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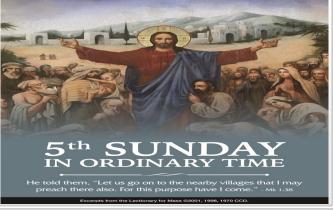
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Sunday, February 4, 2024



REGULAR MASS TIMES

SATURDAY: Anticipated Mass - 5:30 PM

English Mass - 8:30 & 10:30 AM **SUNDAY:**

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

OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED ON MONDAYS FOR CLEANING



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

Feb. 11 Pancake Breakfast (10:30am mass only) Sun. Sat-Sun. Feb. 10-11 K of C Valentine Gift Basket Draw Feb. 10-11 Sat-Sun. Valentine's Day Bake Sale Fri. Feb. 16 "How to Have the Best Lent Ever" 22 Thu. Feb. Anointing of the Sick Mass

(see details inside)



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 14, 2024)

5:00PM—English 8:00AM-English 6:45PM—PREP 9:30AM—SMES

11:00AM—Holy Cross 8:30PM—Vietnamese

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

2023 Tax receipts are now available for pick-up in the Welcome Centre after Sunday masses, or in the Parish Office on weekdays.

OLD PALMS

Please bring back your old palms which will be burned and blessed in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Kindly drop it in the box provided at the back of the Church.

BAPTISM:

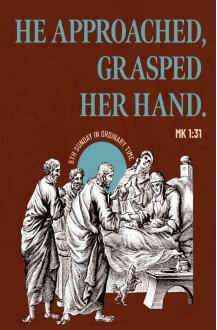
By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament. Contact parish.smat@rcav.org.

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.



Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in Churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to Him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and

so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing His healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in Him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

Father John Muir **©**LPi

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve Him later? Couldn't she thank Him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." — Mark 1:31

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town He is visiting, your heart the synagogue where He preaches. Remember that for this purpose He has come.

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Bible Study Catholic Women's League Catholic Young Adults of Surrey (CYAS) Choirs: Fri 7 PM Sat5:30 PM

8:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:30 PM 12:30 PM 5 PM 7:30 PM

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10:30AM

12:30PM

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tickets on sale after mass on February 10 and 11, 2024. There are two gift baskets this year. Tickets are available after mass in the Fireside Room. Tickets prices are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 10 for \$10. Help support ProLife and have a chance to win your Valentine a gift basket. The draw will be held **Sunday** night, February 11, after the 7:30 pm mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry Treat yourself to a sweet treat from the Youth Ministry's Valentine's Day Bake Sale after all the masses on February **10 and 11** while supplies last! There will be a wide variety

of treats ranging from cookies, brownies, muffins, rice krispies, and more! All proceeds will support their fundraising efforts for their upcoming youth retreat. See you there!

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.

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CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF SURREY (CYAS)

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FRIDAY FEB 16

St. Matthew's **Parish Centre** Room 1 6:00 - 8:30 PM

DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER: FR. MARK GAZIN, CSB

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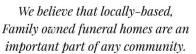
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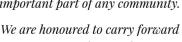
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Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

February Calendar

February 7 6:30 PM Level2 & CIC2 Reconciliation Rehearsal (PREP only). Meet at the Church

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday — Students and Family meet at the Church by 6:20pm February 14

10:00AM Level 2 & CIC2 Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meet at the Fireside Hall at 9:45 am February 17 6:35PM Level 7 & Grade 7 Parent, Sponsor & Student Mtg. PREP & SMES meet at the Gym February 21

February 28 6:35PM Level1, CIC1, Grade1 Parent Meeting PREP & SMES meet at Gym

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

PROLIFE



February 16, 2024, we will have our first Pro-Life meeting of the New Year. It will be in the Parish Centre, Room 4 at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we will be planning activities for the coming year and all ideas are welcome. Come early for fellowship - coffee will be ready at 5:10. Call Teresa Gares (604 816-7159) for more information.

SACRED MUSIC AND ART



Save The Date... Lenten Reflection Friday March 15th, 7pm at St. Matthew's Church

This event promises to provide inspiring scripture paired with beautifully presented hymns, sacred art, and opportunity for meditation. All members of our St. Matthew's parish community are encouraged to set aside this date and plan to join us.

May God grace you with a transformative Lent and Easter this year, all centered on Jesus Christ our Savior!

Worship & Meditation

Gospel Meditation



CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE AT TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY



Join Catholic Pacific College at Trinity Western University for an info session at St. Matthew's Par-

ish on Thursday, February 22nd (7:00PM-8:30PM). Ideal for grades 10-12 students and families interested in experiencing a top tier university at TWU where they can receive an accredited degree while receiving solid Catholic formation at CPC. The event includes a presentation, Q & A, student testimonials, and insights on the importance of Catholic higher education. Refreshments provided. For inquiries, contact John, Admissions Counselor, at 236-512-6250 or john.doromal@twu.ca. We look forward to welcoming you! Registration Form: https://form-can.keela.co/catholic-pacific-college-attrinity-western-university-parishes

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024 | 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Calling All Youth (16+) and Young Adults

An 8-week experience of community, conversation, prayer, and the gospel

The Rescue Project is a multi-week series that tells the story of the gospel. It offers an opportunity for a Spirit-filled response to what is proclaimed, and catapults us out into the world on mission to go and rescue others.

Join the Catholic Young Adults of Surrey as we seek to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format.

Week 2: Why is There Something Rather than Nothing?

loin us as we uncover

Week 1: The Importance of

Week 4: It Gets Worse Week 5: Why Did Jesus Come? Week 6: What Difference Does it

Week 8: Getting Clarity on the

What: Dinner + Discussions + Fellowship Where: St. Matthew's Parish When: Every Thursday 6:00-8:15 PM starting February 29th

Cost: \$40

Space is limited. Reserve your spot here: https://tally.so/r/3lrLJ6



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22ND

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA



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Momentum Single Mothers Lunch

mentum and a Professor at McGill University.

This is an opportunity for women to gather, share, pray, and

learn more about Momentum, a faith community for Catholic

single mothers that offers retreats, as well as in-person and

online gatherings. We will be joined by Claire Brown, who has been a sin-

gle mother to her son since his birth in 2000. Claire is a co-founder of Mo-

On Saturday, February 24, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Par-

ish in Vancouver. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Learn more and

This is an intensive nine-month retreat geared toward young adults seek-

Normally, the Spiritual Exercises Retreat takes place intensively over 40

days at a retreat house in silence and isolation. The "Daily Life" format is

an adaptation made by St. Ignatius to allow people to pray the retreat

whilst continuing their daily lives. A person prays for one hour a day (at

home) and they meet weekly with their retreat director to discuss and

discern the presence and action of God in the past week's prayer. The

retreat also involves attending instructional lectures about prayer meth-

odology and content. The retreat is personalized for each individual, spe-

cific to their situation and issues; Each person gets their own retreat di-

Hosted by the Jesuit Spirituality Apostolate of Vancouver, the Spiritual

day, February 15. Register and see the full schedule via https://

Exercises has two essential parts, and will start on Tuesday, May 7. Appli-

cation fee is \$100, with bursaries available. Registration deadline: Thurs-

beholdvancouver.org/events/spiritual-exercises-in-everyday-life-retreat

register for free via https://beholdvancouver.org/events/momentum-

The Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life Retreat for Young Adults

ing God's will in their lives, with a focus on experiencing God.

Please include in your prayers

†Rita Guerra, †Luisa Gomez and †Marie Bitota who have gone home to the Lord.

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Desiree & Virgilio Pino; Liz Da Costa; Tommy Contreras; Victor Miller; Gerry Della Mattia; Helen Doyle-Stote; Horst & Elsa Seliger; Demetrio Tamparia; Angelita Correa; Edgardo Olivares; Alex; David Keenan; Alberto Ordonez; Colleen Salmon; Teresita Dimaano; Irene Collingwood; Antonio, Adela, Arvin, Johnna, Virgilio & Karen Guinto; Jane & Eunice Dare; Adelaida, Ronald & Andrew De Leon; Felix Djuhari; Sueann Zore; Cathy, Colleen & Gavin Herrera; Jaime & Nita Fermalan; Rose Sayson; Norbert De La Tour; Ma. Lydia Ramirez; Yvonne Bailey; Cora De Jesus; Mary Grace Navasca; Lario Roma; Vicenta Ty; Leny Uy; John Pinto; Ricardo Piraquive; Rowena Serviento; Leonora Fejer; Roy Arbiol; Ely Pamintuan; Andrea Bernabey; Caceres, Rios, Alonso and Santa Cruz family; Pablito Basit; Helena Olivares; Consuelo Santos; Margaret Lee; Valeriana Quinto; Deanna Maceda Silva; Lena Pinto; Concepcion Romero; Paul Fernandes; Scott Strobel; Don Barber;

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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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) CORNER

Anointing of the Sick Mass



Everyone is invited to join the Anointing of the Sick Mass on *February 22 at* 11am. Reception will follow after in the Jubilee Hall. We would love to see you all there!

Save the Dates:

- 1. February 20—General meeting with guest speaker from Covenant House. All are welcome.
- 2. February 22—We need members' helping hands for pots of soup, sandwiches and sweets, as well as assistance with set-up, serving and clean-up for Anointing of the Sick Luncheon. Sign up sheet is at the RAR counter.
- 3. March 1—World Day of Prayer at 1pm here at St. Matthew's. All are welcome!

As we close January – our membership invitation is always open to anyone who would like to join us. We would like to reach out to the ladies in our parish, 16 years and over, to join CWL as we continue to grow in faith, and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. CWL National Theme for 2024 is "Here I am Lord, send me." The theme's focus is mental health awareness. For any questions you may have regarding membership, do not hesitate to write to us at cwlstmatthewssurrey@gmail.com or visit the parish office. Take some time to explore the National Website at www.cwl.ca

ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



St. Matthew's Elementary School is hosting another pancake breakfast, on Sunday, February 11, 2024 after the 10:30 am mass. Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the event. Tickets are \$8 per person and include

pancakes, eggs, sausages, and a beverage. All items are packed to go so you may choose to stay and eat or to enjoy elsewhere. All proceeds go to elementary school upgrades.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



Sancta Maria House a Healing/Recovery Home for women is inviting female volunteers to consider joining our team. We need assistance

with household management, arts and crafts, social activities and gardening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents. (email - sanctamari-

ahouse@agapestreetministry.org)

Agape Street Ministry

Agape Street Ministry is calling on compassionate individuals like you to join our dedicated team of volunteers! Together, let's make a difference in the lives of the working women on the streets by telling them "Jesus loves them". (Email to info@agapestreetministry.org)

Catholic Street Missionaries

Catholic Street Missionaries is an organization dedicated to helping the abandoned, forgotten and outcast of the Downtown East Side. Started by Mildred Moy in June 2016, CSM is a part of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and supported by Archbishop Miller. We work closely to bring Jesus to the streets by spending time and providing companionship to those who are otherwise alone, and journey with them in their recovery. We are looking for volunteers and donations to help support our cause. For information about CSM, and how to donate or sign up as a volunteer, please visit https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/.

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bed with a fever, lesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. cooked them a nice meal to celebrate. Neighbors brought all of their sick loved ones to be cured. When we pray today, heals them. He cures through doctors nurses, medicines, and machines



Lord, heal my family and friends who are sick



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