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PASTOR'S CORNER

EMBRACING HOPE

This Sunday, by lighting the first candle on the wreath, we are ushering in the Advent season. The first candle symbolises HOPE. The period of Advent is a time of dual reflection. For believers, we remember the historical significance of Christ's first coming. We couple that with the hopeful anticipation of his eventual return and second coming.

Three Lessons We Can Learn About Advent from the Story of Jesus' Birth

1. Recognize God's love.

In [Luke 2:10-11](#), an angel declares to the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you: he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Out of God's great love for you and me, He sent His Son to earth as a gift for us. Jesus came, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and then overcame death. Because of Jesus, we have life, hope, joy, and peace.

2. Prepare room in our lives for Jesus.

For Mary and Joseph, there were no rooms at the inn. They had to seek out a place for Jesus to be born. If we aren't equally as intentional about making a

place for Jesus in our holidays, the next few weeks pass, and Christmas will be gone.

The holidays are hectic! There are parties to plan, gatherings to attend, and presents to buy — all in addition to normal responsibilities. Slowing down and creating time to spend alone with God takes effort. If we want to have time to reflect on all God has done over the last year and prepare for all He wants to do in the future, we have to make it a priority.

3. Celebrate and share the gift of Jesus' presence in our lives.

When the shepherds heard of Jesus' arrival, they stopped tending their flocks and hurried to visit Him. As soon as they had seen Him, they began praising God and departed to spread the good news that Israel's long-awaited Savior was here.

How can we make our Christmas celebration special, unique, memorable and meaningful? Is there a way to celebrate it this year with a difference? Above all, how can I bring Christ to others?

Fr. Joseph



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3RD, 2023
UPCOMING EVENTS
Dec 8 - FRI
Living Rosary
Dec 9 - SAT
Anointing Mass
Senior's Christmas Lunch
Dec 19 - TUES
Penitential Service

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B
FIRST READING
ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 1, 3-8
RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 80:1AB+2, 14-15,17-18 (R.3)
SECOND READING
1CORINTHIANS 1:3-9
GOSPEL
MARK 13:33-37



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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 08:00 am
SAT 08:30 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

John Tvergyak

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, may he rest in peace, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Kindergarten 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications St. Mary's Elementary School - stmmary.bc.ca

We are now accepting applications for the kindergarten 2024-2025 school year. *Child must be born in 2019 and turn 5 by Dec 31st.* To apply or for more info contact
604 437-1312 | office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca

Living Rosary | Dec.8 - Fri @ 7pm

Join us for the annual Living Rosary on Dec 8 after the 7pm mass. To embrace multiculturalism, Thank you to everyone that signed up to participate in this annual tradition. We were able to fill most of the spots and will be contacting you in the coming days. Thanks again, we look forward to continuing our centennial year with the diverse multiculturalism within our parish.

Mass of Anointing | Dec.9 - Sat

The Mass of anointing is a beautiful and meaningful ceremony where we come together as a community to receive the healing and comforting grace of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. A time for us to gather in prayer and support one another, as we seek God's healing touch and strength. Join us on **Saturday Dec 9 at 11am.**

Seniors Christmas Lunch | Dec.9 - Sat **after the 11 am Anointing mass** St. Mary's Parish Church basement

Have you registered for the Seniors Christmas Lunch? There is only a few spots left, so if you are 65+ and want to join in the festivities please call the office or email.

604 435-9611 ext 200 | smvanseniors@gmail.com

Catholic Street Missionaries + St. Mary's Street Min

Donations for the homeless

Individually wrapped bite-size chocolates, new men's socks, blankets, sleeping bags, and adult clothing for winter camping use. Label donations as "Street Ministries" and drop off to one of the ushers or the parish office during regular hours.

Volunteer Opportunity | Street Ministries

We are looking for volunteers who are good at organizing events, communications, and/or would like to reach out to the homeless. If interested, contact Mildred at:
778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com

Alpha for Men - Starting Jan 2024 Holy Cross Parish - 1450 Delta Ave, Burnaby


Explore life's purpose and faith with Alpha for Men at Holy Cross! Join us for weekly evening gatherings starting January 12 at 6:30 pm. Open to men aged 30 to 55 and anyone seeking to deepen their faith journey. Enjoy dinner, videos, and discussions.



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Project Advance 2023 - Dec 2/3 Update

We are now at **\$98,528/82%** of our parish goal of \$120,000. We're almost there! Only 28 days to go before the campaign ends! Pledge via projectadvance.ca or place your donation or pledges through the weekly Sunday collection, please indicate your name, address, and contact number by the end of December to get your tax receipt for tax remittance for 2023 for tax receipt purposes.

Excess proceeds go towards parish building fund
For more details contact tky.lung@telus.net

Feast of St. Joseph Vaz | Jan 13, 2024 - Sat St. Matthew's Parish | 16079 88 Ave, Surrey

A special mass celebrated by our own Fr. Joseph D'Souza, organized by the Sri Lankan Catholic Community and the Vancouver Goan Association.

Holy Rosary at 6:40 pm

Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

Followed by fellowship after mass.

We appreciate food contributions for the fellowship

Contact us for more info:

John Braganza - 604-446-2510

Ajith Seneviratne - 604-290-6344

Mass Wedding | Oct 19th 2024 - Sunday St. Mary's Project Cana

If you haven't gotten the privilege of being married in the eyes of the church, consider joining the Mass Wedding Oct.19th 2024 at St. Mary's Parish Vancouver. For more info contact:

rcia.smarv@rcav.org OR 604-435-9611

Raffle | BC/Yukon State Council Charity Appeal Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 13072

Tickets available after all masses until Dec. 10

Early Bird Prize draws of \$1,000 - Dec.2

Final Draw Prize draw - Dec.16

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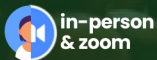
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& Fr. David Bellusci



NEXT MEET | Dec.2 SAT @ 9:30 am after 8:30am mass

Join us **Dec.2nd for breakfast** and a prayer group meeting and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio with catechism lead by Fr. David
Email: pppgvancouver@gmail.com



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NEXT MEETING | Dec.9 - SAT

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: missionablazesmvm@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION



Every Weds @ 07:00 PM - at the church rectory basement
Contact Cora: calcuittas@gmail.com or **604-339-2904**.

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CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS



MARRIAGE
Lorna | ext.204

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.



RCIA
Edwin | ext. 205
rcia.smarv@rcav.org

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.



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Christina | vanspec.smarv@rcav.org

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For infants 5 years old and younger. Family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish.



PREP
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Parish Religious Education Program. Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



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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Stewardship Reflection

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Be watchful! Be Alert! you do not know when the time will come"-
Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day., Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

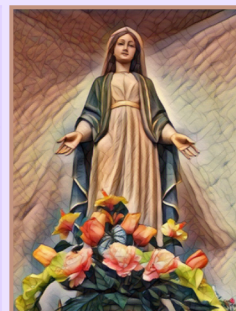
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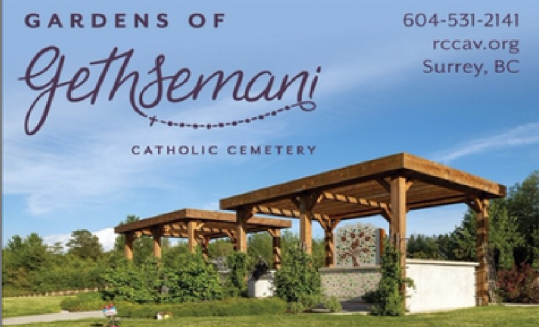
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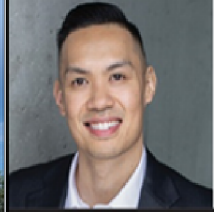
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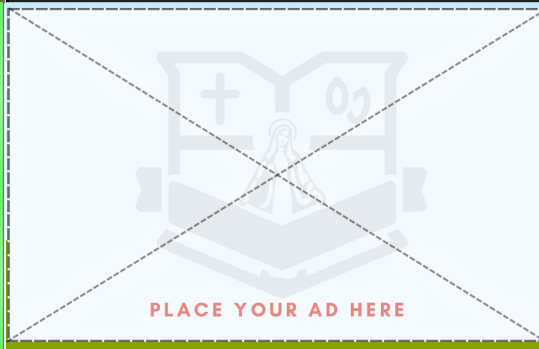
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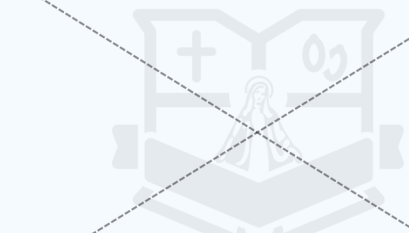


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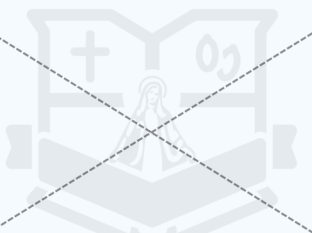


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