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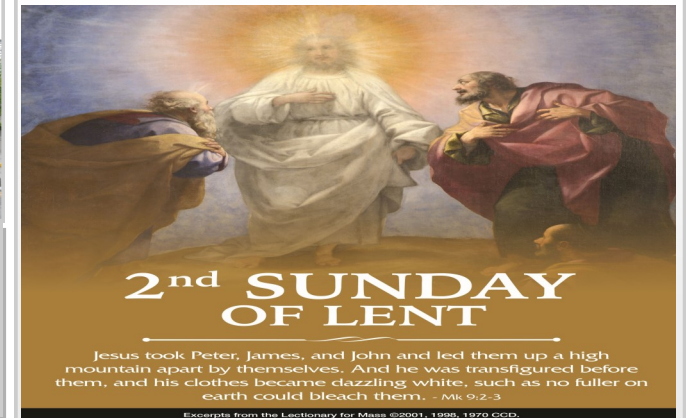
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Sunday, February 25, 2024



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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

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

Thu.	Feb.	29	The Rescue Project Begins (for Young Adults)
Fri.	Mar.	1	World Day of Prayer
Sat.	Mar.	2	Youth Retreat Parent Info Night
Thu.	Mar.	14	2000 Hail Mary's
Fri.	Mar.	15	Sacred Music and Art

(see details inside)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Fridays of Lent at 6PM

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

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

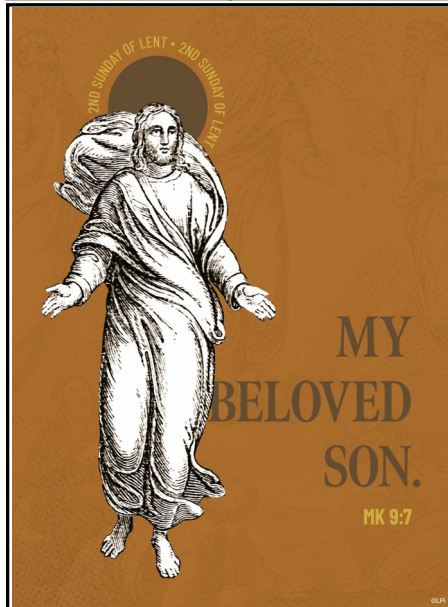
APPEAL TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

- ⇒ Please be mindful that the hymn books and prayer cards 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 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.



As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what He wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

- Father John Muir
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LIVE THE LITURGY

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

On the Mountain

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, He restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all His mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

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March 11th-15th Everyday 9am-11:00am
Session 2: Boys and Girls currently in Gr 5-7
March 11th-15th Everyday 11:30am-2:30pm

Where: Holy Cross High School Gymnasium

Why: to improve overall basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun.

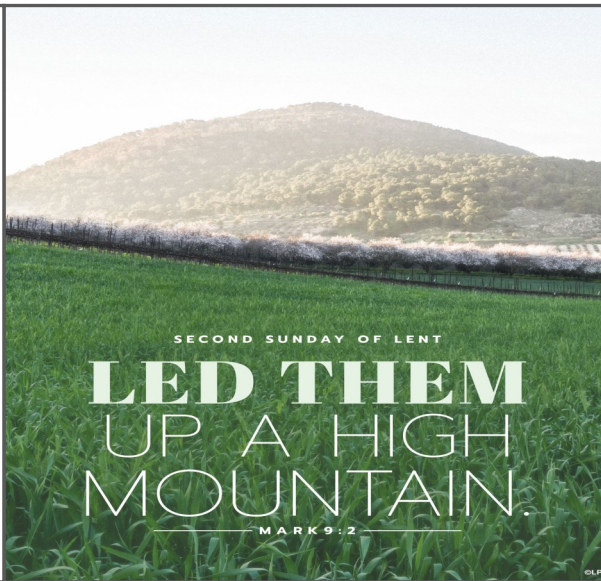
How to register:

1. Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hcboysbasketball@gmail.com

to **confirm your child's spot** in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. We cap the number of participants for quality coaching.

2. Download and fill out a registration form at www.hcboysbasketball.com

3. Bring completed registration form and \$140.00 to the first day of camp. Cash or Cheque. Make cheques payable to **Crusader Basketball Club**.



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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

February –March Calendar

February	28	6:35PM Level1, CIC1, Grade1 Parent Meeting PREP & SMES meet at Gym
March	6	6:35 pm Class Confession Level 6:35 pm Level 7 Confirmation Interview
March	13	6:35 pm Lent Mass—Students and Family meet at the Church
March	20&27	No Class – Spring Break

Announcement

Please incorporate some of the following almsgiving examples into your Lenten practice . This is a great way to teach our children the importance of almsgiving. Help your children choose the items they wish to give to our brothers and sisters in need. Kindly bring donated items to your class starting on Wednesday February 21st, or at the PREP office.

Men's Hygiene:

Small or hotel-size soap bars, razors, small shaving cream, and deodorant

Mite-Box & Adopt-a-Seminarian program along with "Seminarian Collectible Cards" with name and photo. We invite that each student pray for the particular seminarian he or she receives. Please encourage your children to put any amount of money they earn through chores, allowance or present. Please return mite boxes on or before **March 13**.

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

SACRED MUSIC AND ART



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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry is excited to announce their upcoming youth retreat happening in May! All parents and guardians are invited to the Parent Info Night happening on **Saturday, March 2 from 6:45pm - 8:15pm in Meeting Room 1**. Come and learn more about the retreat and the youth ministry while connecting with other parents in the parish! If you have any questions, please email the Youth Ministry Coordinator, Eleanor Wong, at eleanorwong@aol.com. See you there!

LEGION OF MARY

On **March 14 (Thursday)**, the Legion of Mary is hosting the **2000 Hail Mary's** which will start at 9AM and will continue on until 6pm at St. Matthew's Parish. Everyone is invited to attend and participate, or lead a part of the petitions. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!





PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS THIS LENT



PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians. Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood. Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation. Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church. We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Calendar 2024

 ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14 Pete W. Poth St. John's Parish	 FEBRUARY 15 PEDRO JACOB REYES DE SENA Holy Cross Parish	 FEBRUARY 16 PETER VAN LEEUWEN St. Joseph's Parish	 FEBRUARY 17 JOSE BALDIZONDO Benedict Sacrament Parish	 FEBRUARY 18 SUNDAY	 FEBRUARY 19 LUIS ESQUIVEL Sacred Heart Parish	 FEBRUARY 20 MICHAEL ROY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	 FEBRUARY 21 GUSTAVO EZEQUIEL MEDINA-SABABIA Holy Cross Parish	 FEBRUARY 22 ALBERT MEMORIZZA St. Matthew's Parish
 FEBRUARY 23 JOHN KIRKPATRICK St. Michael's Parish	 FEBRUARY 24 JOHN FRANCIS WENDESS Holy Cross Parish	 FEBRUARY 25 SUNDAY	 FEBRUARY 26 JOSE BALDIZONDO Benedict Sacrament Parish	 FEBRUARY 27 CHRISTINA TRINIDAD Benedict Sacrament Parish	 FEBRUARY 28 FRANCIS GARCIA Benedict Sacrament Parish	 FEBRUARY 29 MICHAEL ROY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	 FEBRUARY 29 ALESSANDRO COLUMBO Benedict Sacrament Parish	 FEBRUARY 29 GUSTAVO EZEQUIEL MEDINA-SABABIA Holy Cross Parish
 MARCH 1 JACOB SHAFER Precious Blood Parish	 MARCH 2 ALBERT MEMORIZZA St. John's Parish	 MARCH 3 SUNDAY	 MARCH 4 PEDRO JACOB REYES DE SENA Holy Cross Parish	 MARCH 5 PETER VAN LEEUWEN St. Joseph's Parish	 MARCH 6 JOSE BALDIZONDO Benedict Sacrament Parish	 MARCH 7 FRANCIS GARCIA Sacred Heart Parish	 MARCH 7 MICHAEL ROY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish	 MARCH 8 GUSTAVO EZEQUIEL MEDINA-SABABIA Holy Cross Parish
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DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily



Please include in your prayers
†Trang Minh Nguyen
who has gone home to the Lord.
May her soul rest in eternal peace.

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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



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR SURREY FOOD BANK: An opportunity to Share in Lent. All parishioners! Please drop off canned and boxed goods (protein (fish & meat), fruit, vegetables, meal-in-a-tin, whole-grain rice or legumes, pasta & sauce, healthy canned soup, baby formula (large cans)) in the bins provided in the foyer until **March 18**. CWL will box and deliver to Surrey Food Bank!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER March 1 at 1pm here at St. Matthew's Church. This annual day of prayer is featuring a prayer program created by Christian women in Palestine. A timely way to pray for peace in the Middle East. Everyone! Come and join us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are now due! If you have lost your renewal form there are extras at the RAR counter.

Thank you to everyone that assisted at and attended the Anointing of the Sick Mass and Reception. May the blessings and graces that were received sustain you with courage and healing.

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Take a break from the demands of ministry and life, and dive into the heart of Lent.

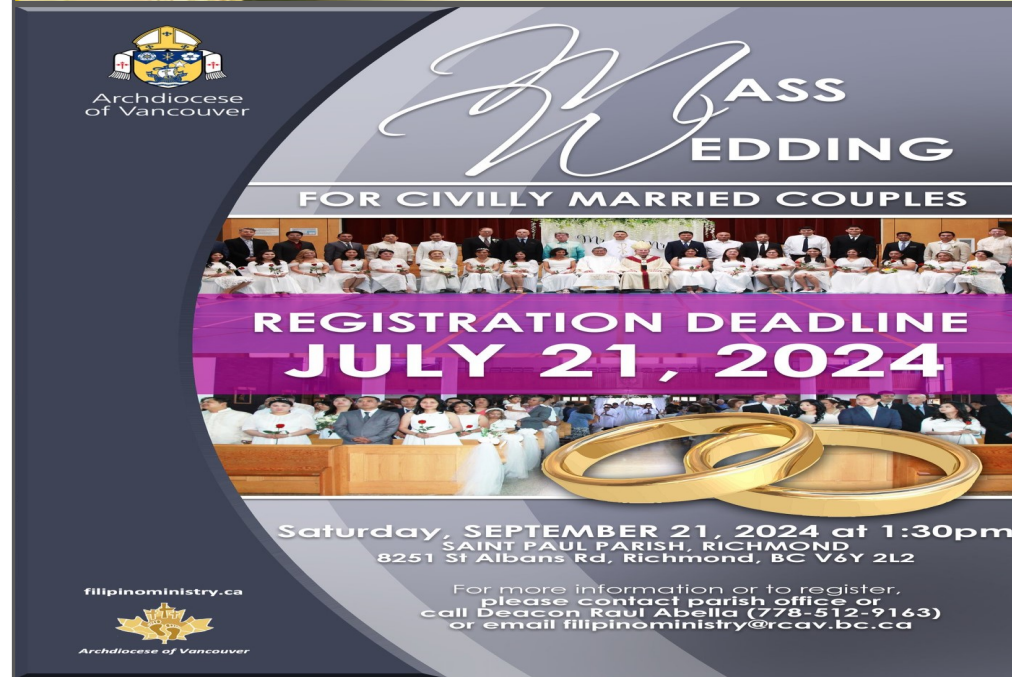
Father James Hughes will give a reflection based on the Gospel of the day (Luke 18:9-14), offered through the lens of the Pharisee and tax collector, titled *Virtue Stands in the Middle*. With both personal reflection and small-group sharing, Father James will assist us to strengthen our work in the vineyard of the Lord - His ministry as leaders.

On **Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey.** Cost is \$25. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6.** All who lead and serve in ministry are welcome! Learn more and register at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/humbled-exalted-lenten-retreat>



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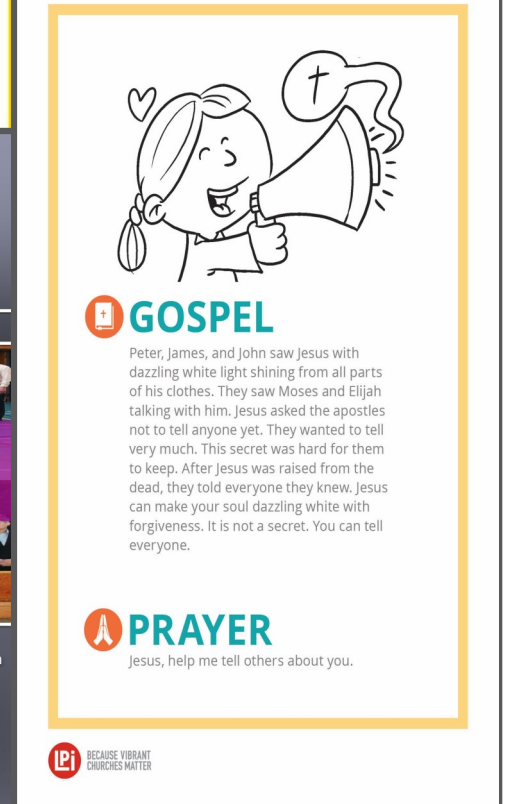
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Peter, James, and John saw Jesus with dazzling white light shining from all parts of his clothes. They saw Moses and Elijah talking with him. Jesus asked the apostles not to tell anyone yet. They wanted to tell very much. This secret was hard for them to keep. After Jesus was raised from the dead, he told everyone they knew. Jesus can make your soul dazzling white with forgiveness. It is not a secret. You can tell everyone.

PRAYER
Jesus, help me tell others about you.