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**Sunday January 29, 2023**



**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

**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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thu.	Feb 2	Bible Study Begins
Sun.	Feb 5	SMES Krispy Kreme Sale
Tue.	Feb 14	K of C Valentine Gift Basket Draw
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
Sat.	Feb 25	K of C Degree Ceremony
Tue.	Feb 28	CWL Gen. Mtg + Mary's Way of the Cross

(see details inside)



**2023 Sunday Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Fireside Hall. Pls. do not use old envelopes, numbers are different every year.**

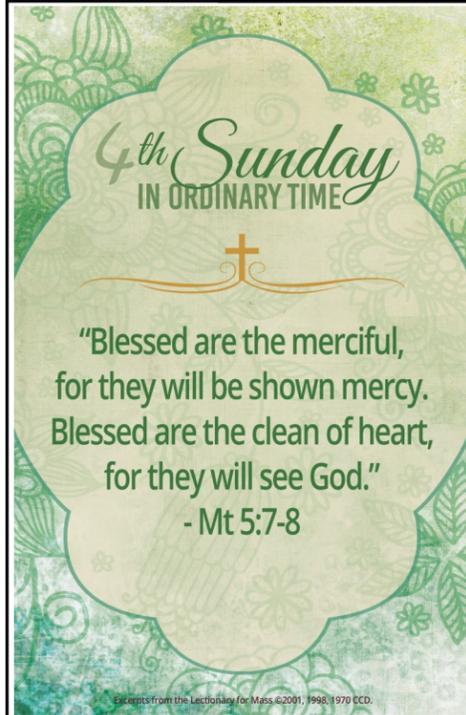
**2023 Sunday Missal and Calendar are available at the Welcome Ctr / Parish Office**  
Missal—\$5 Calendar—\$2

Please continue to pray for **Fr. Raffaele Salvino's** speedy recovery from his surgery. May God touch him with His healing hands and restore back his health.

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



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God."  
- Mt 5:7-8*

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion.

Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with His riches for us, He weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with His joy, He hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way He appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like Him.

— *Father John Muir*  
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**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does He beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does He ask you to make peace?

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**Stewardship Reflection**

**The Humble of the Earth**

*When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.*

*Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.*

*But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.*

*I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.*

*Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?*

*What did the world tell you this moment should mean?*

*What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?*

*God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27*

— *Tracy Earl Welliver* ©LPI

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MATTHEW 5:11

*Psalms 146*

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Thank you once again!

**February 2023 Calendar**

- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Level 6 Parent Meeting, 6:30PM @ the Jubilee hall
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Level 7 Parent, Sponsor & Students MTG. 6:30 PM, PREP and SMES @ Jubilee hall
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Early dismissal at 7:30 PM – Staff Meeting
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – Level 2 & CIC2 Reconciliation Rehearsal (PREP ONLY), 6:30PM, @the Church
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Level 2 & CIC2 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:40 AM
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – ASH Wednesday, 6:30PM – ALL Students must attend

**Please Add [prep@saintmatthews.ca](mailto:prep@saintmatthews.ca) in your contact list to avoid emails going into junk/spam folder**

**Attendance:** We encourage parents to email or call the PREP office to let us know if your child will be absent from class

**PREP office hours:** Wednesday 9am – 12 pm and 2-8pm and Friday 9am – 5pm

A big thank you to all for your continued dedication in ensuring that your children attend PREP classes weekly.

**Many Blessings to you all!!**

**Christine Maypa – [prep@saintmatthews.ca](mailto:prep@saintmatthews.ca) or call 604-589-2448 ext 233**

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023**

- Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023**

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Friday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

**PRAYER**

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker  
Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.  
Amen.



**GOSPEL**

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

**PRAYER**

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.



### Knights of Columbus



St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus Council is holding a Pro-Life Valentine Gift Basket Draw on **February 11 and 12, 2023**. There are two gift baskets this year. Tickets are on sale after the mass in the Fireside Hall. Ticket prices are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. Help support Pro-Life and have a chance to win your Valentine a gift basket. The draw will be held **Sunday night, February 12, after the 7:30 pm mass**.

Calling all Knight Candidates: St. Matthew's Council is having a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Degree Ceremony on **Saturday February 25, in the Parish Centre, Room 1**. If you have signed-up as a Knight, but have not participated in the Degree Ceremony, you are invited to attend this event. Registration begins at 9:30 am, with the degree at 10:00am. Please watch your email for further information.

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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. Reminder: Membership fee of \$10.00 per person for 2023 is now due. Thank you.

### Job Opportunity at St. Nicholas Parish



St. Nicholas Parish, Langley is accepting resumes for the position of Parish Secretary, and asks that you email them directly to Fr. Nixon: [ndsilva@rcav.org](mailto:ndsilva@rcav.org). A full job description will be available by calling the Parish office: 604-513-0300. The application deadline is **Monday, Feb. 6th, 2023**.

### Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program



The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2023 program is now receiving applications. We are privileged to offer fourteen bursaries of \$1,000.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from **January 1, 2023 until June 30, 2023** with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference may be found on our web site ([kofcbc.org](http://kofcbc.org)) after Jan 1, 2023.

**Requests for application should be addressed to:** Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon - 2809 Mara Drive, Coquitlam, BC V3C 5T9 - Attn: Herb Yang, Bursaries Chairman. Or email: [herbykofc@gmail.com](mailto:herbykofc@gmail.com).

Deadline for requests for application is **June 1, 2023**. We would like to congratulate the many recipients once again over the past years and look forward to the opportunity to assist many more young people in the advancement of their education.



### 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.

**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.

### CWL Corner



Are you aware of all the good works that the many Sisters in our Diocese do? The CWL honours these holy women at a Sister's Appreciation Dinner on **February 13th, 2023 at the Italian Cultural Centre**. Tickets are \$55.00. If you would like to join our table please see the notice at the RAR!

**An Invitation! To "You" our Women of St Matthew's Parish** over 16 years, come, join our Parish CWL to continue our commitment in Service in the Lord's name. Add a challenge in 2023, to share yourself in service for our less fortunate children/families of God. Contact the Parish Office or check our CWL website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca). Or simply send us an email [cwlstmatthewssurrey@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstmatthewssurrey@gmail.com). Members, please drop off or mail in your membership form and cheque.

### Save the Date!

**February 28th, Tuesday after the 7pm mass:** CWL General Meeting with Mary's Way of the Cross after the 7pm mass in the Church. Meeting to follow in the Fireside Room.

**March 3rd, Friday at 1pm:** World Day of Prayer, St Helen's Anglican Church, 10787-128 Street, Surrey. Come and join this Ecumenical Prayer Service that is shared around the world that day. Contact is Agnes Trylinski.



**Share the Word Continues ...** Our core values of faith, service and social justice.

**8. CONFIDENCE:** The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us!

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**10. COURAGE:** If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.

### St. Matthew's Elementary School



All SMES families are reminded of the upcoming Annual General Meeting held on **Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the school gym**. At least one parent must attend; re-registration forms will be handed out at the end of the meeting; light refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact the school office at 604-589-7545 or [office@stmatthewselementary.ca](mailto:office@stmatthewselementary.ca)

### SMES Krispy Kreme Sale

SMES is doing a Krispy Kreme sale!! All funds received will support school upgrades for our students. If you are interested in having a delicious treat after mass, please pre-order your donuts by bringing cash **after the 8:30 am or 10:30 am masses on February 5th!** The donuts will arrive and be distributed on **February 12th after both morning masses**. \$15 for a dozen or \$14 a dozen if you purchase 2 or more boxes! Thank you in advance for your support!

### Discover Discipleship



Come and experience your faith in a new and exciting way by joining the Discovery Faith Study Group starting in February. This week we have parishioners sharing how their relationship with God has gotten closer because of Discover Discipleship and how their lives and perspective have changed. The team will be at the masses to answer any questions – please drop by and chat with us! Multiple times available. Contact the parish office for more information.

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