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STRENGTH IN TRANSFORMATION

On this second Sunday of Lent, we are invited by the Lord to take up a journey to mount Tabor to witness His Transfiguration, a pre-figuration of His impending glory and ours as well. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to reaffirm the will of the Father for his Son regarding suffering, cross, death and resurrection. God's secondary aim was to strengthen the faith of His disciples so that they may not drift away on the face of his suffering and death, rather look beyond Good Friday to Easter Sunday. A third aim was to give us a hope that our sufferings will be turned into glory and He, after our earthly lives "will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Phil 3:21).

(1) Our lives are transformed by every sacrament we receive: Baptism, for example, transforms us into children of God and heirs of heaven while Confirmation transforms us into brave witnesses of and warriors for Christ and Reconciliation transforms sinners into saints.

(2) The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the Source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transformed into the crucified and risen, living body and blood of Jesus by transubstantiation. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in

their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our Source of strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the Source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do better by humble and selfless service to others.

(3) Christ's Transfiguration gives us the message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, pain and suffering, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son." Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to Jesus in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross, and finally may share the glory of his second "transfiguration," namely, his Resurrection.

In this year that is dedicated to prayer, in preparation to the jubilee 2025, let us try to climb the mountain to be with the Lord in prayer so that He may transform our lives like His own.

Fr. Joseph



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2
PPPG Meetup

March 3-8
Lenten Retreat
Fr. Claudio Piccinini

March 15-16
CSM Annual
Sleep Out

Oct.19
Mass Wedding

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING
GENESIS 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13,
15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

SECOND READING
ROMANS 8: 31B-34

GOSPEL
MARK 9: 2-10

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2024 YEAR OF PRAYER AS DECLARED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

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



This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights

Development and Peace | Caritas Canada

This year, the Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Please do this by:

1. Donate online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, (5th Sunday of Lent). Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
2. Learn more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at devp.org/lent/resources

For more info contact **Rosanna** at **604-432-7322**



Line Dancing | Thursdays - 2pm - 4pm

Catholic Women's League

CWL is hosting weekly line dancing sessions every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm at the church basement. Don't miss out on a great opportunity of friendship, fun, and exercise.

Suggested donation of \$2 | Enter through Euclid Ave basement entrance



Christian Life Program | Feb 4 - Mar 24 (On Sundays)

CFC - Handmaids of the Lord Ministry | @St.Mary's Parish

Free to attend, every Sunday. Listen to talks and allow Jesus to reveal His call to you.

Every Sunday
till Mar.24
@10 am - 12 pm



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



Kindergarten 2024-2025 | Accepting Applications

St.Mary's Elementary School - stmarys.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**



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):

THURS 7:30PM - Rectory basement
SUN 4:15PM - St.Mary's Parish choir area

Wen | **604-780-2830 | seals.stmarys@gmail.com**



Volunteer Opportunities | Let's make an impact!



Catholic Steet Missionaries wants you!

Are you looking to improve your skills in project management, event planning, marketing, designing, and have a heart to serve the home homeless? We want you!

778-885-9611 or email mmoy_ca@yahoo.com



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**

Looking to advertise? If your business is looking to promote, we still have spaces the bulletin! For more info **Teresa: tky.lung@telus.net**



**St. Mary's
Parish Mission**
A LENTEN RETREAT
By Fr. Claudio Piccinini, C.P.

**March
3-8**

**Don't miss out and seize the opportunity,
feel God's presence in your life.**

Mar.3 Retreat Mass
7:00 pm

Mar.4-8 From Mon - Fri
2 sessions + daily mass @ 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

For more info contact the Parish Office
reception.smarv@rcav.org / 604-435-9611 ext. 0



Stations of the Cross | Every Friday

6:30pm followed by 7:00pm Mass | St. Mary's Parish



Upcoming events from CSM!

Catholic Street Missionaries

Annual Sleep Out 2024 | Mar 15-16

We invite everyone to be part of a movement that can make a change. A true sacrifice by experiencing what it's like to be homeless and spend one night outside in the cold. Check:

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/events

Hope on the Horizon | Summer Program | Aug 6-21

Calling all young adults, a summer full of spiritual enrichment is waiting! CSM is hosting a summer outreach program empowering those to live like Christ and help the homeless.

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon



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

Label donations as "Street Ministries" and drop off to either ushers or the parish office during regular hours.



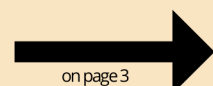
Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30

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.

Check out our Ministries!

St.Mary's offers a diverse range of faith groups, for all ages to get involved with and grow in Christ.



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PARISH MINISTRIES

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci **NEXT MEET MAR 2 - SAT**

Join us for breakfast on March 2, Sat at 9:30am at the church basement (after the 8:30am mass) and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio as we observe Lent with guidance and catechism.

Next Zoom Meet: March 21, Wed | 7:00pm – 8:30pm
For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@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!
Joyce | (604) 435-9611 ext. 209 | youth.smarv@rcav.org

DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability **NEXT MEET MAR 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 **NEXT MEET FEB 27 - 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

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

Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium A Legion of Mary Youth Program

Inviting youths (and their parents/guardians) ages 6 - 18 years old to join the Our Lady of Fatima Junior Praesidium.

Guided by senior legionaries, learn about prayers, works of the Legion, and deepen your relationship to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
If interested, we have a sign-up sheet at the foyer!

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
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 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.

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - VANCOUVER BC
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS
Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.

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.

VANSPEC Christina | vanspec.smarv@rcav.org
1-on-1 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.

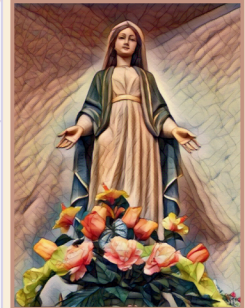
Stewardship Reflection
February 25, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Lent
""Here I am!" he answered." -Genesis 22:11
It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.
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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!

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Located in the Rectory which is the red brick house next to the church on Joyce Street. Buzz Reception.

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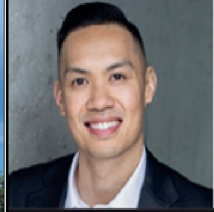
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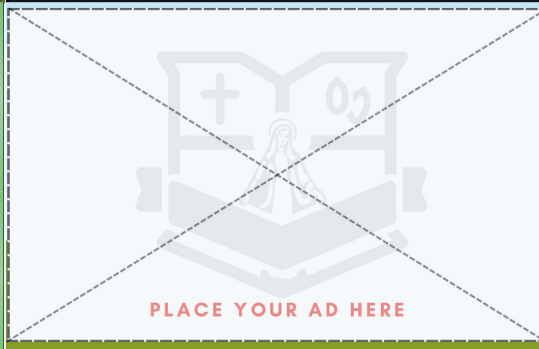
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