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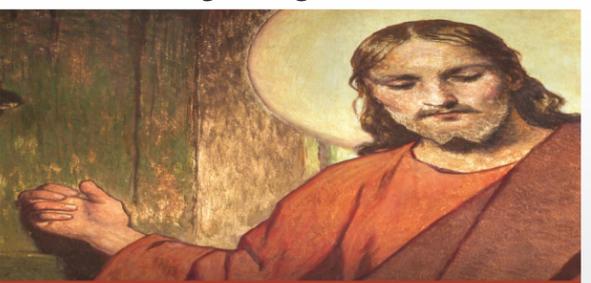
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Sunday August 7, 2022



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: If the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

REGULAR MASS TIMES

SATURDAY: Anticipated Mass - 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: English Mass - 8:30 & 10:30 AM
 12:30 & 7:30 PM
 Vietnamese Mass - 5:00 PM
 African - Last Sunday 12:30 PM (Mass in English with African Choir)

WEEKDAYS: Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) - 8:00 AM
 Tuesday - 7:00 PM
 Friday - 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
 ***except First Friday (in English)
 Saturday - 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
 Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAYS FOR CLEANING



REGULAR DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary
20 minutes before daily Mass

Divine Mercy
Tuesday after the 7 PM Mass

Our Lady of Fatima
3rd Monday of the month 6:30-7 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

First Friday
After the 8 AM Mass -
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 noon Benediction
6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

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ATTENTION NEWCOMERS AND NON-REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:
 Please take the time to fill out our Parish Registration Form found behind the counter by the Parish Office, if you have not done so yet. Thank you.

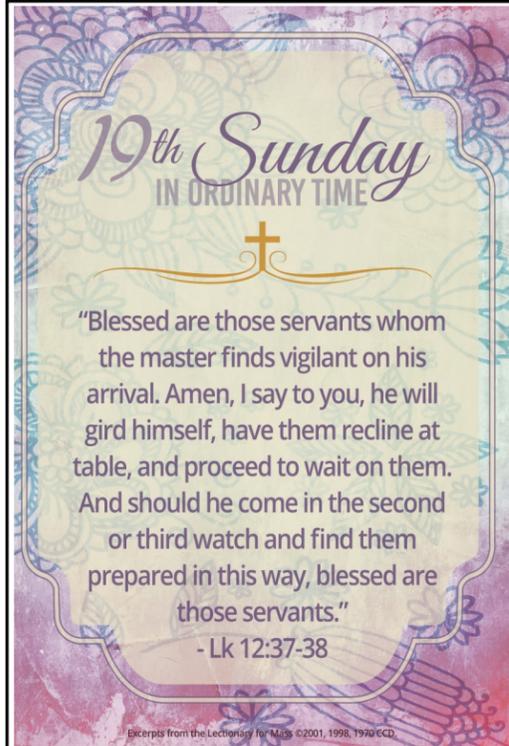
APPEAL TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

- ⇒ Please be mindful that the hymn books in the pews are **not toys**.
- ⇒ Please take a minute to restore them in the right order in the pews.
- ⇒ Garbage should be disposed of in receptacles provided.

BAPTISM: By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and god-parents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament. Contact office@saintmatthews.ca.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 6 months' notice with one of the parties registered in the parish and practicing his/her faith. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for "Guidelines for the Celebration of Marriage".

FUNERALS: Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation? ©LPi

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Stewardship Reflection

Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

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PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

RATES ARE NOW INCREASED! Registration is available on-line only. We have 2 separate forms – credit card or a form for debit/cheque. We will no longer be accepting cash or having paper forms available.

PREP START DATE: September 14th @ 6:30pm – 7:45pm. Only registered students will be on class lists. Please ensure you are registered no later than September 13th to secure your spot. Students who wish to register after that date must contact the PREP office to clarify level & spots available. If you have opted for the debit/cheque registration please ensure that payment is made as soon as possible – thank you!

Teachers needed for the fall: Levels 1(interim) , 3, 4, leaders in level 6 & 7. If you love working with children consider a call to this ministry.

Catechist & Assistant Staff Meeting – Wednesday September 7th – 6:30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Mandatory! Come and meet the new Coordinator & share some food and network with old and new catechists!

Catechists & Assistants: Please remember to let the PREP office know if you are returning in the fall! Forms can be filled out on the Parish website as well. "Returning Catechists form"

New Catechists or Assistants please complete the form on-line as well or contact the PREP office for further details!

For the fall we will be moving into a Level system not Grades to allow for greater clarity in defining completed levels of PREP not relative to grades in school.

Parents please note: for students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion they must have level 1 before entering into a Level 2 class.

Same applies for the Confirmation year – previous level (6) must be obtained.

Students who are returning after an absence and are uncertain of what level they will be please contact the PREP office via email only to see where they will be placed prior to registering.

We would like to welcome our new PREP Coordinator, *Christine Maypa!* Please extend to her the usual support and assistance you've given our previous coordinators.

PREP Office hours will vary until regular hours begin. Please leave a voicemail or email Christine Maypa—prep@saintmatthews.ca or call 604-589-2448 ext. 233

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Monday: St. Dominic, Priest

Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin

Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

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Inspiration for the week

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ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL
FEAST DAY
AUGUST 12

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was born to a noble family in Dijon, France, on January 28, 1572. Her mother died when she was an infant. Her father raised her and provided for her education. In 1592 she married the Baron de Chantal, the couple were devoted to each other. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. As Baroness, Saint Jane Frances restored the custom of daily Mass, and was famous for her charitable works. Unfortunately, her husband died in a hunting accident only eight years after their marriage. Devastated Jane Frances was forced to live in her father-in-law's strict household where she took a vow of chastity.

In 1604 while visiting her father in Dijon, she met Saint Francis de Sales and he became her close friend and spiritual director. Although not many of their epistles have survived, the pair had a lively correspondence which lasted until Saint Francis died.

Under the direction of St. Francis de Sales and with his partnership she established the Congregation of the Visitation at Annecy in 1610. This was a unique order, without the extreme ascetical practices typical in other religious orders, accepting women and girls and those rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. The new order was also unusual in its public ministry, rather than a strictly cloistered life. Saint Jane transformed her convent at Annecy into a hospital during the plague of 1628.

The saint died at the Visitation Convent in Moulins on December 13, 1641. At the time of her death, there were 86 convents of Visitation nuns. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.

Blessed are the people the Lord has chosen for his own.

PSALM 33

The Men's Retreat: Man in the Arena



The Men's Retreat offers something for everyone: adventure, brotherhood, powerful keynotes, prayer, Sacraments, and the rugged outdoor beauty of Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC from **Friday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 2**. This year's speakers include Jake Khym, Brett Powell and other solid men from the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is not "just another retreat," this is THE Men's Retreat, hosted by Life Restoration Ministries. The retreat is open to all men 19 and up, but space is limited. Early bird registration

opens **Saturday, July 9 at 9 a.m. Packages begin at \$300**. Learn more and register at <https://www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat>.

Catholic Young Adults of BC



Ready to dress up, dust off your dancing shoes and join young adults from around the Lower Mainland for an unforgettable evening of dinner, dancing and celebration? Assumption Young Adults and Catholic Young Adults of Surrey (CYAS) are thrilled to jointly host **A Night Under the Stars**, our first dinner dance event, open to all YAs ages 19-35!

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Saturday, August 27
Mass: 5:00—6:00PM
Event: 6:30—11:00PM

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Archdiocesan Event



World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees

The 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **September 24, 2021, 5pm at Our Lady of Sorrows (555 Slocan St. Vancouver)**. As this year's theme, the Holy Father has chosen "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees".

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in over twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms.

Please consider joining Archbishop J. Michael Miller in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. There will be a reception with food and entertainment following Mass in the Upper Hall.

For more information, please contact WDMR@rcav.org.



Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily.



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Priority on this list is given to parishioners, **as space permits**. Names will be removed from time to time. If you submit a name to the Prayer List, **it is your responsibility** to inform the office should his/her circumstances change.

Were you married outside the Catholic Church?

If you are married, but were not married in the Catholic church, we would like to offer you an opportunity to have your marriage regularized with the Church. Please make an appointment with our priest to discuss having your marriage convalidated.

Sacrament of the Sick. What was referred to as "Last Rites" is now called "Anointing of the Sick" administered by a priest when one is "in danger" due to sickness or old age. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Hospital/Care Home Communion Visits. Please remember to let the Parish Office know whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized or moved into a Fleetwood area care home. The Parish has a dedicated group of people who will bring Holy Communion weekly to you or yours. Please phone **Deacon Raul Abella 778-512-9163** or email rabella@rcav.org for a visit and to receive Holy Communion.

CWL Corner



SAVE the DATE! CWL members please mark your calendar for a "Summer Berry and Ice Cream Social"! Join us on Sunday **August 21st at 1:30pm to 3:30pm in the Parish Centre Hall Room 1**. Wear a Hat or Bonnet or Fascinator or just something colourful and come and socialize! It will be FUN!

St. Matthew's Elementary School



Help support our fundraiser by purchasing **Mabel's Labels**: durable, waterproof, and personalized stickers and stamps to label belongings such as clothing, containers, and backpacks. Let's reduce those misplaced lost and found items by checking out: campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose St.

Matthew's Elementary School Surrey to support the fundraiser and help our Grade 6's earn funds for outdoor camps and retreats. Deadline is on **August 23rd** to receive labels on time. Free standard shipping applies.

St. Matthew's Preschool



Spots are still available for the Preschool (aged 30 months to 4 years old) and Out of School Care (5 to 12 years old) starting September 2022. Forms are available for pick up at the parish office.

St. Matthew's Preschool will be closed over the summer holiday. Please contact the parish office at 604-589-2448 for any inquiries or email us at pre-school@stmatthewselementary.ca. As our email will not be closely monitored over the break, we will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience!

St. Matthew's Prayer Group



We invite everyone to come and join us for an hour and a half of praise and worship on **Mondays from 7:30PM to 9:00PM at the Jubilee Hall**. Let us pray together, sing together and give glory to our God.

Young at Heart Club ...50 +



Join our active, friendly group for a social and games. Coffee, tea and goodies available. **Every Tuesday 1:00 - 4:00 pm** (or stay as long as you want) in the Jubilee Hall. We have card and board games - Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, Mexican Train, Crib and bean bag toss. We are also open to new games and activities. Bring your ideas. New members are always welcome. Membership is \$10.00 per member annually.

Legion of Mary



Celebrate and pray for intercession with the Legion of Mary, happy and willing to bring the image of Mother Mary into your residence and enjoy her presence for a week or 2. Kindly write your information on the sheet provided by the wall next to the Parish Office and one of the legionaries will contact you.

Archdiocesan Event—Upper Room Conference 2022



We're back... in-person! Upper Room is a conference that inspires Catholics to live joyfully on mission and equips them to share their faith in their homes and communities. This year's Upper Room will help us to grow in confidence in God our loving Father and to reflect on the amazing gifts He has given to us through Jesus. After two years of online and hybrid conferences, we are back in person at an exciting downtown location! **Oct. 21 - 22 at Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre**. More information will be available next week when registration opens.

World Youth Day 2023



Let's go to Lisbon where the young gather in the name of Jesus!! World Youth Day Lisbon will be from **August 1-6, 2023**. If you are older than 18 years old and want to experience this life-changing experience with 3-4 million young people from all over the world only because of Jesus with Pope Francis, please contact Sr. Hae-Jin Lim, FMA via srhaejin@gmail.com or

@srhaejin.fma (IG).

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