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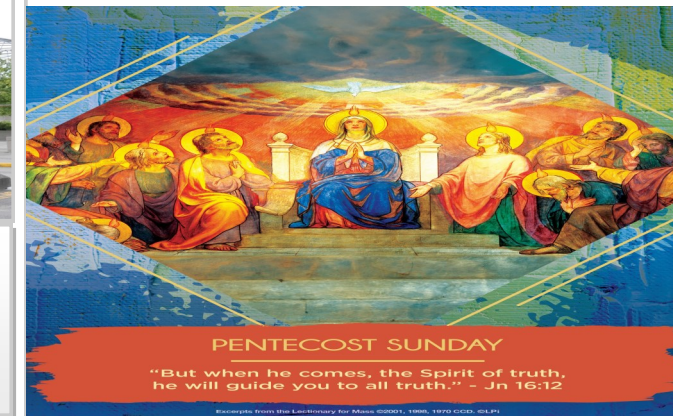
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Sunday, May 19, 2024



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:12

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.	May	23	CWL Coffee, Crafts and Conversation
Sat.	June	1	Spring Dinner Dance
Sun.	June	2	Corpus Christi Procession
Sat.	June	8	SMES Summer Carnival
Sat.	June	15	Man's Destiny Men's Conference
Sat.	June	29	Senior Couple's Retreat

(see details inside)

FLOWER PETALS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

We are in need of **flower petals** for the upcoming **Corpus Christi Procession (1:30PM, Sunday, June 2)**. If you would like to contribute, please save them and bring them to the Parish Office, or to the Welcome Centre by May 31st.



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.

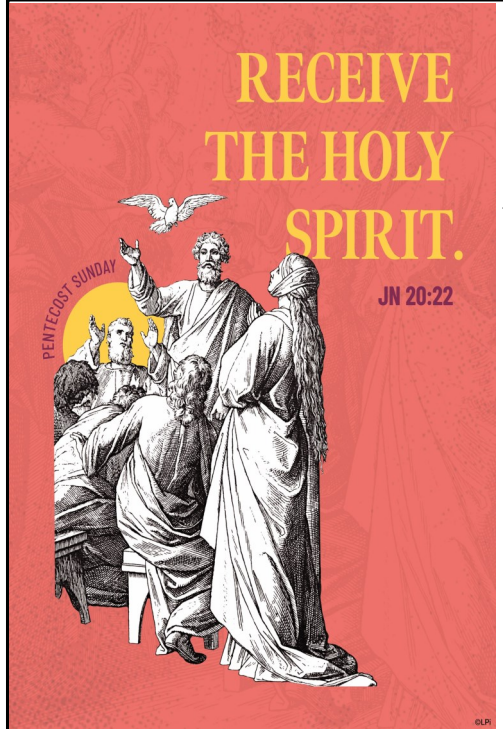
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Spirit to Spirit

Talk to any couple who are devoted to one another. Ask them when they realized they were in love — call-me-in -a-crisis love, face-the-day-to-day-with-me love — and the answer will probably not be "When I realized he was only dating me to win a bet with his boss."

If you know what movie that references, you and 12-year-old me would have been great friends.



When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity — despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God — His very life — the third person of the

Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, He makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Aren't we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

- Father John Muir
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Like any other self-respecting American tween of the early 2000s, I used to watch a lot of romantic comedies. I forget how old I was when I realized that romantic comedies are actually ... really boring. Not because they're about love — true love is *fascinating*. I could watch real-life people talk about who they love for *hours*.

Because when we say we love someone — truly love them — what we mean is we love their spirit. We love what they are. We love the qualities that escape description, the attributes we have to talk around or reduce to cliché in order to define. We cannot love a body alone. We cannot love a name or a reputation. We cannot love a story that we've built around a relationship.

To be in love with someone you need to know their spirit. Intimately. And that knowledge cannot help but change everything about you. It changes your goals, your understanding of the world. It changes the amount of courage you have to face the life ahead of you. It changes your ability to be who God wants you to be.

The disciples lived and ate and walked with Jesus for three whole years before they really knew His spirit. They didn't know it on Good Friday when they scattered and hid and wept. They didn't know it on Easter Sunday, when they couldn't believe what they saw. They thought they loved Him, but when push came to shove their love failed.

But by the end of their lives, the disciples knew the kind of love that sustained them even in the face of martyrdom.

What was it that changed? It was the Spirit. They finally knew the Spirit.

"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." — 1 Corinthians 12:3
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Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

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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




THIS MONTH, WE CONGRATULATE:

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Jesse Ryan McCormick & Mary Maxine Bacalso

St. Matthew's Elementary School invites you to our **2nd annual Summer Carnival**. This year is themed "**Double the Fun**" - more food, games, and attractions! Come dressed as a twin for prizes. Pre-sales for wristbands now available! Prizes if you buy early. Proceeds will go towards school upgrades necessary to keep our school grounds safe and in good condition for our children. See you there!

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.



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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

April—May Calendar

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

St. Matthew's PREP Registration is now open for the Catechetical year 2024-25
 Avail our Early Bird registration from May 15 to July 31.
 Scan QR Code for more details



Sacraments: Parents, please note: To receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, students must complete Level 1/CIC1 before entering a Level 2/CIC2 class (CIC1&CIC2 is a catch-up class for students in grade 4 and up). The same requirement applies to the Confirmation year – students must have completed the previous levels (1-6).

Returning after an Absence: Students who are returning after an absence and are uncertain of their level, please contact the PREP office

Vanspec: This ministry looks after our special needs children. The program offers an alternative to PREP program for those who would benefit from one on one Catechism classes. Please help us spread the news to those who might need this program. We are also looking for volunteers for the fall. Please contact PREP office for more info.

Announcement

We are blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers who come to share their faith with your children! This fall, over 250 children and young people, Kindergarten through Level 7 (grade7), will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. We are looking for Catechists and assistants who can help them with Faith formation. You will have tremendous amounts of resources (printed, digital and training). Classes begin in September. If interested, please contact PREP office or visit our website: www.saintmatthews.ca

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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.

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

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

SENIORS COUPLE'S RETREAT

Are you 60 years old and over and married to the same spouse in the Catholic Church? Do you want to reminisce your past and look forward to a meaningful future with your spouse together?

Join our **Senior Couple Recollection** on **Saturday, June 29, 2024** at the Parish Center starting at 10:00 am. Registration is ongoing, \$35 per couple which includes lunch and will culminate with the blessing of your marriage vows during the 5:30pm mass. Forms are available at the Parish Office or call Chito Marfori at 604-7794914. Deadline for registration is **June 15**.

DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER INFORMATION SESSION

Do you have a desire to grow in holiness by way of Carmelite spirituality? Come to our Discalced Carmelite Secular Order Information Session on Saturday, **June 22, 2024 @ 10:30Am via Zoom**. If interested, register by email to remi.vasquez@shaw.ca. This event will help you follow the example and teachings of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux and many other Carmelite saints.



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Please include in your prayers

†Ronald Francisco and †Marcelo San Juan
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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



This Tuesday, **May 21, Fr. Mark Gazin, CSB** is our guest speaker at our May General Meeting after the 7pm Mass. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! Father Mark will be speaking on his work with the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal. Refreshments will be served. Brief business meeting to follow.

COFFEE, CRAFTS AND CONVERSATION! **Thursday May 23 from 9:30am to 11:30am in Room 2, Parish Centre.** Bring your unfinished projects and supplies to work with and join us! All are welcome.

Save the date: June 18th

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Man's Destiny 2024 conference is happening on **Saturday, June 15, at St. Matthew's Parish in Surrey.** The conference starts at 8:30 am and runs to 3:45 pm. Tickets are \$60 per person and includes a light breakfast, a hot lunch, coffee, and snacks.

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 Pints 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.

It's a great day to spend with your son! To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/making-sense-of-the-chaos-tickets-857259866337?aff=ebdssbddestsearch> or call St. Matthew's Parish Office for tickets at 604-589-2448. You can also contact Brian Keobke at brian@xibita.com for more information. Get your tickets early, as last year's event sold out.

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GOSPEL

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have guides to lead them on hikes. The Holy Spirit is your guide on your way to heaven. The Holy Spirit will help you know about Jesus Christ and his love for you. The Spirit will lead you to peace with others and teach you new things. The Holy Spirit will help you when you are in trouble. The Holy Spirit will guide you to everlasting love and joy.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, guide me to the kingdom of heaven.