

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. Vincent 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 **6:00PM**

Sun **11:30AM**

Wed & Fri **11:30AM**

Reconciliation Saturday before Mass
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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Let us recall that the gospel passage above follows immediately the instructions of Jesus on how to discipline an erring member of our community. Let us remember what He said. First, talk to that member privately. If he doesn't listen, bring witnesses. If he continues not to listen, let the whole church especially the community elders such as priests and pastors. If that erring member is still adamant, treat him like a gentile or tax collector.

In the gospel reading above, Jesus tells us to forgive without limit. Thus we must be able to forgive any erring member of our community, no matter how many times he commits sin. The parable above mentions the words patience and compassion. In other words, we must always be patient with our brothers and sisters. We must love them just as Jesus has loved the gentiles and tax collectors during His time on earth. We can impose disciplinary actions as a means for them to realize their mistake and mature in faith but we can't condemn them and push them out of our community. We pray for them unceasingly because in the end, it is only God who has the power to change people. We can only allow ourselves to be used by God as the conduit of His mercy and grace. When we show others our sincerity to forgive, their hardened hearts might soften and they will repent and turn from their wicked ways.

We have heard that forgiveness is for our own good. When we forgive, we experience joy and peace of mind. It is never easy to forgive especially if the other person commits the same mistake over and over. Yet with humility and prayers, nothing is impossible. God has forgiven us and He is asking us to do the same. God cannot tell us to do something that we cannot afford to do. Many times it is huge ego that prevents us from forgiving others. Let us pray that God may help us to cut down our pride and start forgiving others.

Please remember the sick in our parish....



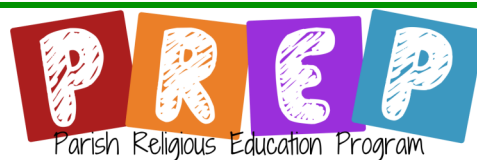
*Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson,
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And pray those who care for them



CWL MEETING

Our first meeting after the summer break is scheduled for Friday, Sept 22nd at 12:45 AM in the Parish Hall.



BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

REGISTRATION

will be available

After Mass this weekend

And next weekend

Questions?

Please call Sheila Tsuji at 604-886-0450



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.

For information please contact **DEACON KENAN MACKENZIE** at **604-885-7810**

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**CHANGES IN DAILY MASS**

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 2023

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

-Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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.

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