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ST MARY'S PARISH

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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 (Mark 1.21-28), Jesus taught in the synagogue, and it was amazing because he spoke with such authority that everyone was captivated. To have that kind of authority, you need to have two special qualities: competence and integrity, driven by a selfless love for others. Jesus truly excels in all these areas. He deeply understands and respects the spirit of the Law, showing his competence, and his actions always match his words, which is integrity in action. Plus, his love knows no limits. On the other hand, the scribes and Pharisees fall short in comparison. They focus too much on following the exact words of the Law without showing love and compassion. They would rigidly stick to rules, such as refusing to help the sick on the Sabbath while readily rescuing their animals from pits.

Jesus didn't hesitate to call them out on their hypocrisy, calling them "whitewashed tombs." He encouraged people to listen to their teachings because they had teaching authority, but he warned against following their actions. These religious leaders relied heavily on intellectual interpretations of the Law, prioritizing rules over compassion. They justified their teachings by referring to authorities like Moses, who played a crucial role in Israel's history. However, Jesus didn't need to invoke higher authorities; he spoke with authority that came from within himself. When he delivered the Sermon on the Mount, he emphasized the difference between those who relied on external authorities and himself by saying, "You have heard it was said... but I say this to you..."

Jesus' authority is deeply rooted in the word "auctor," meaning originator. In the prologue of John's Gospel, it's beautifully expressed that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... Through him all things came to be." So, Jesus possesses authority not only because of his competence, integrity, and love but also because he is the originator through whom everything was created.

Once upon a time, there was a story about a group of telephone linemen working hard to set up telephone poles in a farmer's fields. The farmer wasn't too pleased and asked them to leave his land. In response, they showed him a document that said they had the right

to place poles wherever they needed to. Soon enough, a big, fierce bull charged at the linemen, and the old farmer sat on a nearby fence, shouting, "Show him your papers, darn it, show him your papers!" - For many Christians, it can sometimes feel as though Jesus' authority exists only in the words on a page. They turn to his teachings for inspiration, but believing that what Jesus taught has the power to apply to their lives today can be a challenge. To some, it might seem as if Jesus had authority 2,000 years ago, but they wonder if it still holds true in our modern world. How about you?



CANDLELIGHT PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

Sunshine Coast Pro-Life Group
12th Annual Candle Light Vigil For Life
on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024

4PM at the Sechelt Court House
*5480 Shorncliffe Avenue, Sechelt, B.C.,

(candles and signs are provided)

[Those interested can also meet at 3pm 3pm at Sechelt
Hospital (Bus Stop) &
March For Life to the Court House]



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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

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MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

We extend an invitation to all the men of our parish to join us for our first breakfast and fellowship of 2024! The time is 8:30am on Saturday, Feb 3rd, at St. Mary's church hall.

A full breakfast will be served, and the Liturgy of the Hours will be part of our get-together.

Keith Brind 604-886-4738.

MEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

In order for us as Catholic men, to fully live out what God is calling us to be and do, we must have a deep knowledge of, and relationship with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Our lives can be transformed by encountering Him through the written word of God.

Then we may go out and share this Good News. Please join us for our delayed first session on Thursday, January 25th 7:00 - 8:30pm at St. Mary's church hall. Please bring your Bible.

Thanks, Keith Brind 604-886-4738.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR PARISH....

Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson, Amy Kashani, Mercedes Link, Josie Renaldis, Helen Gillis, Sharon Hofmann.

And pray for those who care for them.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Our next gathering will include a light breakfast, the Liturgy of the Hours, and lively discussion. Please join us on Saturday, February 7th, 8:30am at St.

Mary's church hall.

Thank you, Keith Brind



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Gibsons are hosting a Luncheon for Seniors on Feb 9, 2024 at 12:30pm at St. Mary's hall. We are inviting everyone specially the seniors to join us.



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