



# The Parish Bulletin

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### WHEN CHRIST IS FIRST

Dear Parishioners,

In a world filled with competing priorities, Jesus invites us to ask a simple but profound question: *What occupies the first place in my heart?* Our answer to that question shapes every aspect of our lives.

Many people mistakenly think that placing Christ first means loving others less. In reality, the opposite is true. When Christ becomes the center of our lives, our capacity to love grows deeper and more authentic. Our relationships are purified of selfishness and enriched by patience, forgiveness, generosity, and compassion. As Saint Augustine wisely said, *"Love God, and do what you will."* (Homily 7 on the First Epistle of John). When our hearts are rooted in God, our actions naturally reflect His love.

Christian discipleship is not merely about believing certain truths; it is about allowing Christ to transform us from within. Through Baptism, we have been given a new identity and a new way of living. Every day, we are called to leave behind attitudes that separate us from God and one another and embrace a life marked by faith, hope, and charity. Pope Francis reminds us that *"faith is not a light that scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night."* Following Christ does not remove every challenge, but it gives us the courage and grace to walk through them.

The Gospel challenges us to recognize that holiness is often found in ordinary acts of love. A welcoming heart, a listening ear, a helping hand, a word of encouragement, or a simple act of kindness can become powerful signs of God's presence. Mother

Teresa often said, *"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."* The Lord notices and treasures even the smallest gestures offered in His name.

As another school year comes to an end, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our students, teachers, staff, and parents. Thank you for your dedication, perseverance, and sacrifices throughout the year. Education is not merely the formation of the mind but also the formation of character, faith, and values. Your efforts help build a stronger community and a brighter future.

May the summer months ahead provide opportunities for rest, renewal, and quality time with family and friends. May they also be a time to deepen your relationship with the Lord, who remains the source of all joy and peace.

Let us continue to place Christ at the center of our lives. When He is first, everything else finds its proper place. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

*Fr. Joseph*



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**JUNE 28, 2026**

### SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

#### 1<sup>st</sup> READING

2<sup>ND</sup> KINGS 4: 8-11, 14-16A

℟ - RESPONSORIAL PSALM  
89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> READING

ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11

#### ✠ GOSPEL

MATTHEW 10: 37-42

### SUNDAY MASSES

(AND SATURDAY)

SAT 5:00 pm (*anticipated mass*)  
SUN 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am  
1:00 pm | 3:00 pm (*Tagalog*)  
5:00 pm | 7:00 pm

### DAILY MASSES

MON - FRI 8:00 am | SAT 8:30 am | WED - FRI 7:00 pm

### CONFESSION

SUNDAY before/after mass  
WEEKDAY after mass

### DEVOTIONS

MON - FRI | 7:00 am  
Rosary & Lauds

WED | 6:00 pm

Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

THU | 6:00 pm

Rosary & Prayer for Vocations

### FRIDAYS

03:00 pm Divine Mercy  
06:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus & Mary

07:00 pm Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

09:00 pm Benediction

SAT | 07:45 am

Rosary & Lauds

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pilgrimage Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

AUG.14

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE EUROPE 2026

OCT.5-19

ST.MARY'S PROJECT CANA MASS WEDDING

NOV.14

### ✠ TO ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ✠

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

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		1-on-1 special needs catechism	
	<b>St.Mary's Elementary</b> -	<b>Principal - Ms. Brenda Krivuzoff</b>	office.smarv@cisva.bc.ca
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# PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

To see all events visit:  
[stmarysvancouver.ca/events](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/events)

For general updates, news, and programs visit:  
[stmarysvancouver.ca/announcements](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/announcements)

 **Pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Sat, Aug 15, 2026 | *Fraser River Heritage Park*  
7494 Mary Street, Mission, BC

Join us for a day of prayer and fellowship at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The schedule includes Confessions, Celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Richard W. Smith, Procession, Rosary & Benediction, and a Picnic & Fellowship. Make sure to bring your chairs and picnic baskets

## Bus Reservations: \$50 cash

please visit the parish office to reserve your spot.

**604-435-9611 | [reception.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:reception.smarv@rcav.org)**

[MissionGrotto.com](http://MissionGrotto.com) | [info@aquinasinstitute.ca](mailto:info@aquinasinstitute.ca) | 604-425-0392

 **Mass Wedding | Saturday - Nov. 14, 2026**  
Receive the Sacrament of Marriage!  
St. Mary's Project Cana



Couples yet to receive the Sacrament of Marriage are invited to deepen their journey in Christ by celebrating in the Mass Wedding; a wonderful opportunity to open your heart to God's grace and receive the full blessing of the Church.

To register contact Edwin: [rcia.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:rcia.smarv@rcav.org)

 **Hope on the Horizon | Aug 2026**  
Summer Outreach Missionary Program  
Catholic Street Missionaries & Archdiocese of Vancouver



Are you looking for a way to grow in faith and serve the marginalized on the streets? Join Hope on the Horizon live-in summer program for young adults (19-35). It's a powerful experience of prayer, learning, community life, and outreach to the homeless.

**1-WEEK | AUG 8-15, 2026 OR 2.5-WEEK | AUG 8-23, 2026**

 **Apply today! Learn more at:**  
[catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon](http://catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon)

 **From My Heart to Yours - Craft Card Making Night**  
Friday, July 17 @ 6:30pm  
@Church Basement | Hosted by: SM Youth Ministry

Join us for a special evening making cards for the homeless to bring a little joy back to the streets. The cards will be given to Catholic Street Missionaries, an organization that does street outreach in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. All youth in Grades 7-12 are welcome! Supplies will be provided.  
[youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org) | IG: @stmarysyouthvan

 **Faith on Wheels Bike Ride - Young Adults Min**  
June 26 @ 6:30pm | July 25 time TBA  
Postponed till July, more details coming soon...



Our biking event has been postponed to July 25. For more info contact Joyce: [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org)

 **World Youth Day 2027 Info Session**  
Friday, July 3 @ 7pm @ St. Mary's Church Basement  
Hosted by Young Adult Ministry



Are you interested in going to World Youth Day 2027 in Korea? Join us for an information session presented by Royal Orchid Tours and Holidays. Open to adults 18+.

For more info, contact Joyce: [youth.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:youth.smarv@rcav.org)

 **PREP 2026 - Catholic After-school Education**  
Parish Religious Education Program

The Parish Religious Education Program (also known as P.R.E.P) offers religious instruction for children who attend grades 1-7 in public schools. Registrations for the next ministry year will begin on June 24th.

*There will be no online registration at this time.* Please register directly with the PREP Coordinator at the Parish Office.

To book an appointment, please call:  
**604 435 9611 ext. 205** or email [prep.smarv@rcav.org](mailto:prep.smarv@rcav.org)

 **Marian Pilgrimage 2026: A 15-Day Journey to the Sacred Heart of Europe | Oct 5 - 19, 2026**  
Hosted by St. Mary's Parish - Vancouver

Journey with Fr. Joseph D'Souza and our parish on an unforgettable pilgrimage to major Marian shrines, like Medjugorje, Lourdes, Barcelona, Zaragoza, and Fatima. For any inquiries, contact Royal Orchid Tours:

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*The tour price of CAD \$6900 includes all flights, transportation, taxes, all meals, and itinerary sightseeing.*

 **St. Mary's Raffle Winners**  
St. Mary's Fundraising Team

Thank you to everyone who attended our and supported our Summer Fair and Raffle! Congratulations to our winners. To claim your prize please contact the parish office of **Teresa at: [tky.lung@telus.net](mailto:tky.lung@telus.net)**

**1st Prize \$5000 - XIU QIN CHEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **#04929**

**2nd Prize \$2000 - FRAULEIN PAMALIN** \_\_\_\_\_ **#00624**

**3rd Prize \$1000 - LISA LEE** \_\_\_\_\_ **#16729**

**4th Prize \$ 500 - ANTONIO LUDOVICO** \_\_\_\_\_ **#16299**

**5th Prize \$ 500 - SONA JASSAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **#02789**

 **Seniors Socials will be resuming in the Fall**  
Have a great Summer!!



# MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Find your way to serve. St. Mary's is home to many groups and ministries. Get started at: [stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/ministries)

- Mission Ablaze** - missionablazesmv@gmail.com
- PPPG (Padre Pio Prayer Group)** pppgvancouver@gmail.com
- Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry** | Joyce  
(604) 435-9611 ext. 209 | youth.smarv@rcav.org
- DNA (Discipleship aNd Accountability Men's Prayer Group)**  
fathergabriel1@outlook.com | (604)-435-9611, ext. 202
- Pier Giorgio Frasatti Bible Study** | Fr. David | 778-928-5675
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- Children's Liturgy** | saintmarylwc@gmail.com
- St. Mary's Street Ministry** | Mildred Moy  
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- Project Cana (Mass Wedding)** | Edwin Cruz | rcia.smarv@rcav.org
- Digital Ministry** | David.C | stmarysvancouver.ca/digimin
- Hands of Veronica** | Nayda | naydaleonardo@yahoo.ca

Contact the Parish Office at 604-435-9611 for the following:

- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Women's League
- St. Mary's Pro Life Ministry
- Seniors Gatherings
- St. Mary's Flower Ministry
- Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry
- St. Mary's Praesidium (A Legion of Mary Youth Program)

## PARISH RESOURCES



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VISIT: [stmarysvancouver.ca/all-events](http://stmarysvancouver.ca/all-events)



**Jun 30 - Tue 7:00pm | Prayer Group Meetings**  
Mission Ablaze  
Every Tues @Church Basement | To join online contact: missionablazesmv@gmail.com



**Jun 30- Tue @7pm | Online Christian Meditation**  
To join meditations email: calcuitas@gmail.com

**Jul 1 - Wed @6pm | In-person Christian Meditation**  
Every Weds - In-person @Rectory Living Room



**Jul 2 - Thu 2:00pm | CWL Line Dancing**  
Catholic Women's League  
Every Thur | Suggested donation - \$2 | @Church basement



**Jul 3 - Fri @7:00pm | World Youth Day 2027 Info Session**  
Young Adult Ministry  
@St. Mary's Church Basement



**Jul 11- Sat 9:30am | DNA Men's Group**  
Discipleship aNd Accountability Men's Prayer Group  
Every 2nd & 4th Sat/each month @Rectory Basement



**Jul 20 - Mon 6:00pm | St. Mary's Pro-Life Ministry**  
Every 3rd Mon/each month @ St. Mary's Church



**Jul 17 - Fri @6:30pm | Craft Card Making Night**  
Youth Ministry  
@Church Basement



**Jul 25 - Sat Time TBA | Wheels of Faith Seawall Bike Ride**  
Young Adult Ministry  
More info to come...



**Aug 15 - Sat @10:00am | Pilgrimage to Lourdes Grotto:**  
@Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission



**Padre Pio Prayer Group ON SUMMER BREAK till OCTOBER**  
Resuming later this year in October



**Nov 14 - Sat | Mass Wedding (Project Cana)**  
@St. Mary's Church | More info on pg.2 and website

## Stewardship Reflection

June 28, 2026 - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said " The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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