

# 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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The gospel reading above is one of the interrogation stories with the purpose of embarrassing Jesus and at the same time have a reason to eliminate Him. During that time, the Jews were under the control of the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus whose empire was considered one of the greatest in the history of the world. Yet in Israel, trouble was brewing. Nationalistic fervor was on the rise. Ordinary Jews hated the Romans, not only because of oppression but more importantly, because these foreigners do not share their belief in one God.

Jesus has become a popular preacher who spread the message of the Kingdom of God and whose lifestyle was different from the religious leaders at that time. These leaders consider Him a troublemaker. So they came looking for a way to trap Him and find a reason to stop Him from destroying their centuries-old tradition. Their question about paying taxes to Caesar would surely put Jesus in a bind or so they thought. If He agrees that paying taxes to the Roman Empire is legitimate, He will alienate His followers and He will be considered a traitor. If He says paying taxes to Caesar is not right then they will report Him to the Roman authorities for disobedience and possibly subversion.

The answer of Jesus was amazing. Instead of embarrassing Him, the “interrogators” were silenced by His wisdom. The coin with the emperor’s image does not belong to God. Give it to whom it belongs. Then never forget to give glory to the One true God. The religious leaders were known as lovers of money. Jesus can read what’s in their heart. They dislike to pay taxes because they themselves like to keep the money for themselves.

Let us pray that we may not be attached to earthly matters and instead focus ourselves to give glory to God in everything we do.



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



## THE CWL ANNUAL

### CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 25th



Please help us with your donations for the RAFFLE portion.

(We are accepting new or gently used items).

Consider Christmas decorations that you no longer use.

Also, the Bake Table is very popular so we are asking for baking (especially Christmas Baking) Pies, loaves, squares, tarts, cookies, fudge, peanut brittle and any other favorite recipe will be graciously accepted.

### QUESTIONS?

Please contact Paula Stewart

778-836-0980



## Stewardship Reflection

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 2023

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” -Matthew 22:21*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.



## 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 KENAN at 604-885-7810**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Mary Parkes** who passed away in St. Alban's, U.K. on October 15th. May she rest in peace.

Margaret Mary was **Sheila Mullen's** sister

"We must understand then, that even though God doesn't always give us what we want, he always gives us what we need for our salvation" *Saint Augustine*



### 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.

### NOTICE



Legion of Mary meeting will be on **Sunday, Oct 22 at 1pm** in the church basement

## 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**

***TO ORDER ONLINE USE THE LINK BELOW***

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1771013-109541>

### **QUESTIONS?**

Call Emma at 778-998-2072

or

Sharon at 604-740-6624

### NOTICE



CWL Members are encouraged to wear their scarves this Sunday, October 22nd



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