that day. For more info:

[chaliceevents.org/hope-aloud](https://chaliceevents.org/hope-aloud)

### Christian Meditation In Person Meeting

In-Person weekly Meditation will resume on Wed. May 17 @7pm in the rectory basement. Old and New Mediators welcome! Online Meditation via zoom will continue every Tuesday at 7pm. For more info contact:

Cora Alcuitas [coraaluitas@shaw.ca](mailto:coraaluitas@shaw.ca) or

Maeve Slein [mms3018@gmail.com](mailto:mms3018@gmail.com)

### SM Centennial Souvenir Sales

We have some great Centennial souvenirs on sale again starting today. All quantities are limited so don't miss your chance in being part of 100 years! WE have umbrellas, mugs, sling bags and handmade scented prayer candles. Makes great gifts and also supports our parish Centennial year! Thanks in advance for your support!

## Stewardship Reflection

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil" - 1 Peter 3:17*

The old line says, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

# PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
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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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### PARISH LIBRARY

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

- go to [stmarysvancouver.ca](http://stmarysvancouver.ca) and on the menu click on "Ministries"
- scroll down and click on "Library"
- click button to view the catalogue

Send an email to our librarian, Bill Murphy, at [wwmmurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:wwmmurphy@hotmail.com) to borrow books and other materials.



- Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
- Select "St. Marys Vancouver 5251 Joyce Street"
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

*Come join the Mission Ablaze Prayer Group Meeting & experience the power and the love of the Holy Spirit*

*When: Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to 9 pm on Zoom*

*Email: [missionablazesmv@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazesmv@gmail.com)*

### REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

CONFESSION	Weekdays	After mass
	Sundays	Before and after mass
DAILY MASS	Monday to Friday	8:00 am
	Wednesday to Friday	7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:30 am   5:00 pm (anticipated mass)
	Sunday	8:00 am   9:30 am   11:15 am   1:00 pm 3:00 pm (Tagalog)   5:00 pm   7:00 pm
DEVOTIONS	Monday to Friday	7:15 am Rosary and Lauds
	Wednesday	6:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Thursday	6:00 pm Rosary and Prayer for Vocations
	Friday	3:00 pm Divine Mercy 6:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 pm Benediction
	Saturday	7:45 am Rosary and Lauds

## 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@cav.org](mailto:reception.smarv@cav.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@cav.org](mailto:rcia.smarv@cav.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@cav.org](mailto:vanspec.smarv@cav.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.



### ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff  
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[stmary.bc.ca](http://stmary.bc.ca) | [office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca)



**Volunteers needed**

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. Contact Ruby [rub.cortetelus.net](mailto:rub.cortetelus.net)

**Volunteers needed**





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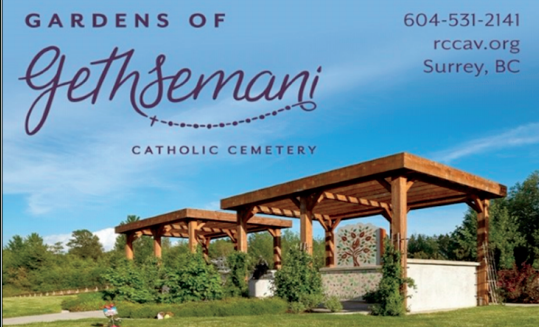


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