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## PASTOR'S CORNER

FROM ATHEISM TO THE ALTAR: THE JOURNEY OF FR. GABRIEL DE CHADARÉVIAN

Father Gabriel (Gabriel de Chadarévian) is a religious priest belonging to the Order of Preachers (O.P.) or Dominican Friars. His faith journey led him to reject his childhood Catholic upbringing at the age of fifteen while still in his country of origin, Lebanon.

He became a militant atheist while studying biochemistry at the American University of Beirut. This is where the Lord Jesus Christ converted Him in 1972 through the witness of university students.

He became an ardent Pentecostal. But he reverted to the Catholic Church through the dazzling discovery of the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. He also experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1972 which turned his life around giving him the grace of an ardent relationship of friendship and love of Jesus Christ.

Having emigrated to Canada at the age of twenty-three in 1975, he worked for six years in the Ottawa area, got his B.Ph. in philosophy at the Dominican University in Ottawa and then joined the Dominicans in 1983. He has a Licentiate in Theology.

Ordained to the priesthood in Montreal in 1990, he was sent to France for his doctoral studies in theology, with a specialization in the early Church Fathers.

Back at Dominican University in Ottawa, he taught theology for five years. In 2003, he was

sent to Sudbury with three other Dominicans. Three years later, he was asked by his Canadian Provincial (his superior in Canada) to go to Vancouver. This is where he has been since August 2006.

Having ministered to students at St. Mark's College at UBC for one year, he was the Chaplain and part-time professor of theology at Redeemer Pacific College (RPC) in Langley from 2008-2011.

Father Gabriel loves preaching, teaching, giving retreats and Life in the Spirit Seminars. He lives in community in Vancouver with 5 other Dominican priests, at St. Mary's Parish. Fr. Gabriel has been full-time assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver since 2011 and he is such a wonderful part of our team.



**Today, we wanted to spotlight him as he celebrates his 72nd Birthday!** Fr. Gabriel, we wish you continued blessings, Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for St. Mary's. Happy Blessed Birthday to you!



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | LAETARE

MARCH 10TH, 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15-16  
CSM Annual Sleep Out

March 19  
Parish Penitential Service

March 29  
LIVE Way of the Cross

Oct. 19  
Mass Wedding - Project Cana

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

FIRST READING  
2 CHRONICLES 36: 14-16, 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
137: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING  
EPHESIANS 2: 4-10

GOSPEL  
JOHN 3: 14-21

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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

\*\*FELIPA GARCIA & ENEDINA BONUS\*\*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they 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](http://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.

Deadline to apply on April. 30th Don't miss out!

### Financial support offered | Special bursaries are available!

Visit our website and contact us for more info

[catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)

### ♥ Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!

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

Wear **green** to celebrate St Patrick's Day!  
Friday, March 15th 1:00-3:00 pm in Church basement. Coffee and snacks provided.

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](http://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](tel:6044371312) | [office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca](mailto: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](tel:7788859611) or [email mmoy\\_ca@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@agapestreetministry.org)

 **Stations of the Cross | Every Friday**  
6:30pm followed by 7:00pm Mass | St. Mary's Parish

 **Lend your musical talents to the Lord!**  
St.Mary's 1PM Sunday Mass Choir

The 1pm Choir is seeking a pianist and singers who have a heart to worship God in song. Rehearsals every Friday at 7:30pm.

**Contact: Sam | [samsgrman@gmail.com](mailto:samsgrman@gmail.com)**

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

 **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](mailto:rcia.smarv@rcav.org) or [604-435-9611 ext. 205](tel:6044359611)

 **Donations** | Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

 **Development & Peace | Reaping our rights**  
**Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia**

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karmo Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://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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 **Looking to advertise?** If your business is looking to promote, we still have spaces the bulletin! For more info **Teresa: [tky.lung@telus.net](mailto:tky.lung@telus.net)**

# PARISH MINISTRIES

**St. Mary's Youth Ministry** NEXT MEET  
MAR 22 - FRI

March 22nd @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm | Stations of the cross.  
April 19 @ 6:00pm – 8:30pm | Movie Night | Elemental

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](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org)

**PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP** & Fr. David Bellusci NEXT MEET  
MAR 21 - THU

**Next Zoom Meet: March 21, Thu | 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](mailto:pppgvancouver@gmail.com)

**DNA** Discipleship | aNd | Accountability NEXT MEET  
MAR 23 - 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 MEET  
MAR 12 - 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: [missionablazesmvg@gmail.com](mailto:missionablazesmvg@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](mailto:calcuitas@gmail.com)  
**Online: Tuesday 7:00 pm**  
Contact Maeve Slein - [mms3018@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
Principal: Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff  
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[office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca)  
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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.

**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.

**PREP**  
Edwin | ext.205  
[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)

**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 10, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increased time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater church.

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## PARISH RESOURCES

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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!

### PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours:  
Monday to Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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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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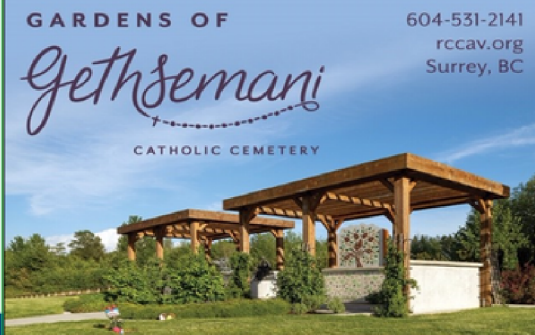
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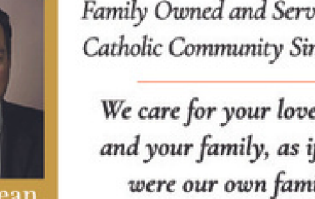


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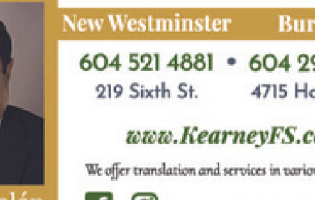
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