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. Pre-marriage 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 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 Office	Mercy Campbell	604-886-2447	parish.stmarygibsons@rcav.org
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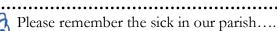
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From what we have heard in that Gospel passage, we are all reminded that what God wants from us is not just mere words and proclamations only, and not just mere promises that can be empty and meaningless. He wants from us true ommitment and actions, which we all should show in our every moments in life. Otherwise, if we do not do and act in the manner that we have professed our faith or beliefs in, then we are just like those hypocrites who say and profess belief in something and yet, act in a different manner from what they had said. This is not something that each one of us should be doing in our lives. The Lord Jesus in particular has often rebuked and criticised the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law for the hypocrisy of their faith and actions, and therefore, He also reminded us all, that we must be people of action, of doing God's will in all things.

We have seen just how great God's love is for us, and we have been so blessed that God has done everything for our sake, by suffering and dying on the Cross for us. He showed His love for us in real action and commitment, to the Covenant of love that He has established and affirmed with all of us. Therefore, each and every one of us should also have the same kind of love in us, love that is genuine and generous, first of all for the Lord, our God, Who has loved us and cared for us all these while, and Who has suffered and died for our sake. And we should also have the same kind of love for our fellow brothers and sisters, our fellow men and women, who live all around us, and whom we encounter in our various occasions and opportunities.

Therefore, let us all remind ourselves each day and at every moment, so that we may always strive to do our best to be the good role models and examples for our fellow brothers and sisters, as good and loving Christians, filled with care and concern for our fellow men and women, and always striving to do what God has taught and shown us to do, in every opportunities presented to us. Let us all remind and inspire one another that our every works, actions and deeds may always truly glorify the Lord, our God and Master. May God bless us all in our every good efforts and endeavours, and help us in our journey and lives, in all things, and be with us always.



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

And pray those who care for them





BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

REGISTRATION

Next weekend, SEPT 30th & OCT 1st after the Masses

Questions?

Call Sheila Tsuji at 604-886-0450

Stewardship Reflection

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 1, 2023

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." -Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have the Thanksgiving Dinner coming up on October 9th at the Gibsons Legion. We will be looking for volunteers to cook the stuffing and to help at the dinner

itself (especially clean up).

There will be a sign up sheet at the church



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 too participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact DEACON



<u>ANNOUNCING</u>

ST. MARY'S CWL

PURDY'S CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Once again, **ST. MARY'S CWL** will be offering our parish and others the opportunity to "Chocolate" shop for Christmas. There will be catalogues, brochures and order forms available next weekend. Also, instructions on how to order online.

QUESTIONS? Please conta EMMA at 778-998-2072 or SHARON at 604-740-6624



IN THE PARISH HALL

<u>Cost \$5</u>

Includes soup, bun or biscuit, dessert and a beverage

We invite you to join us for a hot bowl of soup with a bun, lovngly prepared by members of the CWL . Everyone is welcome.



Our first breakfast after the summer break is scheduled for **Saturday, October 7th, 8:30 AM** at St Mary's church hall.

Our get together always includes a lively discussion and intercessory prayer. We are really hoping you might consider joining us.

Please call Keith at 604-989-1676 for additional information.



October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on

October 7th. Therefore the Rosary will be recited before each Mass during this month.



JOIN THOUSANDS ACROSS CANADA STANDING AGAINST ABORTION IN A PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, October 1st from 2:00 PM to 3:00PM SECHELT—in front of the hospital at the bus stop

GIBSONS-in front of St. Mary's Church

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