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PASTOR'S CORNER

PRAYER PATHS: ST. MARY'S YEAR OF REDISCOVERY



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 10 - SAT
Estate and Memorial
Planning Seminar

Feb 16 - FRI
Alpha Program

March 3-8
Lenten Retreat
Fr. Claudio Piccinini

Oct. 19
Mass Wedding

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

FIRST READING
JOB 7: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PSALMS 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

SECOND READING
1 CORINTHIANS 9: 16-19,
22-23

GOSPEL
MARK 1: 29-39

With little fanfare, Pope Francis officially opened the Year of Prayer after Mass for the church's celebration of Sunday of the Word of God.

"Today we begin the Year of Prayer; that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the church and in the world," he said, after praying the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square Jan. 21.

The pope called for the special year last February to help prepare Catholics worldwide for the Holy Year, which begins with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica Dec. 2024.

The year 2024 also should be about rebuilding and renewing spiritual pathways and practices so that the spiritual significance of the jubilee can "emerge more clearly, something which goes far beyond the necessary and urgent forms of structural organization," said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization's section for new evangelization, which is coordinating the Holy Year.

The jubilee must be "prepared for and lived in individual communities with that spirit of expectation which is typical of Christian hope," he said, unveiling several resources the dicastery is providing to help bishops, dioceses, parishes, families and religious communities rediscover the value of and need for daily prayer.

Unlike other years designated by the pope, "this is not a year marked with particular initiatives," Archbishop Fisichella said. Rather it is a time to get back to basics: to discover how to pray and how to educate people in prayer "so that prayer can be effective and fruitful."

"It will not be a year which hinders initiatives of the local churches; rather it should be seen as a period in which every planned initiative is supported effectively,

precisely because it has prayer as its foundation," he said.

Pope Francis will set up a "school of prayer" for 2024, he said. It will be similar to the pope's "Fridays of Mercy" initiative during the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016, when he visited people on the "peripheries," including babies in a neonatal unit, a center for the blind and a housing project.

"This will be a series of moments of encounter with specific groups of people to pray together and better understand the various forms of prayer: from thanksgiving to intercession; from contemplative prayer to the prayer of consolation; from adoration to supplication," the archbishop said.

There is "a profound need for spirituality," he said. And the Year of Prayer is meant to be "a way of fostering the relationship with the Lord, offering moments of genuine spiritual rest."

"It is like an oasis sheltered from daily stress where prayer becomes nourishment for the Christian life of faith, hope and charity," the archbishop said. (source: Catholic News Service).

In view of this initiative and call by the holy father, let us make every family at St. Mary's Parish a praying family, deeply in love with God, sincerely seeking His will, truly trying to live what we pray and become a beacon of hope to all "...living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." (Mt 4:16).

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 | 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

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/

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: **604-435-9611**

Catholic Street Missionaries | Summer Program

HOPE ON THE HORIZON

CSM SUMMER OUTREACH | **AUG 6-21 2024**

CSM is launching a new young adult multi-week homeless outreach and leadership program. Registration is now open! If you're interested checkout our website at?

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon

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

Now accepting applications for the kindergarten 2024-2025 school year. *Child must be born in 2019 and turn 5 by Dec 31st.* Apply/ info contact **604-437-1312 | office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca**

Save the Dates Seniors! | Next events Feb.16th, Mar.15th Seniors Gatherings | St.Mary's Parish

More info: smvanseniors@gmail.com or **604-435-9611 ext.200**

Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!

 **Sancta Maria House** a Healing/Recovery Home for women is inviting female volunteers to consider joining our team. We need assistance with household management, arts and crafts, social activities and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents. santamariahouse@agapestreetministry.org

 **Agape Street Ministry** is calling on compassionate individuals like you to join our dedicated team of volunteers! Together, let's make a difference in the lives of the working women on the streets by telling them "Jesus loves them". info@agapestreetministry.org

 **St.Mary's Street Ministry** is looking for those who have a heart in homeless outreach, organizing events, communication, and making a difference Contact Mildred at **778-885-9611** or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.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 using the link or QR code!

Friday, Feb 16, 2024 | 7:00pm
@St.Mary's Parish - Vancouver
Register via link or scan the QR



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REGISTER

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. Join us in the Parish Hall **after the Saturday anticipated & Sunday Masses**. Looking forward to your presence!
Various payment options (cash, Interac/Debit, Visa, Mastercard) available.

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 Sat - Feb 11 Sun Seminary of Christ the King

There will be a Vocation Live-In 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

St. Mary's Parish Mission | March 3-8 FBy Fr. Claudio Piccinini, C.P.

Seize the opportunity, feel God's presence in your life. Mar.3 Retreat Mass | Mar.4-8 Monday through Friday there are 2 sessions + mass daily; one at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm. For more info or to volunteer contact either:
Mildred | **778-885-9611**
Parish office | reception.smarv@rcav.org / **604-435-9611 ext. 0**

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**

Donations | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

 **CSM | Homeless winter supplies**
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.

 **Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30**
Canned goods, packaged noodles/ramen, and other non-perishable food items until in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer. *St.Mary's Council 13072*
All collected food items will be delivered to The Door Is Open at the end of June 2024.

PARISH MINISTRIES

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci
NEXT MEET FEB 15 - THU

Online Bible Study Feb. 15, 2024, Thurs @ 7:00 pm (ZOOM)
 Learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio with catechism led by Fr. David
 For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability
NEXT MEET FEB 10 - 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 30 - 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 TBA

A space where youth can make memories, ask deep questions, and learn how to grow in the faith with the fellowship of your friends!
Open to gr 7-12 | Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
*I will come to you in the Silence...
 Be still and know that I am God...
 Come and rest in Me*
EVERY TUE & WED

Join us for meditation and prayers once a week either:
In-person: Wednesday 7:00 pm @ Rectory Basement.
 Contact Cora Alcuitas - calcuitas@gmail.com
Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm
 Contact Maeve Slein - mms3018@gmail.com

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

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND. 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.

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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 website: stmarys.bc.ca

Stewardship Reflection

February 4, 2024 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

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