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PASTOR'S CORNER

JONAH'S SECOND CHANCE: A CALL TO REPENTANCE

There are a lot of things that have happened in the life and call of Prophet Jonah before this reading (Jonah 3:1-5,10). His every effort to run away and run in the opposite direction from God has proved futile. Jonah 4:2 says, he knew God might forgive those monsters in Nineveh. When God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, Jonah fled as far as he could from God. But you can't run from the God who controls storms and big fish. From one end of the Mediterranean to the other, God pursued Jonah, and Jonah ended up right back where he started, with the call of God, in Israel. Now he has come to accept the call of God, though reluctantly, to be a prophet to the Ninevites. The message is tough, and one can understand the reluctance of Jonah who was without a prophetic background, to go to a great city like Nineveh with a tough and destructive message from God: "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!". Not even a second chance, the verdict is pronounced. Jesus' message in the gospel of this Sunday is also similar: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news". God accepted the repentance of Ninevites and gave them a

second chance, though at the displeasure of Jonah. Jesus' call is also a definite one but another opportunity to repent.

The call to repentance is to recognize that all is not well with us, or with the kind of world we are creating. It means acknowledging that we have made bad choices and messed up our lives and the lives of those around us. But it also means realizing we are not destined for disaster, that God is always ready to give us a second chance, and that, in the sunshine of his smile, we can turn our lives around – individually and collectively. It means that we can live in a new way, freed from the endless cycle of hatred and violence. In other words, we can live as God's children for that is what we are. This is surely good news. No matter how often we may have failed in the past, we can always begin again. Let us always remember the beautiful saying: **Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future...**and this future is in the hands of Jesus.

Fr. Joseph



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3D SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 21ST, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 23 - TUES
Week of prayer for
Christian Unity

Jan 30 - TUES
Seasons of Hope

Feb 2 - March 24
CLP - CFC Handmaids

Feb 10 - SAT
Estate and Memorial
Planning Seminar

Feb 16 - FRI
Alpha Program

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING
JONAH 3: 1-5, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PS 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

SECOND READING
1 CORINTHIANS
7: 29-31

GOSPEL
MARK 1: 14-20



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

TO THE DEARLY DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

Estate and Memorial Planning Seminar Archdiocese of Vancouver & Gardens of Gethsemani

A free presentation on Wills, Executors, Probate, and more by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Gardens of Gethsemani covers funeral rites and pre-need arrangements. Attendees receive a free planning guide and refreshments.

Saturday, Feb 10, 2024 9:30 – 11:00 am
@St.Mary's Parish - Vancouver
Register via link or scan the QR



planning.rcav.org/estate-and-memorial-planning-seminar/

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!

Seasons of Hope | Tuesdays - Jan 30 to Mar 5 (6 weeks) Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry

A faith and scripture-based support group for those who have lost a loved one and those who know of someone who is struggle with grief. Join us in the **rectory living** room every **Tuesday starting Jan 30 - Mar 5 | 7:00pm - 9:00 p.m.**

To register call/e-mail the parish office, or attend the first night

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

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

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

 **Flora - 778-388-1938 | leetconstantino@gmail.com**
Leonora - 604-728-4424 | nora.ramos@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

Parish Family Movie Night | Friday - Jan 26 7:30 pm Playing: "The Bells of St.Mary's"

Join us for a family movie night at St.Mary's Parish. This month we're playing "The Bells of St.Mary's, a story of the friendly rivalry between Father O'Mally and Sister Benedict.

Mass Wedding | Join us Oct 19, 2024 St.Mary's Project Cana

Married outside the Catholic Church? Desire to regularize your union for sacramental access? Join Fr. Joseph D'Souza, OP, in celebrating the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. A cost-effective, communal celebration awaits!

For more info rcia.smarv@rcav.org or **604-435-9611 ext. 205**

Mini-Bookcentre | Book Fair | Feb 10-11 Daughters of St. Paul & Pauline Books & Media

Explore a curated selection of Catholic books and DVDs for all ages, including titles for Lent, Easter, Communion, and Confirmation Join us in the Parish Hall **after the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses on February 10-11.** Various payment options (cash, Interac/Debit, Visa, Mastercard) available. We look forward to your presence!

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



REGISTER

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

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



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Placement Exam | Jan 24 & 25, 2024

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci **NEXT MEET TBA**

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

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability **NEXT MEET JAN 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

MISSION ABLAZE **NEXT MEET JAN 23 - TUE**

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

St. Mary's Youth Ministry **NEXT MEET JAN 26 - FRI**

Youth Assembly | A night of faith, fun, and fellowship!
Friday - Jan. 26 @ St. Mary's School Gym | 07:00 pm - 09:00 pm
Open to gr 7-12 | Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome!
Refreshments and snacks will be provided

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION **NEXT MEET JAN 24 - WED**

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

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the collection of books, CDs, and DVDs in our library? View online catalogue at stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries/library
To borrow any resources Email our librarian,
Bill Murphy | wwmmurphy@hotmail.com

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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.

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.

VANSPEC
Christina | 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.

INFANT BAPTISM
ext.200
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.

PREP
Edwin | ext.205
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.

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

January 21, 2024 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men" - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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