

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying: "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbors' need.

It is in the home that the religion of the next generation is firmly established or lost. When parents are loyal to their faith in their daily lives, their children will, as a rule, be loyal to it too; where parents are careless and lax their children will be still more careless and more lax.

Parents! the first neighbors and fellow Christians whom you must kindly and charitably correct are your own children. Their future salvation and your own too will depend on how well you fulfill this obligation.

Let each one of us look into his past conduct in relation to this law of charity. Have we really tried to help our fellowmen on the road to heaven? Have we given them the good example of a truly Christian way of living? Have we offered advice and encouragement when it was needed, and correction in private where that was possible? If so "we have gained our brother." We have brought a prodigal son back to a loving Father and that loving Father will repay us a hundred-fold in this life and especially in the next.

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst." It is good to pray individually; that is very commendable. In fact, Jesus usually prayed alone. But we cannot say that because we pray individually, we do not need anymore to go to Church for the Mass or to come together in prayer. In fact, Jesus is very clear in this statement. He is present there. So their prayers will be heard and granted by the heavenly Father. Let us therefore, give particular attention to the Prayers of the Faithful each time we come to Mass. Let us also remind one another to come together for community prayer, family prayer, and especially to the Eucharistic celebration. Christ is our sole Mediator with the Father in heaven. The heavenly Father cannot refuse what His Son Jesus asks of Him on our behalf. Isn't it wonderful? It is just unfortunate that many Catholics do not take these words of Jesus seriously enough.

Please remember the sick in our parish....



*Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson,
Amy Kashani, Mercedes Link, Josie Renaldis,
Sharon Hofmann*

And pray those who care for them

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Father, I am seeking; I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me

Saint Augustine



ANNOUNCEMENT

Each Friday after the 11:30 AM Mass there will be
Exposition of the Eucharist as follows:

First Friday	1 HOUR
Subsequent Fridays	30 MINUTES



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...**

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ Or are you already a Catholic and wish to enhance your faith

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHURCH
BASEMENT EACH TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM FOR**

BIBLE STUDY/RCIA

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments.. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

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**CHANGES IN DAILY MASS**

SEPT 12	<u>NO</u> - 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family
SEPT 13	<u>NO</u> - 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's
SEPT 19	YES - 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family
SEPT 20	YES - 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's
SEPT 26	NO - 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Family
SEPT 27	NO - 11:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's

Note: All the other weekday and weekend Masses will be as per schedule.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2023

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." -Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required?

Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

BEWARE OF FAKE EMAILS IMPERSONATING**FR. VINCENT**

There have been reports circulating about someone falsifying Fr. Vincent's email to reach out to our parishioners. Please refrain from responding to these emails.

Make sure to verify that any email is genuinely from fr.vincentnguyen@gmail.com before taking any action.

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