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PASTOR'S CORNER

PENTECOST: THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Birthdays are a joyful celebration and we take trouble to make it a memorable one for the person celebrating. Today we have a celebration to mark the birth of the Church, Pentecost. This happens exactly fifty days after the resurrection of Christ. Let us all celebrate with the mother Church the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The word Pentecost derives from the Greek (Pentēkostē), which means "fiftieth." It refers to the Jewish celebration held on the 50th day following First Fruits (also known as Feast of Weeks) and the rabbinic tradition of the Feast of 50 days.

When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and on the other believers, those who heard them speaking in tongues were perplexed and asked, "What does this mean?". The question persists even today. Many claim that the meaning of Pentecost is that we should have the same experience as the disciples, namely, that we are to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The point of Pentecost is mission: the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God (Cf Hab 2:14).

The difference that the Holy Spirit makes in the lives of those He fills is immeasurable. He fills them with a power that is inconceivable to the human mind. Peter who denied Jesus three times, now stood, and spoke so powerfully about the life and resurrection of Jesus to the Jews who filled Jerusalem, that 3000

people became believers that day. The Holy Spirit gave Peter the boldness, the authority, the truth that he had never possessed until then. If that is what the Spirit can do in a person in a day, imagine the results in the life of a person who lives every day, week to week, month to month, year to year being obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. How could they not be transformed into vessels for God's honor? (Cf 2Tim 2:21). The example of Peter teaches us that it is not the personality that matters because the Holy Spirit gives power beyond human capabilities.

We should open ourselves to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Christians should pray on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit would give them the courage and strength to share the Gospel, Pope Francis said:

"No matter how difficult the situation may be -- and indeed, at times it may seem there is no room for the Gospel message -- we must not give up and we must not forsake pursuing what is essential in our Christian life, namely evangelization."

Let us all be united in praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. May every person on earth be filled with the outpouring of the Paraclete. Today let us remind ourselves of our baptism and Confirmation where we have received this gift of the Holy Spirit and ask the Lord to guide us in making right decisions in life.

Fr. Joseph

AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

Please help support our dear Pastoral Assistant Lorna, who is battling a rare blood disorder. Her current treatments are costly and not covered by insurance & MSP. We kindly ask for your contribution to help Lorna continue her treatment by donating using the special envelopes in the pews and dropping them in the white box at the church entrance OR by visiting stmarysvancouver.ca/giving and indicating a special donation for Lorna. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.



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**PENTECOST
SUNDAY
MAY 28TH, 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 2:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 104:1AB+24AC, 29B-30,
31+34,
(R.30)



SECOND READING
1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7,
12-13

GOSPEL
JOHN 20:19-23

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 | SAT | WED-FRI 
08:00 am | 08:30 am | 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

Donate at 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.lung@telus.net

PPPG | Catechesis In-person Meeting - June 3

Sat. at 9:30am for the prayer group meeting. Learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio and have your prayer requests hand-delivered to his tomb at San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. Our Spiritual director, Fr. David Bellusci, OP, will lead this monthly prayer group meeting.

for more info email: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

P.R.E.P. Registration

The Parish Religious Education Programme (also known as P.R.E.P.) offers religious instruction for children who attend public schools. Next P.R.E.P. year starts on September 20, 2023. Online registration for new and returning students begins on June 5th, 2023. Read registration notes for program requirements for students and parents. For questions and more information, call **604 435 9611 ext. 5**.

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. **Every Tue from 7-9pm until June 20th** in the Church Library.

For more info/register: **604-435-9611 ext.0**

seasonsofhope.stmary@gmail.com

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

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. Unable to join 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

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 rehearsed with the children that day, about the hopes of children who live in Chalice's sponsor sites in Africa. For more info: chaliceevents.org/hope-aloud

St. Mary's School | Chocolate Bar Fundraiser after mass

\$3 milk or dark chocolate | \$6 milk chocolate w/almonds

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.

"The Lord is my Strength" (A Healing Service) | June 16

Presented by the Saint Mary's Healing and Deliverance Ministry: 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.

R.C.I.A. Accepting Inquirers

Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church? Whether you lack the Sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, join St. Mary's RCIA program! Registrations for September are now open. Don't miss this life-changing opportunity. Contact rcia.smarv@rcav.org or call 604 435 9611 ext.5 for more info.

The Genesis of St. Mary's Project

Any pictures, mementos, or memories from earlier stages of our parish? Include the decade and share them at:

stmarysgenesis100@gmail.com



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"
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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has give you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more " God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

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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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 604-435-9611 (phone)
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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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6	Assistant Pastor	Fr. Gilles Simard, OP
-	Resident Pastor	Fr. David Bellusci, OP
6	Assistant	Lorna Acosta
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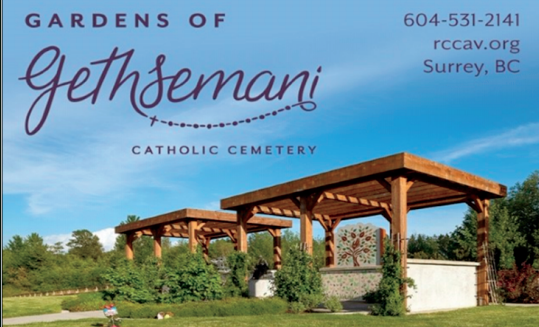


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