

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



Anger is a very powerful emotion that can get the better of us—or bring out the best in us. There is a great difference between righteous anger and unrighteous anger. In this Sunday's Gospel reading (John 2.13-25), we see Jesus get angry. He arrives at the temple to discover it filled with extortionists who are taking advantage of the House of God and the pilgrims. Jesus loses his cool, flipping tables and chasing them away. The cause of his anger was twofold: they were abusing his Father's house and were robbing others. Jesus didn't get angry on his own account. His anger resulted from his love of God and of his neighbour. From this part of the story, we can say that righteous anger is a response to the mistreatment of God and of others. It should make us angry when kids are bullied or employees are fired for acting with integrity or when people do evil things in the name of God. Unrighteous anger typically occurs when our anger is caused by an attack to our own pride. If someone tries to hurt or insult us, then we respond by trying to hurt or insult them. Unrighteous anger evolves into resentment, hostility, revenge and destructive behavior.

In our hearts, the temples of our beings, there are “money changers and merchants”—fear, greed, ambition, addictions, selfishness, prejudice—that distort the meaning of our lives and debase our relationships with God and with one another. Lent is a time to invite the “angry” Jesus of today's Gospel into our lives to drive out those things that make our lives less than what God created them to be. Consider during these Lenten days what makes us angry—angry enough to change ourselves: our attitudes, our perspectives, our understandings, in order to restore and re-create our lives and world in the compassion and justice of God. Consider what makes us angry—angry enough to raise our voice against injustice, to stand up before the powerful on behalf of the weak, to demand accountability of those who exploit and abuse others for their own gain. This is to imitate the righteous anger of Jesus.

A man named Leonard Haslim got angry watching the 6 o'clock news. Hundreds of people had died in an airliner crash in Washington, D.C. because the plane's wings iced up, making it too heavy to fly. Haslim decided to make sure it didn't happen again. Haslim came up with a bril-

liant, but rather simple solution. Everyone who has studied science knows that opposite charges attract and like charges repel. Haslim used that principle to come up with the ultimate wing deicer. He wrapped a thin sheet of rubber around an airplane wing, with wire ribbons carrying electrical current underneath. When he threw the switch on, the positive wires jumped away from each other, as did the negatives, breaking the ice that had frozen to the layer of rubber above them. “It's like snapping a hall carpet,” drawls Haslim, “and watching the dust fly.” His invention can pulverize ice an inch thick on the surface of a wing. Yet it uses no more power than a single landing light, and costs less than an airplane tire. “It's so simple, lightweight, and cheap, it's nauseating,” says Haslim. It may be that over the next several years, hundreds of lives will be saved because Leonard Haslim got angry watching the 6 o'clock news. Is there something making you angry? Is there some evil in the world that a voice within you keeps saying, “I ought to do something about that.”

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?

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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.

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.

LENTEN CONFESSION

Tuesday, March 12, 5 - 6:30 pm
Fr. Mark Schwab will be our guest confessor.



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.

AFTER THE BAPTISM OF HIS BABY BROTHER IN CHURCH, LITTLE JOHNNY SOBBED ALL THE WAY HOME IN THE BACK SEAT OF THE CAR. HIS FATHER ASKED HIM THREE TIMES WHAT WAS WRONG. FINALLY, THE BOY REPLIED, "THAT PRIEST SAID HE WANTED US BROUGHT UP IN A CHRISTIAN HOME, BUT I WANT TO STAY WITH YOU GUYS."

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