

ST MARY'S PARISH

Weekly Bulletin



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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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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Vigil Mass 6:00PM
Sun 11:30AM
Wed & Fri 11:30AM
CONFESSION - 30 minutes before every Mass

Sunday Reflection by Fr. Vincent



In today's Gospel reading (Mark 9.2-10), the story of Peter, James, and John on the mountain provides us with an invitation to appreciate the present moment, to see things more deeply, and to recognize the wonder in those around us. The fishermen had spent most of their lives on the sea, yet their encounter with Jesus on the mountain provided them with a new perspective on him. They saw Jesus in his transfigured state, clothed in dazzling white, which caused Peter to exclaim, "it is wonderful for us to be here."

Peter's use of the word "here" is significant because it highlights our tendency to wish we were somewhere else, with different people, or doing something different. While sometimes it's essential to move from where we are because it is anything but wonderful, at other times, our failure to appreciate our present situation can lead us to overlook the beauty in our surroundings, the people around us, and the opportunities presented to us.

Peter, James, and John were helped to see Jesus more deeply than they ever had before. They were captivated by the mystery of his identity and saw there was more to him than they had realized. In the same way, there is always more to the people we meet and the places we go than we initially perceive. Our limited perspective can prevent us from seeing the wonder in those around us, but as we deepen our understanding of them, we can appreciate the beauty and richness of our relationships.

In one of our acclamations during Mass, we acknowledge that "Heaven and earth are full of your glory." This statement reminds us that the created world is infused



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR PARISH....

Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson, Amy Kashani, Mercedes Link, Josie Renaldis, Helen Gillis, Sharon Hofmann, Christine Hughes, and Camelle Manuel
And pray for those who care for them.

with God's presence, and every human person is made in the image of God. God could say of each person we meet, "This is my beloved." As God invited the disciples on the mountain to see Jesus more deeply, he invites us to see each other more deeply, to relate to each other in a way that acknowledges the wonder of our being.

There is a man who goes to the rabbi and complains, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room. What can I do?" The rabbi answers, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man is confused, but the rabbi insists. "Do as I say and come back in a week." A week later the man comes back looking more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he tells the rabbi. "The goat is filthy." The rabbi then tells him, "Go home and let the goat out. And come back in a week." A radiant man returns to the rabbi a week later, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat—only the nine of us." – Let us pray that we can embrace our present time and situation, leading us to appreciate the beauty in our surroundings, the people around us, and the opportunities before us.

What is my purpose?
Is Jesus still relevant?
Is God present in my loneliness?
How can I have hope?

**Where can
I ask these
questions?**

Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly environment with people who, like you, want to explore.

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Join us!

- March 12, 2024
- 6:30 pm
- St. Mary's Church Hall, Gibsons
- email Deacon Kenan at kmackenzie@rcav.com



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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENIENT E-TRANSFER DONATIONS FOR PARISHIONERS

Parishioners can now donate to St. Mary's by sending an e-transfer to "parish.stmarygibsons@rcav.org." Even though the recipient's name is displayed as "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver (Sechelt)," the funds will be deposited into St. Mary's account.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross are celebrated after Mass on Wednesdays.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for St. Joseph's Society, which supports our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving our local communities.

Your donation will express your gratitude to them.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Please consider joining us for the upcoming, **March 2** breakfast at Holy Family church hall at 9:00am. We are most fortunate to have Peter cooking a full breakfast that morning.

Let us know if you will be coming by calling Keith at 604-989-1676. Thanks very much.

VOLUNTEERS

The parish is currently looking for volunteers. Any help is appreciated and we are looking for heads for the following tasks:

- Watering the trees and plants
- Trimming the trees and hedges

If you can help out, please contact the parish at parish.stmarygibsons@rcav.org

CWL SOUP SUNDAY

Please join us in the Parish hall on Sunday, March 3rd after the 11:30 mass for soup, biscuit or bun, and dessert and catch up with friends.

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