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PASTOR'S CORNER

HOLY WEEK: TIME OF SPECIAL GRACE

Dear Parishioners,

We are in the Holy Week. These are the most profound and meaningful days of our faith. During these days we are called to "watch and pray" (Mt 26:41) with the Lord and be the partakers in His agony, suffering, cross, death and resurrection. The purpose of Holy Week is to reenact, relive, and participate in the passion of Jesus Christ.

I would like to give you all an overview of what we will be celebrating in this Holy Week.

The days of the Holy Week are:
Palm Sunday (or Passion Sunday)
Holy Thursday (or Maundy Thursday)
Good Friday
Holy Saturday

The time from sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Day is also known as the **Triduum**, which means "three days." Holy Week observances began in Jerusalem in the earliest days of the Church, when devout people traveled to Jerusalem at Passover to reenact the events of the week leading up to the Resurrection.

We celebrate the following events in the week before Easter:

- **Palm Sunday** (or Passion Sunday), the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem,
- **Holy Thursday** (or Maundy Thursday), the institution of Eucharist, call to service and institution of the priesthood
- **Good Friday**, the arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus Christ
- **Holy Saturday**, the Sabbath on which Jesus rested in the grave
- **Easter Vigil**

The entire liturgical year culminates in the Easter Vigil, an ancient liturgy celebrated on the night before Easter Sunday. It was initially an all-night vigil that started in the middle of the night and didn't end until the first rays of dawn when the celebration of Mass began.

The Easter Vigil is the longest service of the year, for good reason. It's filled with powerful scripture and beautiful liturgical traditions.

It's also when the Church grows, since the Easter Vigil is the night when catechumens can receive the Catholic sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion on the same night.

The Easter Vigil is a one-of-a-kind Mass, more different than a regular Sunday liturgy than any other Mass of the year.

Holy Week's indelible mark

Holy father Pope Francis, addressing the Confraternities who prepare the Holy Week celebrations, encouraged them to ensure that the experience of Holy Week "leaves an indelible and permanent mark" on those who participate, reminding them that the re-enactment of Jesus' Passion "is not a spectacle, but a proclamation of our salvation" and "for this reason it must leave its mark."

Love of God and neighbour

It is especially important during Holy Week to spend time devoted to prayer, listening to the Word of God, following the example of the Good Samaritan caring for our wounded sisters and brothers. The Pope said, "Love of God and love of neighbour are one love...In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another."

Opening our hearts to others

Holy Week marks "a time of grace that the Lord gives us so that we may open the doors of our hearts" and our communities, the Pope recalls, and go out to meet Jesus and others, also to bring the light and joy of our faith. He encouraged everyone to go forth with love and with God's tenderness, respect and patience, "knowing that we offer our hands, our feet, our hearts, but that it is God who guides us and shows us the way."

I wish all of us a fruitful and grace filled Holy Week.

Fr. Joseph



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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 24TH, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29
LIVE Way of the Cross

March 30
Easter Vigil

March 31
Easter Sunday

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR B

PROCESSION
MARK 11: 1-10 OR
JOHN 12: 12-16

FIRST READING
ISAIAH 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
PSALMS 22: 8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24

SECOND READING
PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

GOSPEL
MARK 14: 1 - 15: 47

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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

****FAITHFULLY DEPARTED****

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace, Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATES | NEWS | EVENTS

SMS Parent Support Group Raffle | Mar.25 - June.19 St. Mary's Fundraising Team | Raffle license # 148639

St Mary's Raffle Event are back! Tickets will be on sale starting March 25th for **\$2.50 per 1 ticket**. Get a ticket for some great cash prizes! *Raffle starts March.25 and ends June.19th and Draw Date on June 21st - 2:00pm at the school.*

1st Prize \$5,000 | 2nd \$2,000 | 3d \$1,000 | 4th and 5th \$500

All proceeds are for the development project of the school. Thank you for your support and good luck!!

Divine Mercy Sunday | April. 7th St. Mary's Parish

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th, a day of profound mercy and forgiveness as revealed to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Join us in embracing the boundless love of our Lord through Confession and Holy Communion. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the depth of His mercy. **Novena Schedule in foyer**

Half-Day Recollection | April. 13th - Saturday @ 9:00 am Our Lady of the Assumption Church & Fr. David Bellusci

The Recollection will start with a Mass, followed by two talks on Jesus: Sacred Heart and The Sacred Mass, and culminate the event with a Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 12 noon. We hope you can join us. For more info, call Nette A. at **604-837-3184** or email GuardofHonor.Vancouver@shaw.ca

Hosted by the Guards of Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Association and the Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace Praesidium

Upcoming events from CSM! Catholic Street Missionaries **Deadline | April.30** *Don't miss out!*

Hope on the Horizon | Summer Outreach 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 for those who want to join this summer!

Visit our website and contact us for more info

catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon

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

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE ST. MARY'S 2024

PALM SUNDAY MASS MAR. 24

Mar.23 | 5 pm anticipated
Mar.24 | 8 am, 9:30 am,
11:15 am, 1 pm, 3 pm,
5 pm, 7 pm

confessions: before and after each mass

GOOD FRIDAY MAR 29

Live Stations of the Cross
10:00 am - 12 pm
Mass | 3 pm
Mass | 6 pm

We will be hosting a live reenactment of Jesus' journey, live in front of the Church 10:00 am onwards.

Join us as we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion as we prepare for Easter.

confessions:
10am - 12pm,
1:30pm - 2:45pm,
after 3pm mass - 6pm,
after 6pm mass - 9:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY MAR.28

Mass | 5:30 pm
Mass + Washing of the feet | 7:30 pm
Adoration | 8:30 pm - 10 pm

confessions: 4pm - 5:15pm,
after 5:30pm mass - 7:15pm,
after 7:30pm mass - 10pm

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY MAR 30

Easter Vigil Mass
9 pm
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confessions: 4pm - 6pm

EASTER SUNDAY MAR 31

Mass | 8 am, 9:30 am,
11:15 am, 1 pm,
3 pm, 5 pm,
No 7pm mass

no confessions

Seniors Gatherings | Save the dates!

Next dates: Apr 19th, May 17th, Jun 21st
To Register contact the parish office:
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.

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



St. Mary's Youth Ministry

NEXT MEET
APR 19 - FRI

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



PADRE PIO
PRAYER GROUP & Fr. David Bellusci

NEXT MEET
TBA

Previous Topic: Book of Proverbs
Join us online via zoom, and learn the spirituality of St. Padre Pio.
For more info + zoom link: pppgvancouver@gmail.com



We need you!



1PM Mass needs singers and piano players, to share praise in song.
Every **FRI 7:30PM** - Parish choir area
Sam Law | samsngman@gmail.com

5PM Mass is looking young adults who want to offer their musical talents (singers, guitarists, bassists, cajon players). Weekly practice
THURS 7:30PM - Rectory basement | **SUN 4:15PM** - Parish choir area
*Except 3d week of the month
Wen | 604-780-2830 | seals.stmarys@gmail.com



DNA Discipleship | aNd | Accountability

NEXT MEET
APR 13 - 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 26 - 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**
For zoom link + info Email: missionablazesm@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.



RCIA
Edwin | ext. 205
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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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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 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" - Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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3. Register with your name and email address
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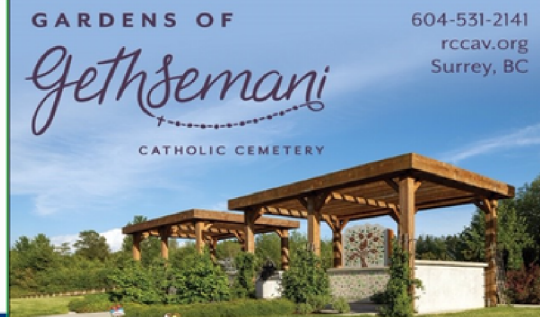


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