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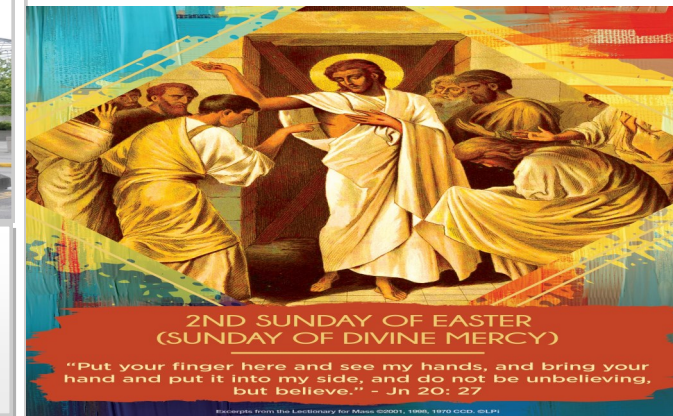
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**Sunday, April 7, 2024**



**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**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat.—Sun.	Apr.	13-14	Youth Ministry Easter Bake Sale
Sat.—Sun.	Apr.	13-14	Holy Land Religious Articles Sale
Sun.	Apr.	14	SMES Pancake Bfast (10:30AM Mass Only)
Sat.	May	4	Lector's Workshop
Sat.	May	11	CWL Wellness Day

(see details inside)



**REGULAR DEVOTIONS**

**Holy Rosary**

30 minutes before daily Mass

**Divine Mercy**

Tuesday after the 7 PM Mass

**Our Lady of Fatima**

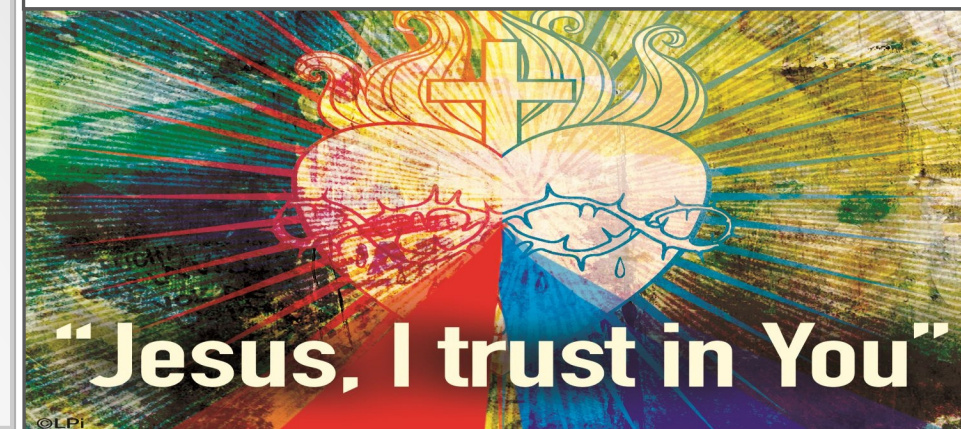
3rd Monday of the month 6:30-7 PM

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

**First Friday**

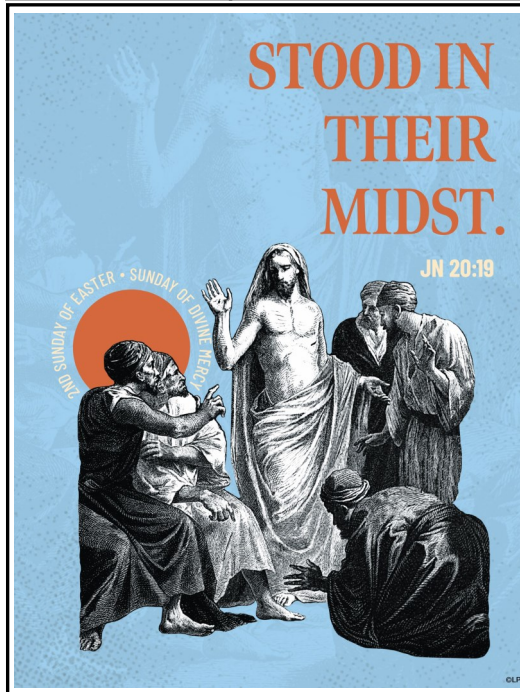
After the 8 AM Mass -  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12:00 noon Benediction  
 6:25 PM—Holy Rosary



**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](mailto: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.



A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was

stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying His wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

- Father John Muir  
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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

**Written in the Wounds**

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through His body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or He is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to His hands, His feet, His side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28*

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**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 in the Jubilee Hall.** Let us pray together, sing together and give glory to our God.

**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 two. Kindly write your information on the sheet provided by the wall next to the Parish Office and one of the legionaries will contact you.



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT  
**St. Matthew's Marriage Ministry**

We are actively seeking for married couples to support our parish's engaged couples through their marriage preparations. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Doreen McKinnon** at (604) 582-4323 or [doreenmck@shaw.ca](mailto:doreenmck@shaw.ca)

THIS MONTH, WE CONGRATULATE:

**Timothy Cao & Hong Ngoc (Ruby) Tran,  
Dinh Minh Ha (Harvey) Le & Khanh Linh (Kaitlin) Luong,  
Juan Paolo Unarce & Jemimah Isabel Membreve**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners who so generously supported our two weekend Lenten pant drive. We had so many pants that we were able to support two men's shelters: Luke 15 House in Surrey, and Catholic Charities Men's Shelter in Vancouver.

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the work we do.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)**

**April Calendar**

April	10	6:35PM Grade2, Level2 & CIC2 Parent Meeting
April	17	6:35PM Level 7 Parent Meeting - Theology of the Body & Confirmation info Session (PREP only)
April	20	3:00-5:00PM First Holy Communion Retreat
		5:10 FHC Class—Level2, CIC2 & Grade 2
April	24	Early Dismissal at 7:30PM (Staff Meeting)

**Sacramental Registration Level 2/CIC2**

Sacramental Registration Level 2/CIC2



Deadline: April 17

**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**

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*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*

**LECTOR**



**A CALL FOR ASPIRING LECTORS**

Does public speaking intrigue you? Do you have a love for Scripture and the confidence to proclaim it? Are you teachable and willing to undergo continuous training in support of ministry and community? If you hear God's call, then be present at the WORKSHOP for LECTORS on **Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 AM.** Please call the parish office to register.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



St. Matthew's Elementary School is hosting another pancake breakfast, on **Sunday, April 14, 2024 after the 10:30 am mass.** Tickets will be sold on **Sunday, April 7 after the 10:30 am mass and 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.

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**Marriage Anniversary MASS**

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 1:30pm  
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish  
Port Coquitlam

Register your milestone anniversary at [family.rcav.org/mam](http://family.rcav.org/mam)

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On **Sunday, May 12**, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m.** Registrations received by **Friday, April 19**, will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at <https://family.rcav.org/mam/>.

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**MASS WEDDING**

FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 21, 2024**

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 at 1:30pm  
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**ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS**



**International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima Tour**

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is recognized as the primary way in which the message of Fatima spread throughout the world and continues today. Sculpted by Jose Thedim, the "Michelangelo of Portugal," the statue has been traveling internationally since 1947.

From April 1-15, join us in welcoming the statue in our Archdiocese and participating in the veneration. This is a unique chance to deepen our faith and connect with the message of Fatima. See the full tour schedule via <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/international-pilgrim-virgin-statue-of-fatima-tour>.

**Official Enshrinement of San Pedro Calungsod**

The Cebuano Society of Canada, in collaboration with the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, invites devotees and all faithful to witness the official enshrinement of St. Pedro Calungsod, Filipino patron saint of migrants and youth. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, and Bishop Julito Cortes, D.D., of Dumaguete, Philippines, will preside over the Holy Mass. On **Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish in Richmond.**

**Spring 2024 Gala, Catholic Pacific College (CPC)**

All young adults and CPC alumni are invited to join us for the Catholic Pacific College Student Association's Spring Gala! There will be dinner, a toonie bar, live music, a photo booth, and dancing. On **Saturday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish. Cost is \$25.** Please come in formal attire. Learn more and buy tickets via <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/spring-gala-dinner-dance-catholic-pacific-college>.

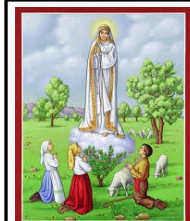
**Momentum Single Mothers' Retreat**

All Catholic single mothers are invited to attend a two-night retreat, with or without their children. There will be talks for mothers (childcare provided), family time, children's activities, and time for Mass, Adoration, and Confession. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Momentum, the retreat will be held from **May 24-26 at Charis Camp in Chilliwack. Cost is \$150/family (with or without children).** Registration deadline: **Monday, May 6.** Learn more and register at <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/momentum-single-mothers-retreat>.

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**DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Please pray the Holy Rosary daily



Please include in your prayers  
 †Christina Berris and †Martin Sask  
 who have gone home to the Lord. May their souls rest in eternal peace. Funeral mass for  
 †Christina Berris is on April 13, 2024 at 10:30am.

Desiree & Virgilio Pino; Liz Da Costa; Tommy Contreras; Gerry Della Mattia; Helen Doyle-Stote; Horst & Elsa Seliger; Demetrio Tamparia; Angelita Correa; Edgardo Olivares; 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; Scott Strobel; Don Barber; Jorge Papa; Lynn Hagglund; Juliet Buan-Torres & Joseph De La Cruz.; Mitch Montero; Talah Bautista; Mauricio Engada; Martha Doyle; Luz Eugenio; Pam & Carol Barthelette; Alanna Mckinley; Regina Diolata; Lawrence & Susan Odubajo; Theresa Fagbamiye; Naty Parinas; Mary Ann Cabading; Jurest Pe Perion; Concepcion Lacanienta; Lawrence Icarangal Jr.; Denver Gomez; Chuck Samaniego; Cyrus Oskuei; Lucila Marcojos; Joseph Fernando

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**



St. Matthew's CWL is launching the **Wellness Day in May**, with ticket sales beginning this weekend! Treat yourself, your mom, sister, friend or spouse to a massage therapy session for **only \$30. CASH or CHEQUE ONLY.** **Saturday May 11 9am to 4pm** in St. Matthew's Jubilee Hall and Gymnasium. This is in conjunction with the West Coast College of Massage Therapy. Tickets are available after weekend Masses or at the parish office during the week. ICBC and WCB clients cannot be accepted.

A GREAT IDEA FOR A MOTHER'S DAY TREAT... **All proceeds are for Covenant House.**

**SAVE the DATE** for the **April 16, 2024** general meeting after 7pm Mass in the Jubilee Hall. The FAITH Pillar will be our focus at the April General Meeting. Come and connect with each other through a FAITH Inspired program from our CWL National mentors.

**BURSARIES**



**St. Matthew's CWL Bursary**

Are you going on to further studies in September? Is your mother or grandmother a member of St. Matthew's CWL? CWL awards 2 bursaries for students who will graduate this year. Application forms are available at the counter of the Religious Articles Room. Submission deadline is **May 31, 2024.**

**CWL Diocesan Bursary**

CWL diocesan bursary information and application forms are available at <https://vancouvercwl.ca>. Deadline for application is **April 5, 2024.**

**ST. MATTHEW'S PRESCHOOL & OUT OF SCHOOL CARE**



Preschool application for **September 2024** is still open for children aged 3-4 years old. Forms are available for pick up at the preschool classroom or from St. Matthew's Parish Office. For more details, please call 604-589-1222 or email, [preschool@stmatthewselementary.ca](mailto:preschool@stmatthewselementary.ca). If you know families who are interested in registering their children to preschool, your referrals are highly appreciated!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**



**Bake Sale**

Treat yourself to some homemade baked goods from the Youth Ministry's Easter Bake Sale! They will be selling various baked goods and pastries after all the Masses on **April 13 and 14** to raise money for their upcoming retreat, Abide! Be sure to stop by.

**Abide: Youth Retreat**

All youth are invited to the Youth Ministry's upcoming retreat, Abide, happening from **May 10-12, 2024!** If you would like to learn more about the retreat, all parents and guardians are invited to the Parent Info Night on Saturday, April 13 after the 5:30pm Mass in Meeting Room 1. Happening at the same time, all youth are invited to the Retreat Preview Night happening in Meeting Room 2 to get a sneak peak at what to expect for the retreat! For more information, contact Eleanor Wong at [eleonorwong@aol.com](mailto:eleonorwong@aol.com). To register and learn more about the retreat, check out the parish website here <https://saintmatthews.ca/events/youth-retreat-2024-abide>

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM HOLY LAND**



Please have a look at the religious olive wood carvings displayed outside the Church on **April 13-14.** These articles are hand crafted by the Christians of the Holy land who are seeking your support today to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. **70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1.0%.** It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as a more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons.

**Please note that that ONLY CASH, E-TRANSFER, OR CHEQUES ARE accepted as payment at this time.**

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**GOSPEL**  
 It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

**PRAYER**  
 God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.