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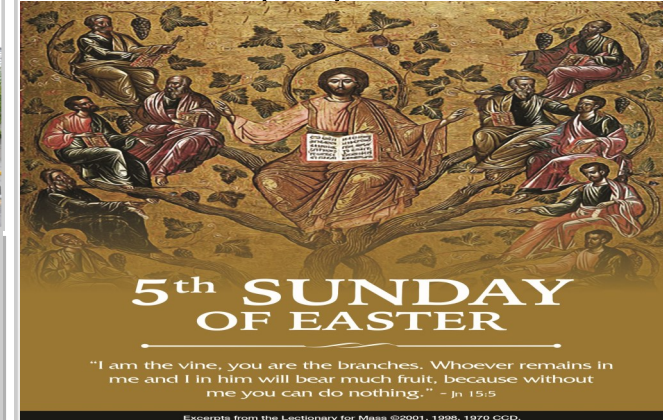
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Sunday, April 28, 2024



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - in 15:5

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

Sat.	May	4	Lector's Workshop
Sat.	May	11	CWL Wellness Day
Sat.	May	11	Heart & Home—Mental Health Discussion
Sat.	May	11	Our Lady of Fatima Procession
Sat.	June	1	Spring Dinner Dance
Sat.	June	8	SMES Summer Carnival
Sat.	June	15	Man's Destiny Men's Conference

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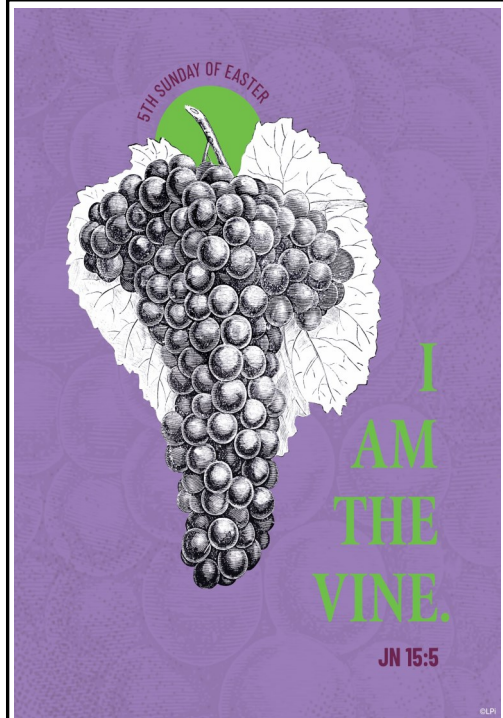
ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GARDEN

St. Joseph's Prayer Garden is currently being built at the west side parking lot of the Church. It will be a place where one can meditate and pray. Soon!

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.



My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his Parish Church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of His Father, "**He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit He prunes to make it bear more fruit**" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not His work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

- Father John Muir
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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love in Deed

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18
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LIVE THE LITURGY

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

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The first talk, titled *Heart & Home* features Sarah Ruggier, and Steve Ching, registered clinical counsellors, who will discuss how family and relationships tie into one's mental well-being and what to do about it. It will take place on **Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 7 PM at St. Matthew's Parish Centre.**



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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.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

April—May Calendar

- May 1 FHC Rehearsal, 6:35 pm, meet at the Fireside Room
- May 5 First Holy Communion Mass at 2:30pm, drop off students at Jubilee Hall by 1:45pm
- May 8 Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:30pm, drop off students at Jubilee hall
- May 22 Ice Cream day at the Playground—Parents are welcome
- May 25 Confirmation Mass 10:30am, drop off students at Jubilee Hall by 9:45
- May 25 Going Forth Celebration Mass, FHC students, 5:30pm. Drop off students at fireside hall by 5:10
- May 29 May Procession meet at the Church, 6:35pm, please have your students bring flowers for Mama Mary - Last Day of PREP

Please include in your prayers our students from PREP and St. Matthew's Elementary School as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on May 5th.

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

We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who come to share their faith with your children!

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

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DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

There will be a procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on **May 11, Saturday, immediately after the 5:30PM Mass**. Everyone is invited!

Please include in your prayers
All the Souls in Purgatory
Eternal rest grant upon them O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Pray For

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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

The Vancouver Diocesan CWL Council is meeting this week at All Saints Parish for the 99th Annual Convention! Please keep all of our delegates in your prayers, happening on May 2nd to 5th as they meet, pray and plan for our next century of service.

It's almost time! Get your **Wellness Day in May** tickets from CWL now! 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.

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This year's guest speaker is Keith Nester, who has over 20 years of experience in various pastoral and youth pastoral roles in United Methodist, Assemblies of God, and Evangelical Free churches. In 2017, following a 20-year-long discernment process, Keith resigned from his full-time ministry position at the United Church and joined the Catholic Church. Keith is a YouTube creator and author of the book, "The Convert's Guide to Roman Catholicism, Your First Year in the Church". As an exciting and dynamic speaker, Keith continues to use his preaching gifts to speak to audiences about faith, theology, and his journey to Catholicism. Keith has been a featured guest on EWTN's Journey Home and Matt Frad's Pint's with Aquinas. Keith also hosts The Rosary Crew; a Live Stream Prayer Group were people from nearly 60 countries gather together to pray the Rosary.

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When you go into a strange place, you like to stay close to your parents. You trust them to keep you safe. Jesus wants you to stay close to him every day. Jesus is your vine. You are one of his branches. Learn his teachings and obey them. When you stay close to Jesus and follow his commandments, you can pray for whatever you want, and God the Father will answer your prayers.

PRAYER
Jesus, help me stay close to you and follow your commandments.

BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER