

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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When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus' invitation? To answer that question properly, we must "read" the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast "into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" because he doesn't have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love.



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

NOTICE

SuperValu will be discontinuing their **Gift Card Program** on Dec 31, 2023. So after this date we will no longer be collecting receipts. In order for us to take advantage of the time we have left, we ask that you submit all the receipts that you are collecting before this date.

We thank you for your participation all these past years.

Stewardship Reflection

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15, 2023

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." -Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.



ARE YOU OMEONE 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 KENAN at 604-885-7810**



THE CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

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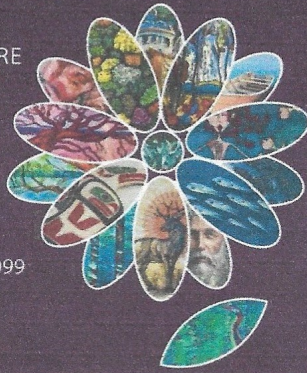


October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary **because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7th.** Therefore the Rosary will be recited before each Mass during this month.

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