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## PASTOR'S CORNER

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER



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IN CHRIST WITH MARY  
TOGETHER IN HOPE

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14TH, 2024

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 19- FRI  
Seniors Gathering  
Bingo and Snacks

Jan 20 - FRI  
Mass Wedding  
Info Session

Jan 23 - TUES  
Week of prayer for Christian  
Unity

Feb 2 - March 24  
CLP - CFC Handmaids

Feb 16 - FRI  
Alpha Program

#### SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING  
SAMUEL 3:3B-10, 19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
PS 40:1+3A, 6, 7-8,9 (R.7-8)

SECOND READING  
1 CORINTHIANS  
6:13C-15A, 17-20

GOSPEL  
JOHN 1: 35-42

Early in November, Holy Father Pope Francis announced that the year 2024, in preparation for the Jubilee 2025, would be dedicated to prayer for Catholics around the world.

"I wanted next year, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, to be entirely dedicated to prayer,"  
-Pope Francis

Practically speaking, how can we live out this call to make prayer a central part of our lives? Here are a few ways we might build a consistent habit of prayer in the new year.

#### MAKE PRAYER PART OF YOUR EXISTING HABIT

A popular tactic for building a new habit is to "hook" it onto an existing habit.

If you drink a cup of coffee every morning, you might make a plan to pray while you're sipping that morning joe.

Do you go to the gym after work every day? The trip there, or some quiet time while stretching and cooling down, can be a chance to pray for a few minutes.

You get the idea. Hooking your prayer time onto an existing habit can help you build this new good habit.

#### MAKE USE OF "WASTED" TIMES

One of my favorite ways to manage my time better is to make use of liminal spaces, or in other words, "wasted" time. For example, I like to listen to a prayer reflection while cleaning my room or wait at the station for the train to arrive etc...

A friend always prays the Morning Offering on the drive to school with kids. Another prays the Rosary on his morning walk.

Again, you get the idea. We can look for opportunities to turn otherwise "wasted" time into a moment of connection with God.

#### SET A PARTICULAR TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE

At the same time, we can't just squeeze our prayer lives into the margins. If this is a concern, we might find it helpful to schedule prayer time on your calendars. Even just 10 minutes of prayer in the morning makes an enormous difference, bringing God's peace and joy into our lives so that we can feel the effects all day long.

#### USE TECHNOLOGY (WITHIN REASON)

Not everyone is going to find technology beneficial for prayer, so of course, do what's best for you. I do enjoy listening to prayer reflections as well as praying the Rosary with an app and listening to spiritual reading audiobooks on my phone.

Even if you don't like to do any of those things, you might just find it helpful to set a timer or alert to remind you when to pray. St. Dominic used to tell his brothers to read the signs of the times. Using gadgets could be one of them.

Here's to building a strong habit of prayer in the new year!

Fr. Joseph



20  
24  
YEAR OF PRAYER  
AS DECLARED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS





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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

\*\*VIVENCIO LIMBO\*\*

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace, Amen

# ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS



## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | Jan 23 Tues 7pm** @ St.Mary's Parish | Canadian Council of Churches

Jesus prayed for his disciples before his death, "may all be one," as he and the Father are one. Each January, 1 week is set aside to pray for Christian Unity. Catholics are encouraged to join with other Christian churches to heal our divisions by coming together to pray for unity.

This will be the third year that St. Thomas Anglican Church and St. Mary's offer a joint prayer service. We invite one and all to attend!

## **Bingo and Snacks | Jan.19th Fri 1:30-3:30** Seniors Gatherings | St.Mary's Parish

**Hey Seniors!** Join us next week for a fun Friday of games and snacks! Next events: Feb.16th, Mar.15th

**Register:** [smvanseniors@gmail.com](mailto:smvanseniors@gmail.com) or **604-435-9611 ext.200**

## **Mass Wedding | 2nd Info Session | Jan 20 Sat 6-8pm** St.Mary's Project Cana

Married outside the Catholic Church? Desire to regularize your union for sacramental access? Join Fr. Joseph DSouza, OP, in celebrating the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples on **Oct 19, 2024**. A cost-effective, communal celebration awaits! Join us!

### **Second Info session | Jan 20, 2024 - SAT | 6-8 PM**

For more info [rcia.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:rcia.smarv@rcav.org) or **604-435-9611 ext. 205**

## **Non-perishable Food Drive | Jan 13 - June 30** Knights of Columbus | St.Mary's Council 13072

We'll be collecting canned goods, packaged noodles/ramen, and other non-perishable food items beginning on Saturday, Jan 13, @ 5 p.m. mass until Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m. mass, in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer.

All collected food items will be delivered to The Door Is Open at the end of June 2024.

## **Catholic Street Missionaries + St.Mary's Street Min**

# HOPE ON THE HORIZON | AUG 6-21 2024

CSM SUMMER OUTREACH

A young adult multi-week homeless outreach and leadership program. Interested? [catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)

### **Donations for the homeless**

Wrapped bite-size chocolates, new men's socks, blankets, sleeping bags, winter clothing. Label donations as "Street Ministries" and drop off to either ushers or the parish office during regular hours.

### **Volunteer Opportunity | Street Ministries**

Interested in homeless outreach, organizing events, and communication? Contact Mildred at:

**778-885-9611 or email [mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto:mmoy_ca@yahoo.com)**

## **Christian Life Program | Feb 4 - Mar 24 (On Sundays)** CFC - Handmaids of the Lord Ministry

The program is FREE. Attend only 8 Sunday sessions and listen to talks and allow Jesus to reveal His call to you.

Feb 4 - Mar 24 | 8 Consecutive Sundays  
**St.Mary's Parish @ 10 am - 12 pm**

For more info:

**Flora - 778-388-1938 | [leetconstantino@gmail.com](mailto:leetconstantino@gmail.com)**  
**Leonora - 604-728-4424 | [nora.ramos@gmail.com](mailto:nora.ramos@gmail.com)**

## **PPPG Book of Job | Jan 18 Thurs 7pm**

Padre Pio Prayer Group | Online Bible Study w/Fr.David Bellusci

So you think you know the Bible? Who is Job? What role do Job's friends (*Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar*) have? What do we find out through Elihu? Job teaches something extremely important about suffering. Join us and find out!

For Zoom meeting ID and password email:  
[pppgvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:pppgvancouver@gmail.com).

## **Vocation Live-In Weekend | Feb 10 - 11** Seminary of Christ the King

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 Saturday to February 11 Sunday at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome.

For more info contact:  
**604-826-8975 | [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)**

## **We need you! Singers, Guitarists, Bassists, cajon players** 5PM Sunday Youth Choir

Looking for youth and young adults who want to offer their musical talents. **Weekly Practice** (except 3d week of the month):

FRI 7:45PM - Rectory basement  
SUN 4:15PM - St.Mary's Parish choir area

**Wen | 604-780-2830 | [seals.stmarys@gmail.com](mailto:seals.stmarys@gmail.com)**

## **We're running Alpha! | Feb 16, 2024 - Fri 7:00 pm** Hosted by FFCC | At St.Mary's Parish Vancouver

Alpha creates a space where you can simply invite a friend to explore their questions over some food, a video talk, and small group discussion. The rest is up to God. Register now at:

[forms.gle/KWarwyXdHYH2Ed5B7](https://forms.gle/KWarwyXdHYH2Ed5B7)



REGISTER

## **Secondary School 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications** Notre Dame Regional Secondary

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 - 2025 school year

**Open House | Jan 18, 2024 - SAT 5:30PM**

**Placement Exam | Jan 24 & 25, 2024**



REGISTER HERE

## **Kindergarten 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications** St.Mary's Elementary School - [stmary.bc.ca](http://stmary.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](mailto:office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca)**


# PARISH MINISTRIES

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** & Fr. David Bellusci 

**NEXT MEETING | Jan 18 -THURS @ 7:00PM ONLINE!**

## Next Topic: Book of Job

Learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio with catechism led by Fr. David  
Email: [pppgvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:pppgvancouver@gmail.com)

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**NEXT MEETING | January 27 - 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](mailto:fathergabriel1@outlook.com)**

**MISSION ABLAZE** 

**NEXT MEETING | January 16, 2024**

## 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: [missionablazesm@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazesm@gmail.com)

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** 

**Every Weds @ 07:00 PM** - at the church rectory basement  
Contact Cora: [calcuitas@gmail.com](mailto:calcuitas@gmail.com) or **604-339-2904**.

# PARISH RESOURCES

## PARISH LIBRARY

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## FORMED® THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND. [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

1. Go to the formed site and Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
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!

# 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.

 **INFANT BAPTISM**  
ext.200  
[reception.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:reception.smarv@rcav.org)

**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.

 **RCIA**  
Edwin | ext. 205  
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**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.

 **PREP**  
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[prep.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:prep.smarv@rcav.org)

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

 **VANSPEC**  
Christina | [vanspec.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:vanspec.smarv@rcav.org)

**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.

 **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 - VANCOUVER BC**  
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# Stewardship Reflection

**January 14, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" - John 1:38*

*When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you,*

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