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ST. MARY'S PARISH MISSION RETURNS

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH THIS LENT WITH FR. CLAUDIO!

While the pandemic forced a delay, we're thrilled to announce its much-anticipated return of the St.Mary's Parish Mission Lenten retreat! Led by the esteemed Fr. Claudio Piccinini, C.P., this retreat offers a powerful opportunity to deepen your faith and reconnect with the divine during this sacred season.

A Yearning for Something More?

As we navigate the daily hustle and bustle, it's easy to feel a disconnect from our spiritual core. This Lenten retreat provides a sanctuary – a space to step back, reflect, and rekindle the flame of faith within us.

A Week of Renewal and Reflection

The retreat commences on March 3rd with a special retreat Mass at 7:00 pm. This sets the tone for a week dedicated to personal growth and spiritual enrichment. From March 4th to 8th, two daily sessions will be offered, each starting with a Mass. Both the morning session at 8:00 am and the evening session at 7:00 pm feature thought-provoking lectures and an opportunity for reflection.

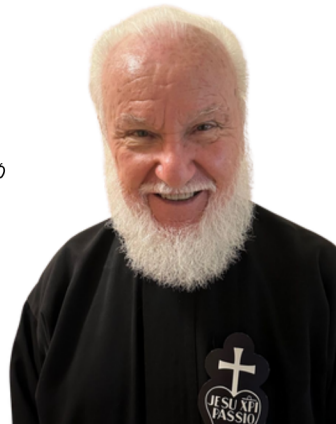
Fr. Piccinini, known for his insightful and engaging presentations, will guide you on a journey of exploration through themes

that resonate deeply during Lent. Be prepared to delve into scripture, deepen your understanding of faith practices, and discover ways to integrate your beliefs more meaningfully into your daily life.

A Journey Towards Easter

This retreat isn't just about enriching your personal connection with God; it's about preparing your heart for the most significant celebration in the liturgical year - Easter.

Fr. Claudio
Piccinini



Don't miss this chance to embark on a transformative journey of faith!

For more info and to join, please contact the Parish Office:

- **Email:** reception.smarv@rcav.org
- **Phone:** 604-435-9611 ext. 200



ST.MARY'S PARISH
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IN CHRIST WITH MARY
TOGETHER IN HOPE

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3RD, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
EXODUS 20: 1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
19: 8, 9, 10 (R. JN6:68)

SECOND READING
1 CORINTHIANS 1: 22-25++

GOSPEL
JOHN 2: 13-25

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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

 **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.

Financial support offered | Special bursaries are available!

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon

 **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

 **Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!**

Friday, March 15th – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Next dates: Apr 19th, May 17th, Jun 21st

To Register contact the parish office:

604-435-9611 ext.200

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

 **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



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



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.



Development & Peace | Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our Mini-magazine and watch the video at **devp.org/lent**



Knights of Columbus Food Drive | Now till - June 30

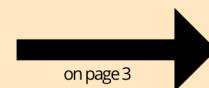
Canned goods, packaged noodles/ramen, and other non-perishable food items until in specially marked boxes located in the Church foyer. *St.Mary's Council 13072*

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 21 - WED**

Next Zoom Meet: March 21, Wed | 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Join us online via zoom, and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio.
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 MAR 5 - 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

ST. MARY'S 5PM YOUTH CHOIR *We need you!* **EVERY THU* & SUN***

We're looking for young adults who want to offer their musical talents (singers, guitarists, bassists, cajon players). Weekly practice
THURS 7:30PM - Rectory basement
SUN 4:15PM - St. Mary's Parish choir area
*Except 3d week of the month
Wen | 604-780-2830 | seals.stmarys@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.

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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stmary.bc.ca

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.

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.

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

March 3, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "fods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much arder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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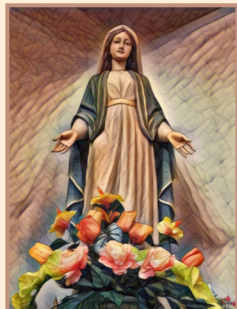
1. Go to the formed site and Search by postal code: V5R 4G8
2. Select "St. Marys Vancouver 5251 Joyce Street"
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check your emails for a link to begin using FORMED!

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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
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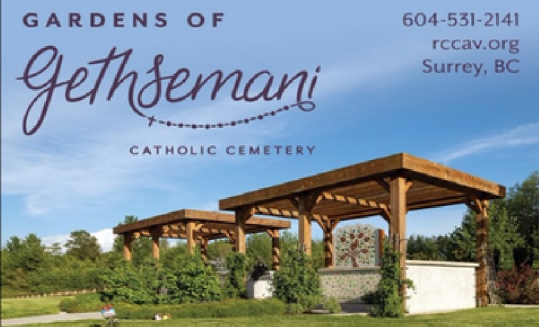
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