

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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.

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In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



Please remember the sick in our parish....

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

And pray those who care for them



**BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

**Questions?**

**Call Sheila Tsuji at 604-886-0450**

## Stewardship Reflection

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8, 2023

*"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Tuesday, Oct 10th meeting is **CANCELLED**.

We will resume on October 17th at 7:00 PM in the Church basement



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.

**THE TWELFTH ANNUAL  
ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER**

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, and for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters.

On **Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m.** at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Learn more and register at [rcav.org/dinner2023](http://rcav.org/dinner2023).

**ST. MARY'S CWL  
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

St. Mary's CWL will once again be offering everyone the opportunity to "Chocolate Shop" for Christmas.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX AFTER MASS AND CHECK OUT  
THE INFORMATION AND PICK UP A  
CATALOGUE**

QUESTIONS?

Call Emma at 778-998-2072

or

Sharon at 604-740-6624

**COUPLES RETREAT BY WORLDWIDE  
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Vancouver is pleased to offer an in-person retreat from Friday, October 27, to Sunday, October 29, at Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche. The retreat centre is located approximately one hour east of Vancouver.

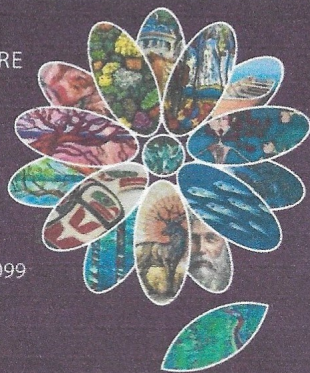
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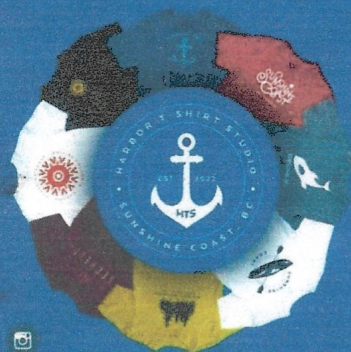


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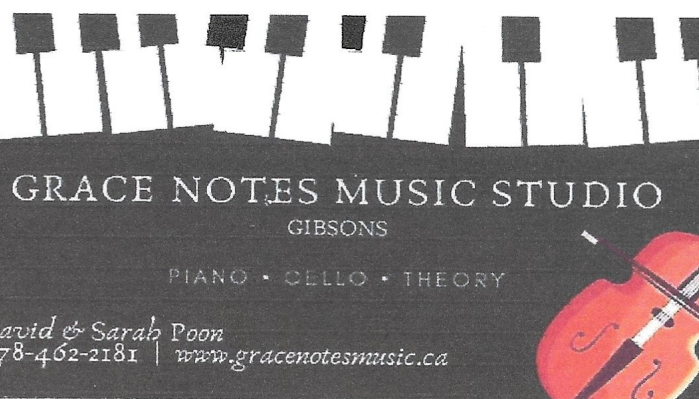
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