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Sunday, January 14, 2024



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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
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)
First Friday—7:00 PM (in English)
Saturday and Holidays - 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS
Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before Mass

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REGULAR DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary
30 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

Sat.—Sun.	Jan. 13-14	CWL Membership Campaign
Sat.	Jan. 27	Feast of Sto. Nino
Sun.	Jan. 28	K of C Basketball Free Throw Event

(see details inside)



2024 Sunday Missal—\$5



2024 Sunday Envelopes are available in the Fireside Room.

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.

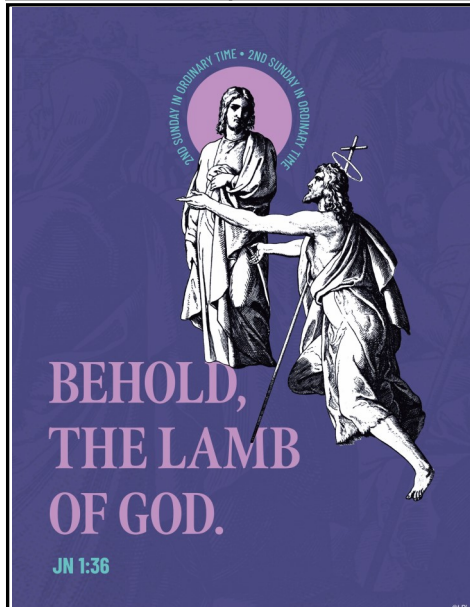
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- ⇒ Please take a minute to restore them in the right order in the pews.
- ⇒ Garbage should be disposed of in receptacles provided.

BAPTISM: By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament. Contact parish.smat@rcav.org.

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.



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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: "You don't want to talk to me. There's nothing special about me."

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn't that the best we can all hope for?

"Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" — John 1:38

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:
1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:
1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:
1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:
1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:
Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:36



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January Calendar

January 24 6:35 pm Level2, CIC2, Gr.2, Parent, Student and Teacher Mtg. PREP & SMES
January 27 5:30 PM Mass, FHC class Celebration Mass "Caring" PREP & SMES, Meet at the Fireside by 5:10
January 31 7:30 PM Early Dismissal

PREP Email:

Please add prep@saintmatthews.ca to your contact list to avoid emails going into junk/spam

PREP office hours: Wednesday 9am – 3pm and 5-8pm

Friday 9am – 5pm

A big thank you to all for your continued dedication in ensuring that your children attend PREP classes weekly. It is so wonderful that we can continue to grow in our faith together.

CHRISTINE MAYPA - PREP Coordinator

Email: prep@saintmatthews.ca or call 604-5892448 ext 233

If we want children and teens to become lifelong Catholics and members of the Church, we have to start now by involving the whole family in the life of the Church -John Roberto, Family Catechesis

K OF C BASKETBALL FREE THROW EVENT



Calling all young people between the ages of 9 to 14, come and be apart of a fun free throw competition sponsored by KofC St. Matthew's Council 9534. The event will be held on **January 28, 2024 after the 10:30am and 12:30pm masses in St. Matthew's Elementary School Gym.** Entry forms are available at the Welcome Centre.

HOLY CROSS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



Holy Cross Regional Secondary is hosting an Open House, **Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.** Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to join our community to see what makes our school unique. You will be able to listen to Holy Cross' Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at a French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Holy Cross' online registration process will commence with this event. Holy Cross' community looks forward to meeting all of you, Thursday, January 25th.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING



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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Deadline for requests for application is **June 1, 2024.**

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. This year is between **January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul)**.

Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminister, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Learn more and register at <https://rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations/wpcu>.

Coping with Post-Holiday Grief Seminar

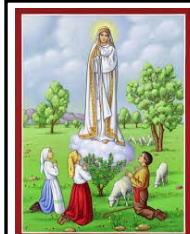
Grief can be unpredictable. It comes and goes, sometimes in waves. It affects our sense of well-being and changes us forever. Christmas is a time for family, but if we have lost someone, it can be a particularly difficult time. Everything has changed. We can keep busy during the holiday season but what happens afterwards? Join us on **Saturday, January 20 from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at All Saints Parish Hall**.

Denis Boyd will discuss grief and some coping strategies to help with the letdown we sometimes feel after Christmas, when everyone has returned home, the decorations are put away and we are settling into a new year. Denis is a registered psychologist and popular speaker who presents talks and workshops on a variety of topics including marriage, grief, retirement, and family relationships. Register online at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/coping-with-post-holiday-grief-3>.

The Great Divorce: A Book Study for Young Adults

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives.

Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on **Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver)**. This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world. Learn more and register online at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/the-great-divorce-a-book-study-for-young-adults>.



DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily



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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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) CORNER



An Invitation! To "You", women of St Matthew's Parish who are over 16 years old, come join CWL to assist us to continue our commitment in service in the Lord's name. Add a challenge in 2024 to share yourself to our less fortunate children/families of God, in faith, service and social justice causes. Feel free to contact us via email cwlstmatthewssurrey@gmail.com or through the Parish Office to get a membership form. Checkout our website www.cwl.ca for more information.

We start the year with a Membership Potluck Dinner Meeting **after the Tuesday evening mass on January 16th**. All women are welcome to come and see what we are all about. Bring your favourite dish to share in the Jubilee Hall.

Note: CWL members please drop off or mail in your membership form and cheque.

Share the Word:

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On **January 27**, the Feast of Sto. Niño will be celebrated during the **5:30pm mass**. There will be a procession inside the Church after the mass, please bring your images of Sto. Niño for blessing. Fellowship will follow immediately after, in the Fireside Room.

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 Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. Peter means rock. He knew that Peter would be strong enough to hold his church together. Pretend that God is changing your name today. God might choose a name that says what he wants you to become: Patience, Courage, or Honesty. God could choose Bible names: Moses, Noah, Mary, or Joseph. Choose a name for yourself. God will call you by your new name. He will be proud of you.

PRAYER
 Lord, call me by name. I am listening.