



The Parish Bulletin.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND PERSEVERANCE

Welcome back to the Pastor's Corner after a well-deserved summer break. We are continuing to have **sunny and warm days**. God has been gracious to us and has protected us from many dangers, especially **dangers to our beautiful nature**. He has allowed us to venture out and enjoy the beauty of nature. Let us continue to be grateful to him. **"In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind"** (Job 12:10). **"In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him"** (Psalm 95:4).

The gospel reading of this Sunday encourages us to **hold on and persevere** in our faith and prayer, even **in the face of trials and insults**. A Canaanite woman exhibits her tremendous faith and perseverance in asking for a favor for her daughter. And this attitude of hers leads Jesus to acknowledge: **"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish"** (Matt 15:27-28). Let us make this Canaanite woman our model to follow Jesus. Let us not be discouraged when things don't go our way and **let us not give up**. Let us persevere in our faith and prayer even when we feel that our prayers are not answered.

We are just **thirty-three days away** from celebrating a milestone in the life of our parish. I wish all of us could be a part of that event to thank God in the company of each other. Logistically, we cannot accommodate more than **750 people in the church**. Unfortunately, we must restrict ourselves to the above number with **minimal flexibility**. Therefore, we have decided to launch an Eventbrite on our official website on **Monday, August 21st**. There will be around **700 tickets available free of charge** on the site and will be limited to **4 per household**; the tickets will be available on a **first-come, first-serve basis**.

We are a **multi-national and multi-cultural parish**. Our diversity is our strength and beauty. We want to make this truth very much visible in our celebration. Therefore, it is my earnest appeal to all of you to come in your **traditional and cultural attire** to make this celebration very colorful. I personally invite every one of you to a short reception in the parking area after the Eucharistic celebration. The **Centennial Celebration Committee** has been working very hard to make this event meaningful and memorable. Let us play our part to make it even better.

Fr. Joseph



ST. MARY'S PARISH
VANCOUVER
IN CHRIST WITH MARY
TOGETHER IN HOPE

THE 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20TH, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 19 - SAT
Marian Pilgrimage,
Mission BC

Aug 21 - MON
Centennial Celebration
Registration Launch

Aug 22 - TUE
Sto Nino de Cebu St.Mary's
Celebration | Agassiz BC

Sept 22 - FRI
Centennial Mass

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 67:1-2, 4-5, 6-7 (R.5)

SECOND READING
ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL
MATTHEW 15:21-28



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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

Sto Nino de Cebu 1st Anniversary Celebrations Location: *St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz, BC*

St.Mary's Ministries + KoC Mass - Aug 22 | 5 pm
Tuesday, the St.Mary's groups will be hosting and sponsoring this prayerful day. Rosary led by CWL, Novena prayers led by Mission ABLAZE, mass readings by St Mary's Knights Council 13072, and mass Psalm & Song/Reading from SM's choir.

Dedication Anniversary Mass - Aug 26 | 4 pm
First-year Dedication anniversary of the Archdiocesan Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu; a special mass will be celebrated by Archbishop of Cebu Jose S. Palma.

Daily rosary & novenas with holy mass :
Aug 17 - 25, 2023 - 5:15 pm.

For more info: stoninoshrine.ca

Seniors Gatherings | Save these dates!

Location: *St. Mary's Parish | Church Basement*

Sept.14th - Thurs 1:30 - 3:30 Movie & Snacks

Oct.12th - Thurs 1:30 - 3:30 Memory & Aging

Nov.9th - Thurs 11:30 - 1:30 Soup & Sandwiches

Please register at the office in-person or contact
604 435-9611 ext 200 | email
smvanseniors@gmail.com

 **Create Hope | Assembly & Retreat | Sept 22-24**
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA
Carmel Hill, Little Flower Monastery
10789 N Deroche Rd, Deroche, BC

You are invited to attend "Create Hope". 1-3 Day event
There will be several speakers including Denis Boyd, a Registered Psychologist.

For more info like registration, cost, and attendance contact Pinky Pascual. **Deadline Aug 28. Contact:**
pinky.devpeace@gmail.com or call **604-612-9677**

R.C.I.A. Accepting Inquirers

Are you an adult interested in joining the Catholic Church? Whether you lack the Sacrament of First Communion, Confirmation or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, join the RCIA program!
rcia.smarv@rcav.org OR **604 435 9611 ext.205**

P.R.E.P. Registration | Now Open!

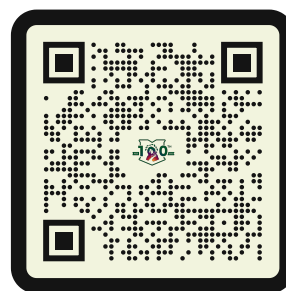
PREP offers religious instruction for children in public schools. Next PREP year starts Sept 20, 2023. Online registration for new and returning students now open.
604 435 9611 ext. 205. OR prep.smarv@rcav.org



SEPT 22, 2023 | FRIDAY 5:30 PM MASS | SAVE THE DATE

A special mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller followed by festivities marking our 100 years!

Eventbrite
ST.MARY'S PARISH



StMarysCentennialMass.eventbrite.ca

Registration will be open via Eventbrite starting Aug.21

Registration is free. Maximum 4 tickets per registration

Centennial Souvenir Booklet Named Participation

If you missed your chance to have your photo included within our upcoming special booklet we are giving the opportunity for you to still participate. For a donation of \$30 you can have your name, surname or group/ministry name included within the booklet. **Deadline August 31st Thursday.**

To inquire or for more info email:

Teresa Lung at tky.lung@telus.net
cc: capid47@gmail.com

Centennial Souvenir Sales | Available in-office

If you missed your chance to purchase after mass, souvenirs can still be purchased from the parish office during regular business hours.

WWME | Fall Marriage Retreat | Oct. 27-29

Rekindle the romance this fall and remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! For more info
beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter

Early bird special before Sept. 5. Registration closes Oct. 17

Project Advance Official Launch

Donate at **projectadvance.ca** or drop off donations on Sunday mass



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



URGENT
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

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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!

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability

D.N.A. is a men's Group meeting on the **2nd and the 4th Saturday of every month**, at **9:30am**, in the Parish Rectory basement. For more info reach out to Fr. Gabriel at: **604-435-9611, ext. 202 | fathergabriel1@outlook.com**

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 at the church hall **IN-PERSON & ZOOM**
Email: missionablazesmv@gmail.com

Stewardship Reflection

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"He said, 'For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.'" - Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.

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PARISH OFFICE

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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. 204



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. 200 or email 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 or call ext. 205.



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.



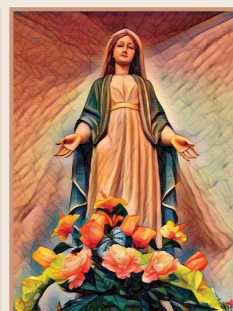
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Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.



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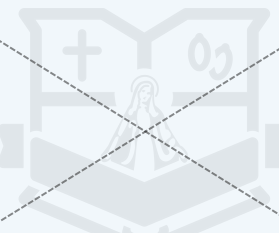
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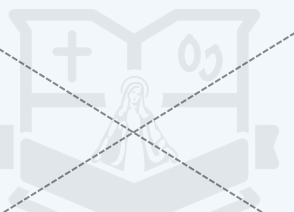


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