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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism Contact parish office. A preparation class for parents is required.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) If you are interested in learning about or being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Jack or the parish office for information.

Marriage Please contact the priest at least 6 months before the date of marriage. Premarriage course is mandatory.

Visits to the Sick If you cannot come to Mass because of illness, please notify us or have a family member contact us that we might minister to you either at home, in the hospital, or a nursing care facility. Confidentiality issues prevent us from contacting you so it is necessary that you personally request a visit.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Vigil Mass **5:00PM**

Sun **11:00AM**

Mon—Sat **10:00AM**

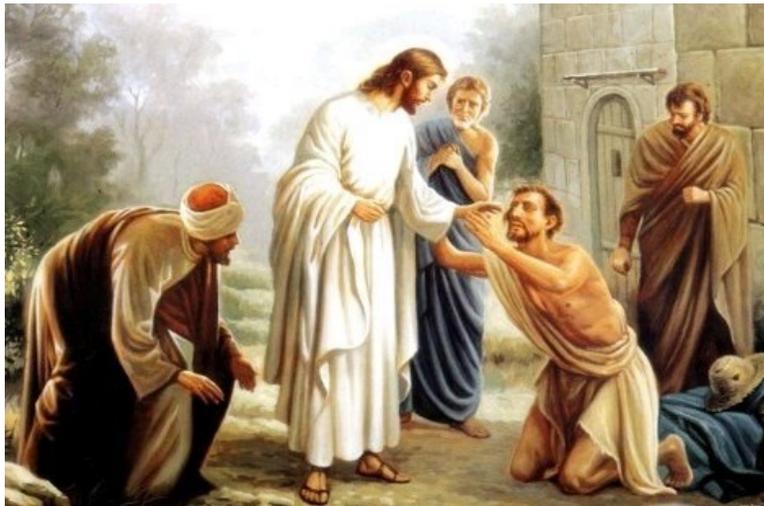
Reconciliation Saturday before Mass
(4:00PM –4:45PM) or by
appointment

Welcome to St. Mary's. Visitors are always welcome. If you're looking for a new parish to call home, we would love to have you join our family.

PARISH COUNCIL

Denise Chiasson, Dan Tsuji, Bob Elder, Dianne Verzyl, Allan Aucoin

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In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



Please remember the sick in our parish....

Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson, Amy Kashani, Mercedes Link

And pray those who care for them

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each Thursday **DURING LENT** from 6:30 PM to 7:00PM, the RCIA group will meet in the Church for 1/2 hour of **ADORATION** before the discussion meeting mentioned below.

This week— March 2nd at 6:30 PM

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

RCIA AN INVITATION THAT NEVER ENDS

RCIA meets in the church basement each Thursday at 7:00PM. Anyone who would like to join the lively discussions about Catholicism is welcome. **Questions?** **Deacon Kenan MacKenzie** at 604-885-7810

or email kenan@kenanmackenzie.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday after Mass during LENT



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2023

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



Important

There will be **NO** Daily Mass
on Monday, March 20th



Cleaning our Church for **EASTER SUNDAY** is a great way to serve others and show respect for sacred places. It's also an opportunity to have fun together and strengthen relationships. Scrubbing floors. Mopping and sweeping. It may not be glamorous work, but it's a wonderful way to serve the Lord and give back for all of His blessings.

WHEN?

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

We will meet in the Parish Hall after Mass for coffee and a light breakfast before beginning.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex

CONFESSION is available at Holy Family Church in Sechelt on **Wednesday, March 22nd** from 2:00PM—4:00PM and from 6:30PM—7:30PM

Don't miss out on this chance to renew your relationship with God.

Please help us provide for our community



FEED THE HUNGRY

Faced with the perfect storm of rising energy prices, **inflation** and a potential recession that is pushing people deeper into poverty, the soaring cost of living is driving a serious food shortage at Food Banks. There is a basket in the Church to drop off donations.

ONLY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL PRESENT

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Friday, March 31st
Where: Holy Family Church
Time: 7 PM.



This presentation is meant to encourage reflection and has had a profound effect on those who experience it.

The Living Stations of the Cross express a message of hope, love, forgiveness and the ultimate sacrifice.

This presentation is by donation and all proceeds will go to our high school bursaries.



Please join us for the next light breakfast, discussion, and prayers on Saturday, April 1, 8:30 AM in our church hall.

Questions? Keith Brind 604-989-1676.

RETROUVAILLE VANCOUVER

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Is your marriage suffering with the pressures and stress of everyday life, the challenges of current times, or a recent crisis? Have you drifted apart or lost closeness? Do you feel discontent or despair?

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The Retrouvaille program consists of one weekend and six weekly follow-up sessions. It is accessible and affordable. No couple is turned away for lack of funds. Retrouvaille has been recognized by Pope Francis and by Archbishop Michael Miller of the Vancouver Diocese.

Our 2023 programs start the weekends of April 14 - 16 and October 13-15

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Shain Jackson
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Tyler Gentry
Zaan Claassens



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