



The Parish Bulletin

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PASTOR'S CORNER

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Dedicated to Grandparents and elderly

As we come to the end of July, this will be our last *Pastor's Corner* until September, as we take a short break during the month of August. I encourage everyone to stay connected with parish life through our website and social media platforms, where you will find updates on Masses, events, and other parish activities.

This weekend, the Church celebrates the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, established by Pope Francis in 2021. It is a beautiful reminder that our grandparents and elderly are not simply people who have grown old; they are living treasures of faith, wisdom, sacrifice, and love. They have walked the journey before us, carried families through difficult times, and passed on values that continue to shape our lives.

As people age, they often face loneliness, declining health, loss of independence, and the pain of feeling forgotten. Their pace may be slower, their memories less sharp, and their needs greater. Yet their dignity remains unchanged. They deserve not our impatience or judgment, but our respect, understanding, and loving presence.

Pope Francis often reminded us that "the elderly are

not leftovers; they are precious witnesses of hope." They have stories to tell, lessons to share, and prayers to offer. We need them just as much as they need us. A visit, a phone call, a shared meal, or simply listening with patience can bring immense joy to someone who may otherwise feel alone.

Let us also remember that the way we treat our elderly today is the way future generations will learn to treat us. A society that honours its grandparents is a society that values life, memory, and love.

On this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, let us thank God for the gift of our grandparents and all senior members of our parish. May we never take them for granted. Instead, may we accompany them with compassion, cherish their presence, and ensure that they always know they are loved, valued, and an indispensable part of our parish family.

May God bless all our grandparents and elderly with good health, peace, and the comforting assurance of His abiding love.

Wish you all a blessed week!

Fr. Joseph



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TOGETHER IN HOPE

**17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 26, 2026

SUNDAY MASS READINGS YEAR A

1st READING

FIRST KINGS 3: 5, 7-12

R - RESPONSORIAL PSALM
119: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,
129-130

2nd READING

ROMANS 8: 28-30

✠ GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13: 44-52

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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PILGRIMAGE
Grotto of Our
Lady of Lourdes

AUG 15

9 DAYS NOVENA
IN PREP TO THE FEAST OF THE
NATIVITY OF
MOTHER MARY

AUG 30 - SEP 8

MARIAN
PILGRIMAGE
EUROPE 2026

OCT 5-19

ST.MARY'S PROJECT CANA
MASS
WEDDING

NOV 14

✠ **JUAN JIMENEZ** ✠ **BEATRICE VILLA** ✠

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

Office hours

Mon, Wed - Fri
9am - 5pm

Tues
9am - 1pm

Closed
Weekends

Parish Office

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



Parish office phone 604-435-9611 + EXT

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Contact the parish office if unsure/report. Refer to the directory below.

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PARISH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

To see all events visit:
stmarysvancouver.ca/events

For general updates, news, and programs visit:
stmarysvancouver.ca/announcements



Morning Hike - Aug 8 at 7:00am

Young Adult Ministry @ Lynn Loop Trail



Join the Young Adult Ministry for a morning in faithful fellowship as we go for a relaxing and fun hike. We'll **meet at Joyce Station at 7:00am** For more info, contact Joyce: youth.smarv@rcav.org



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 with Archbishop Richard W. Smith. See poster in foyer for details.

Bus Reservations: \$50 cash

please visit the parish office to reserve your spot.

604-435-9611 | reception.smarv@rcav.org

MissionGrotto.com | 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.

Cut-off Aug. 1 | Register ASAP | Edwin: rcia.smarv@rcav.org



Interested World Youth Day 2027?

Join us on pilgrimage to Korea next year!

Young Adult Ministry & Royal Orchid Tours and Holidays



Join the Young Adult Ministry invites you in pilgrimage to WYD2027 in Seoul Korea. Open to adults 18+. For more info, contact Joyce: youth.smarv@rcav.org



Parish Play Casting Call - Looking for Dancers

LET IT BE DONE: The Fiat Echoes Still - Dec. 5, 2026

A St. Mary's Parish Produced Musical Play

We are currently looking for dancers for our parish play this winter. Be part of our special show! **Contact Rafael:**

joeraf08@yahoo.com or text **604-440-9899**.

PROJECT
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Jul. 26 Update

We are at **\$29,846/24%** of our parish goal of **\$125,000**. Thank you for your generosity



If you have donated previously, please consider donating again and for new donors, you can donate online via projectadvance.ca at the comfort of your home or drop off your donations in regular Sunday collections.



Non-perishable Food Drive | Jul 1 - Aug 31

Knights of Columbus | St Mary's Council #13072

Collecting non-perishable packed food items in marked boxes located in the Church foyer.

Your contributions will be donated to the Door is Open

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER



Hope on the Horizon | Aug 2026

Street Outreach Missionary Program

Catholic Street Missionaries & Archdiocese of Vancouver



Looking to grow in faith? Called to 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.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

1-WEEK | AUG 8-15, 2026,

1-WEEK | AUG 16 - 23, 2026,

OR 2.5-WEEK | AUG 8-23, 2026

i catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon



Apply ASAP



Interested in livestreaming?

Digital Ministry

Ever wanted to learn how we livestream mass and other events? Interested in serving the parish through technology? Want to learn creative and design skills? Digital Ministry is for you. **To get started contact us at:** digital_ministry@stmarysvancouver.ca



Life in the Spirit Seminar - Save the Date

Sept 22 - Oct 20, 2026

Mission Ablaze Prayer Group

Join us for multi-week sessions and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit Seminar is coming soon.



PREP 2026 - Catholic After-school Education

Registration is now open, book today!

Parish Religious Education Program

The Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P) offers religious instruction for children who attend grades 1-7 in public schools. **There will be no online registration at this time.** Please register directly with the PREP Coordinator at the Parish Office. **Book an appointment, please call:** **604 435 9611 ext. 205** or email prep.smarv@rcav.org



9-Day Novena In Preparation To The Feast

Of The Nativity Of Mother Mary | Aug 30 - Sep 8

@St. Mary's Church

Join us for a nine-day novena in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary. Each evening, we will gather for Mass and prayer, honouring Our Lady and preparing our hearts for her feast day. All are welcome to attend this Marian devotion.

See foyer for Novena schedule.

- Aug 30 6:45 PM
 - St. Mary's Flag Hoisting - followed by Novena at 7:00
- Aug 31 - Sep 4 at 7:00pm
- Sep 5 at 5:00pm
- Sep 6 - 8, 2026 at 7:00pm



MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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

Mission Ablaze - missionablazesm@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

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Project Cana (Mass Wedding) | Edwin Cruz | rcia.smarv@rcav.org

Digital Ministry | David | digital_ministry@stmarysvancouver.ca

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



PARISH LIBRARY

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To borrow, email our librarian **Bill Murphy** at:

wwwmmurphy@hotmail.com

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1. [Formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) 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 CALENDAR

VISIT: stmarysvancouver.ca/all-events



Jul 28 - Tue 7:00pm | Prayer Group Meetings

Mission Ablaze

Every Tues @Church Basement | To join online contact: missionablazesm@gmail.com



Jul 28- Tue @7pm | Online Christian Meditation

To join meditations email: calcuitas@gmail.com

ON BREAK | In-person Christian Meditation

In-person meditation resuming in August!



Jul 30 - Thu 2:00pm | CWL Line Dancing

Catholic Women's League

Every Thur | Suggested donation - \$2 | @Church basement



Aug 8- Sat 9:30am | DNA Men's Group

Discipleship aNd Accountability Men's Prayer Group

2nd & 4th Sat/each month @Rector's Basement



Aug 8 - Sat Time TBA | Morning Hike | Young Adult Min

More info on pg.2



Aug 9 - Sun | 8:00am | Emmanuel Prayer Group

2nd & 4th Sun/each month @St. Mary's Rector's Dining Room



Aug 15 - Sat @10:00am | Pilgrimage to Lourdes Grotto:

@Fraser River Heritage Park, Mission



Aug 17 - Mon 6:00pm | St. Mary's Pro-Life Ministry

Every 3rd Mon/each month @ St. Mary's Church



Aug 30 - Sep 8 | 9-Day Novena | See pg.2 or foyer for times

@St. Mary's Church



Sep 22 - Tue @7:00pm | Life in the Spirit Seminar - S1

Mission Ablaze Prayer Group

@St. Mary's Parish



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



Seniors Socials Resuming Fall

Have a great summer

Stewardship Reflection

July 26, 2026 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"we know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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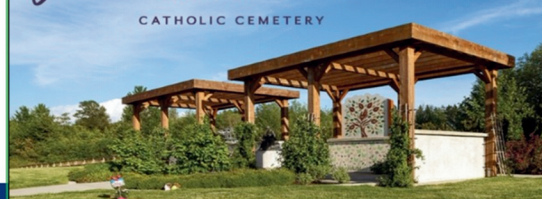
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