

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 himself went into the synagogue in his home town, Nazareth, we are told that he opened the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and read the passage: *“He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*

The person reading would then explain the text and teach its meaning. It was usual that this ‘teaching’ would last about forty minutes. When Jesus finished reading we are told that, *“every eye was upon him”* as they eagerly awaited what he would say.

In fact he said one sentence: *“Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.”*

It was the shortest sermon ever preached!

So, if it’s good enough for Jesus, why not for me?

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Saying anything more only takes from the awesome simplicity and power of these words.

Just Imagine how different our world would be; how different Israel and Palestine would be; how different Ukraine would be; how different my family would be; how different my work place would be; how different I would be, if I could only do it? *“Love God. Love your neighbour as yourself.”*

The overwhelming question is this: Why can’t I? Why don’t I? or at least, Why don’t I try...?



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

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.

Stewardship Reflection

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2023 *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” -Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.



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**



All men of our parish are invited to the next Men's Breakfast and Fellowship on **Saturday, November 4th, 8:30 am** at St. Mary's church hall. On the agenda is a light breakfast, a lively discussion, and some intercessory prayer.

Contact Keith Brind 604-886-4738

NEW SUNDAY BULLETIN EDITOR

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MASS , THURS, NOV 2 , AT 11:30 AM



On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we also apply our efforts through prayer, almsgiving, and especially the Mass—the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead—to help release them from Purgatory. Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation. In the modern world, where many have come to doubt the Church's teaching on Purgatory, the need for such prayers has only increased. The Church dedicates the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Participating in the Mass of All Souls Day is a

Important Notice

This notice is to advise the parish that I am retiring as publisher of the St. Mary's Sunday Bulletin. Dan Tsuji has graciously offered to take on this responsibility. For a few weeks there will be an overlap as we make this transition so if you have questions, please call or email either of us.

As a side note, please know that I have enjoyed keeping the parish informed these past few years and thank you for all your positive feedback as well as alerting me of errors.

So now I leave this in Dan's very capable hands (he is much more computer literate than I am) so be prepared for an interesting and colorful format. Thank You Dan, for your commitment and I am always available if you need help.

Peace,

Sharon Hofmann

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CWL SOUP SUNDAY

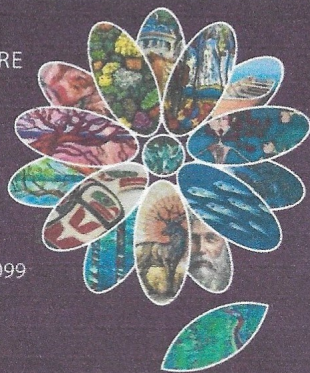


Please join us in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday, November 5th for a delicious bowl of hot soup served with a bun or biscuit, dessert and a beverage. And while having lunch catch up on all the news with your friends.

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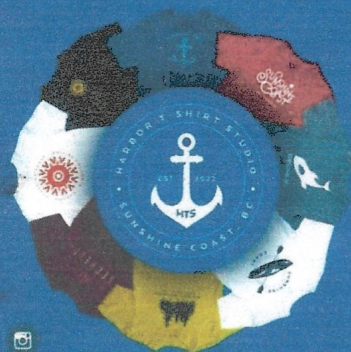


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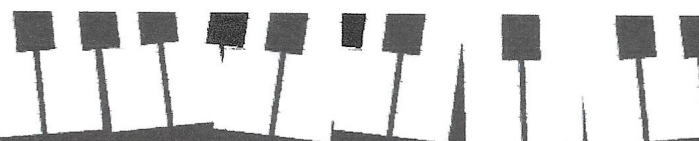
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