

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Happy Easter

Resurrection of The Lord — March 31, 2024

In the beginning **God**
created the heavens and the earth....
the Spirit of God was moving over the
face of the waters.... God separated the
light from the darkness...

the **first day** ... Genesis 1: 1-2...4-5

...very early on
the **first day**...
the women went to the tomb...

“..you seek **Jesus** of Nazareth,
who was crucified: **He has
risen, He is not here!**”
Mark 16: 2...6

... the **Lord** drove the sea back by a
strong east wind.....and the Egyptians
said, "Let us flee from before Israel; for the
Lord fights for them ...”

Exodus 14: 21...25

MISSION STATEMENT:

To follow Jesus Christ and to invite others to do the same.

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STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

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Weekend Mass

Saturday 4PM
Sunday 10:30AM

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street, Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass

Monday—Saturday 9AM
First Friday 6:30PM

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5PM
Sunday 9AM 11AM 7PM

 **LIVESTREAM** Mass 11AM

Confessions

Wednesday 6:30PM
Saturday 10AM



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Today we celebrate the good news, the hope of the world: **"He is Risen"**. These simple words changed the course of history and the destiny of our lives. Sin is swallowed up in victory. Death does not have the final word. Hope, not despair carries the day. **Jesus has risen.**

Dear friends, Easter requires more of us than the repetition of the Paschal Mystery. We are being challenged to move beyond an intellectual witnessing and live a resurrected life daily. This is of course, not a one-time-only or all-or-nothing journey. Rather, it is a slow maturing process of dying and rising with Jesus Christ. We are God's witnesses to the extent that we live believable lives of Easter hope and joy. We are challenged to show by words and actions that He is risen! These words will be said with conviction to the extent that we witness daily to Jesus as Lord in our lives. If Jesus is just an idea, if our Easter faith is just something that remains privately or in the head, then our witnessing leaves much to be desired. But before we can witness to others, we ourselves must know the risen Lord. Let us then consider the meaning of Easter for our lives.

The resurrection of Jesus tells us that the abandoned one, the Man of Sorrows, the Suffering Servant, the one forsaken by his disciples, has been totally accepted by the Father. Jesus' whole life was one of preaching and living the Kingdom, of surrendering to the will of the Father in a total unreserved fashion. Jesus held nothing back from the Father. All that he received he returned in loving obedience. Hence, on that Good Friday when Jesus handed over his spirit, it was totally accepted by the Father.

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the way to the Father. How would we describe our daily lives? Do we place our ultimate concern only in the false hope and material rewards of this world? Do we hold back and play safe when it comes to our relationship with our Heavenly Father? We are in fellowship with the risen Jesus to the extent that we daily surrender to the will of the Father. Naturally, this is never easy. The world wants to claim our total being and loyalty. To know Jesus as *Lord* is to hold onto nothing of this world which so quickly passes away. Each day we surrender to the Father, knowing that he never forsakes us or leaves us without grace sufficient for the day.

May the crucified and risen Christ roll away the stone that covers our hearts. May the risen Lord be lifted up in us. May we go forth and proclaim it with our lives.

On behalf of Fr. Francis and my office staff, Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Augustine

*Our Lady,
 Star of the Sea,
 Pray for us!*

If you receive an email purporting to be from 'Fr. Augustine' or 'Fr. Francis' asking for help to **etransfer** or some other job **'off the record'**, **DO NOT REPLY** and **DELETE IMMEDIATELY**. THESE ARE SCAMS! Call the parish office to verify if you need to 604-531-5739.





As part of our ongoing *Centenary Celebrations*
we have the great pleasure of welcoming
Fr. Frank Sharma
from Mount Carmel in Alberta to deliver a talk on
Mary, the Splendour of Grace

**Monday and Tuesday
April 8 & 9, 2024
Good Shepherd Church**

Monday April 8

7:00pm Mass on the
Solemnity of the Annunciation

7:45pm Talk: *The Presence of Mary
in the Paschal Mystery*

*Mary's role in the History of
Salvation, in the Church, and in our
personal lives -- is she an ornamental
figure or an essential one?
Is she an option or an obligation?*

8:30pm Adoration to follow

Tuesday April 9

7:00pm Mass

7:30pm Talk: *A Voyage Towards
Resurrection*

*Mary teaches us to respond to a life of
grace offered to us - - what is your
response to that invitation?*

8:15pm Benediction Consecration
to Mary

Everyone is welcome to attend!



Fr. Frank Sharma was born in Sri Lanka and moved to Surrey BC with his parents in 2002, where he became a parishioner of St. Matthew's Parish. He entered Christ the King Seminary for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. After which, he entered the Order of Discalced Carmelite Fathers in 2017. Fr. Sharma completed his noviciate in San Jose, California and made his profession of vows at St. Edmond's Parish in Vancouver. He completed his theological studies in 2021 at the Pontifical Academy of Teresianum in Rome, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica in Edmonton Alberta. Currently, Fr. Sharma happily serves as the Director of the Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre in Edmonton and the Vocations Director for the Discalced Carmelite Fathers of Canada.



Easter Sunday Morning Mass Readings:

Reading 1: [Acts 10:34, 37-43](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23](#)

Reading 2: [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Gospel: [John 20:1-9](#)

Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily, April 8, 2023 <https://www.vatican.va>

The night is drawing to a close and the first light of dawn is appearing upon the horizon as the women set out toward Jesus' tomb. They make their way forward, bewildered and dismayed, their hearts overwhelmed with grief at the death that took away their Beloved. Yet upon arriving and seeing the empty tomb, they turn around and retrace their steps. They leave the tomb behind and run to the disciples to proclaim a change of course: **Jesus is risen and awaits them in Galilee!** In their lives, those women experienced Easter as a Pasch, a passage. They pass from walking sorrowfully towards the tomb to running back with joy to the disciples to tell them not only that the Lord is risen, but also that they are to set out immediately to reach a destination, Galilee. There they will meet the Risen Lord. The rebirth of the disciples, the resurrection of their hearts, passes through Galilee. **Let us enter into this journey of the disciples from the tomb to Galilee.**

The Gospel tells us that the women went to see the tomb...they think that they will find Jesus in the place of death and that everything is over, forever. **Sometimes we too may think that the joy of our encounter with Jesus is something belonging to the past, whereas the present consists mostly of sealed tombs: tombs of disappointment, bitterness and distrust, of the dismay of thinking that "nothing more can be done", "things will never change", "better to live for today", since "there is no certainty about tomorrow".** If we are prey to sorrow, burdened by sadness, laid low by sin, embittered by failure or troubled by some problem, we also know the bitter taste of weariness and the absence of joy.

At times, we may simply feel weary about our daily routine, tired of taking risks in a cold, hard world

where only the clever and the strong seem to get ahead. At other times, we may feel helpless and discouraged before the power of evil, the conflicts that tear relationships apart, the attitudes of calculation and indifference that seem to prevail in society, the cancer of corruption – there is a great deal of it, the spread of injustice, the icy winds of war. Then too, we may have come face to face with death, because it robbed us of the presence of our loved ones or because we brushed up against it in illness or a serious setback. Then it is easy to yield to disillusionment, once the wellspring of hope has dried up. In these or similar

situations – each of us knows our own plights, our paths come to a halt before a row of tombs, and we stand there, filled with sorrow and regret, alone and powerless, repeating the question, "Why?... why?" ...

The women at Easter, however, do not stand frozen before the tomb, rather, they bring the news that will change life and history forever: **Christ is risen!** At the same time, they remember to convey the Lord's summons to the disciples to go to Galilee, for there they will see him. **Let us ask ourselves today, brothers and sisters: what does it mean to go to Galilee?**

Two things: on the one hand, **to leave the enclosure of the Upper Room, to come forth from hiding and to open themselves up to mission, to leave fear behind and to set out for the future.** On the other hand, and this is very beautiful, **to return to the origins, for it was precisely in Galilee that everything began.** There the Lord had met and first called the disciples. So, 'to go to Galilee' means **to return to the grace of the beginnings, to regain the memory that regenerates hope, bestowed on us by the Risen One.**

This is what the Pasch of the Lord accomplishes: it motivates us to move forward, to leave behind our sense of defeat, to roll away the stone of the tombs in which we often imprison our hope, and



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to look with confidence to the future, for Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history. Yet, to do this, the Pasch of the Lord takes us back to the grace of our own past; **it asks us to relive that moment, that situation, that experience in which we met the Lord,**

experienced his love and received a radiantly new way of seeing ourselves, the world around us and the mystery of life itself.

Brothers and sisters, to rise again, to start anew, to take up the journey, we always need to return to Galilee...to go back, not to an abstract or ideal Jesus, but to the living, concrete and palpable memory of our first encounter with him. Yes, to go forward we need to go back. If you recover that first love, the wonder and joy of your encounter with God, you will keep advancing.

Remember your own Galilee and walk towards it, for it is the “place” where you came to know Jesus personally, where he stopped being just another personage from a distant past, but a living person: not some distant God but the God who is at your side, who more than anyone else knows you and loves you. Remember that powerful experience of the Spirit; that great joy of forgiveness experienced after that one confession; that intense and unforgettable moment of prayer; that light that was kindled within you and changed your life; that encounter, that pilgrimage...

Each of us knows where our Galilee is located. Each of us knows the place of his or her interior resurrection, that beginning and foundation, the place where things changed. We cannot leave this in the past; the Risen Lord invites us to return there to celebrate Easter.

Today, relive that first encounter. For it is when you forgot that first love, when you failed to remember that first encounter, that the dust began to settle on your heart. That is when you experienced sorrow and, like the disciples, you saw the future as empty, like a tomb with a stone sealing off all hope.

The power of Easter summons you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust. The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear. He wants to illuminate your sacred memory, your most beautiful memory, and to make you relive that first encounter with him. Remember and keep moving forward. Return to him and rediscover the grace of God’s resurrection within you! Let us rise to new life!

Congratulations

***to those Baptized and Confirmed
and nourished with the Body of
Christ:***

Akash Brar
Ashley Contreras Barragān
Timothy Cao
Jennifer Cui
Scarlett Ge
Harrison Li
Claire Ma
Jim Mah
Adam Marshall
Luiz Paiva
Vivian Shi
Forest Sun
Alex Sun
Griffin Sowden
David Stranks
Wendy Vo
Eva Wong
Iris Xing
Jack Yan
Karina Zhang
Stella Zhang
Yun Zhang

***and to those received into the Catholic
Church, Confirmed and nourished
with the Body of Christ:***

Jason Cheung
Dylan Dennis
Leah Hart
Ellen Harvey
Lorna James
Brownwen McEvoy-Morie
Debra Ridout
Tyler Ridout

*Welcome to
the Family of Faith!*

Your Church family will continue to pray for you, that your relationship with Jesus Christ will deepen with each passing day.

Divine Mercy Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY!



Please join us
**Sunday, April 7
2PM** at Good
Shepherd Church
for **ADORATION,
BENEDICTION and the
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

Jesus asked St Faustina that the
Feast of the Divine Mercy be
preceded by a **NOVENA TO THE
DIVINE MERCY** which
would begin on Good Friday.

In her diary, St. Faustina noted
that Jesus told her: "*On each day
of the novena you will bring to My
heart a different group of souls and
you will immerse them in this ocean
of My mercy ... On each day you will
beg My Father, on the strength of
My passion, for the graces for these
souls.*"

Copies of the Novena to the
Divine Mercy prayer pamphlets
are available at both Good
Shepherd and Star of the Sea
Church. This novena can be made
at any time, but Our Lord
especially wished that it be made
beginning **GOOD FRIDAY** in
preparation for the Feast of His
Mercy which is celebrated on the
first Sunday after Easter.

Legion of Mary

is now meeting
every **Thursdays**
at **4:30PM** in
Good Shepherd Church
Fireside Room



For more info. contact: Candy
Arcega arcega@yahoo.com



ADORATION CHAPEL **OPEN** Every Day **9AM - 9PM**

Great was the love that
caused Jesus to desire to forgive
mankind and to desire to drink
the bitter chalice of suffering
which our sins prepared for Him.
His Divine heart opened for us on
the cross. Now He waits for us
with kindness and love to receive
us into His tender mercies.

Hours in need of a weekly adorer:
Monday, 9:00am-10:00am
Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Hours in need of a Substitute:
Mon., Apr. 22, 29 – 9:00-10:00am
Fri., Apr. 19 – 3:00-4:00pm
Sat., Apr. 6, 13 – 2:00-3:00pm
Sat., Apr. 6, 13, 20 – 3:00-4:00pm
Sat., Apr. 6, 13, 20 – 4:00-5:00pm
Sat., Apr. 6, 13, 20 – 7:00-8:00pm

For more information or to
schedule any hour of adoration
please call:
Donna Sali 604-542-3070

Charismatic Prayer Group



Wednesdays 7:15PM
at Star of the Sea School, 15024
– 24th Ave (enter from the 24th
Avenue entrance)

For more information, contact:
Jae Ewing 604-536-7860
jae.ewing@shaw.ca
Flavianna Devuyt
604-535-0508
flaviannedev@gmail.com

St. Thérèse Widows



Group: Next Meeting is
on **Monday April 8** in the
Fireside Room after the
9am Mass.

For more info. contact
Marlene Johnston -604 538 5899
Mimi Bower-604 535 6288

Please join us on
**Tuesday, April 2
6:30pm** at Good
Shepherd Church for our
April CWL Council meeting.



This meeting, we will be praying
the **STATIONS OF THE
RESURRECTION**, and it would
be lovely to have as many ladies
as possible participating. Of
course, there will be light
refreshments served, friendly
conversations, and some Council
business as well.
We are called to live in
relationship with God, others,
and creation. Spirituality
nourishes us on our faith journey
enriching us as we grow. The
Catholic Women's League calls us
to be witnesses to the love of God
through ministry and service.
Connect and grow with us.
Come and see!



**Elizabeth
Ministry** offers
support after loss
of a baby during
pregnancy, at
birth, in infancy

and toddlerhood. Our Elizabeth
Ministers journey with, support
and pray for you.
Masses and receptions lead by
the Pastor are held annually in
remembrance of such loved
ones.

Contact: Brittany Garisto
b.garisto@outlook.com



SACRAMENTS

Baptism for Children

We are excited to welcome your child into the Church, which is the body of Christ. **The baptism of your child is a very important opportunity for you, the parents, to reaffirm your Catholic faith. By asking for baptism, you are stating and affirming that you will actively participate in the spiritual life and Catholic faith development of your child.** To help you prepare for your child's entrance into the sacramental life of the Church, **ALL parents and godparents** are required complete **Baptism Preparation** prior to scheduling a Baptism— next class on **Saturday, May 18, 10AM** at Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room. Contact the parish office to register.



Marriage: Please contact one of our priests through the Parish Office at the beginning of your engagement or at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date. The process begins with the initial interview with your parish priest, and addresses your faith experience, your relationship as a couple, and your understanding of marriage in the Church so that you can enter into this commitment to God and to each other well prepared. All couples are advised to take the required marriage prep course; non-Catholics are most welcome, as are couples not yet engaged, but exploring marriage.

Were you Married outside the Catholic Church? The Church does not recognize a civil wedding ceremony as valid when one or both people are Catholic. The Catholic spouse married in a civil ceremony is asked to refrain from receiving the Eucharist until the marriage is recognized as valid by the Church. The reason for this, in a nutshell, is that the Church recognizes marriage as a sacrament—a spiritual reality, not just a legal formality.

The Catholic Church invites couples who are married civilly to have their marriage **'convalidated'** i.e. to receive the graces of the **Sacrament of Matrimony**. Grace is a way of describing how God shares His divine life with us.. as Pope Paul VI puts it: *"By it [the Sacrament of Matrimony] husband and wife are strengthened and...consecrated for the faithful accomplishment of their proper duties, for the carrying out of their proper vocation even to perfection, and the Christian witness which is proper to them before the whole world"* (Humanae Vitae, n. 25).



Adults Becoming Catholic

We believe that God calls individuals to live the Good News Jesus proclaimed and to become his disciples as members of the Catholic Church. Learn what all that means and what is **true, good** and **beautiful** about being Catholic through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

What does RCIA entail?

If you have NOT been baptized, the Christian initiation process prepares you to become a Catholic Christian by celebrating the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you have been baptized in another Christian tradition, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

I'm a baptized Catholic, is RCIA for me?

If you have been baptized as an infant, but have not received further formal instruction in the Catholic Faith nor the sacraments of Confirmation or the Eucharist, RCIA is indeed for you. If you are a fully initiated Catholic who wishes to deepen your faith, there is also a place for you to learn and grow.

How long does it take to become Catholic?

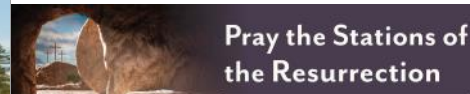
Becoming Catholic is a life-long commitment. However, the Christian initiation process typically lasts for several months or longer in order to prepare to take this step. Participants in the initiation process meet at least once a week, plus Mass on Sundays. The initiation of individuals who are ready to make the commitment to become new members of the Catholic Church usually takes place at Easter.

Questions? Call the Parish Office 604-531-5739 or email Janice directly janiceh@starofthesea.ca

GARDENS OF

Gethsemani

CATHOLIC CEMETERY



Pray the Stations of the Resurrection

Gardens of Gethsemani unveil its newest addition—14 bronze caste panels for visitors to meditate on the *Via Lucis* of *Way of Light*. These 14 stations complement to the Stations of the Cross and commemorate Christ's life from the Resurrection to the descent of the Holy Spirit.



The Way of Light is also known as the Stations of the Resurrection and recalls the promises of Jesus to "be with us always", moving us from the experience of darkness and suffering, to light and hope.

There are prayer booklets available for you to pray the Stations of the Resurrection. Pick up yours at our Parish Office and also accessible online: <https://rccav.org/light/>

THURSDAY, April 4 Rosary Walk

Join Gardens of Gethsemani staff and community for *Rosary Walk* at 10AM through the Gardens as we meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus, and pray for our loved ones and all those buried at Gardens. Meet in front of the Holy Angel's Buildings and we will end back at Holy Angel's for some light refreshments. There is plenty of parking in that area.



FRIDAY, April 5 Mass with Archbishop Miller an Way of Light Blessing

10am Guided Tour on the Hour

3:30pm Seating for Mass—
Enjoy the Music

4:00pm Mass in the Evangelist Chapel with Archbishop Miller; Dedication of the Way of Light section



5:45pm Light refreshments

"The Way of Light moves from the experience of darkness and suffering to one of light and hope. This is the promise of Easter: liberation, joy, and peace" ~ Rev. Pierre Ducharme, OFM

2 BAKERS NEEDED for Tuesday King's Banquet

Our Parish Soup Kitchen needs two bakers for the **2nd** Tuesday of every month to either share or alternate baking needs. Bake at home and drop off to Star of the Sea Hall in White Rock. Dessert ingredients are reimbursed.



If you can help, please call RoseMary 604 538 6058 or Carolyn 778 277 2533

Morning Mens Group

FRIDAYS 7AM

Good Shepherd Church
Fireside Room

Next meeting: Friday, April 12th

Join other men of the parish on Friday mornings for coffee, fellowship, Biblical discussions.

Inquiries, please contact Bill BillDBUK@icloud.com

Dads & Kids Gym Night

Join other dads of the parish and their school-age children (5 yrs +)



every Friday 6:45-8:00 PM in the school gym for sports and fellowship! Contact Joseph Myers Joseph.myers.j@gmail.com 604-866-7887 for more info

Vigil Candles

The purpose of vigil lights (from the Latin *vigilia*, which means "waiting" or "watching") accompanied by prayers is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

At Good Shepherd Church, the vigil candles located at

the **Pietà** statue and at the portrait of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** burn for 1 week each.

Suggested donation is \$10.

Please make arrangements to 'sponsor' a vigil candle thru the Parish Office.



TRUE LIFE IN GOD

Prayer Group is inviting you to pray the Holy Rosary with meditations.



www.tlig.org

Meetings in Good Shepherd Church, Fireside Room on:
Tuesdays 10am-11:30am
April 2, 16, 23 & 30
Fridays 10am-11:30am
April 12

Parent Coffee Connection



Mondays after school drop-off
9:30am-10:30am in the Welcoming Area at Good Shepherd Church

SAVE THE DATE for the following upcoming STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL+PARISH EVENTS:

- **BINGO!**
Sunday, April 21 12:30PM
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL GYM — Great prizes; Food, drinks and snacks available for purchase. **Tickets available starting April 1** <https://givergy.ca/sosbingo/>
- **GOLF TOURNAMENT**
Friday, June 7
THE HILLS AT PORTAL GOLF CLUB — Sponsorship opportunities available
Tickets available April 1st
email for more info: sosgolftournament@gmail.com

WANTED

Looking for...

Can connections made through the parish office help us help each other? If so, email us at parish@starofthesea.ca

Man with a truck needed from time to time to pick up and drop off furniture in the South Surrey/White Rock area. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.



Single Mom and her sons, aged 12 & 17, are looking for a place to rent in the South Surrey/White Rock area. They have been living in a basement suite in White Rock for the last 4 years—but the suite will soon be unavailable for them. If you can help or need further information, please call Keely at 778-956-0575

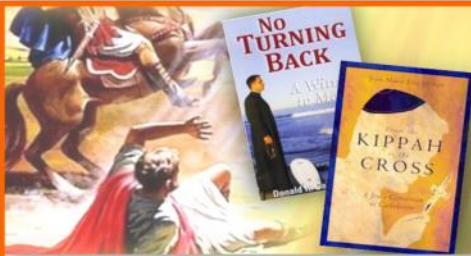
Donations for those in need:

- single bedsheet and quilt set for 10-year old boy
- Small (4-seater) kitchen table and chairs

Please contact the parish office if you have any of these items in GOOD CLEAN CONDITION—*PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF BEFORE CONTACTING US.* Thank you!

April 2024 Library Feature

Conversion Stories

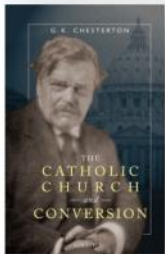


This Easter, we welcome 32 new Catholics to Star of the Sea, out of almost 500 in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! While we get to know our new parishioners, we can also be inspired by reading stories about other converts. We have far more than we can list here, so come in and browse the library displays during April for more options.

When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Luke 24:30-31

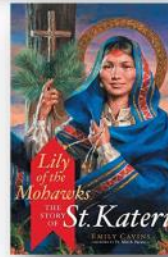
Many converts are familiar names to us. You may have seen many books and videos featuring Scott Hahn. **Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism** (921.2 Hah 1993 and **FORMED** e-book) tells the story of how he turned to the Catholic Church when he was a Presbyterian minister, as did his wife Kimberly after her own "dark night of the soul" following his conversion. You can read about GK Chesterton's conversion in his biography, **G. K. Chesterton** (921.2 Che 2006) and in **The Catholic**



Church and Conversion (230 Che 2006) in which explains how the Church's appeal to reason and truth won him over. In **Sigrid Undset: Reader of**

Hearts (921.2 Und Nic 2022) Fr. Aidan Nichols looks at how this author allowed her art to be transfigured by the fire of God's mercy.

Stories about converts who became Saints include **Lily of the Mohawks: The Story of St. Kateri** (921.1 Kat 2013) and **In Her Footsteps:**



The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha (DVD 921 Kat 2012); **Bakhita: From Slave to Saint** (921.1 Bak 2013); and **Edith Stein: The Untold Story of the Philosopher and Mystic Who Lost Her Life in the Death Camps of Auschwitz** (921.1 Ste 1971) and **FORMED** movie **Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber.**



Newman: Towards the Second Spring (921.1 New 1991) tells the impact of John Henry Newman's conversion to Catholicism on English society. **No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy** (921.2 Cal 2010 and **FORMED** audio) recounts Fr. Donald Calloway's conversion after reading a book about Our Lady.

From Fire by Water:

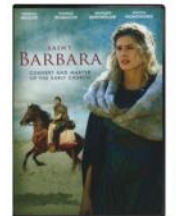
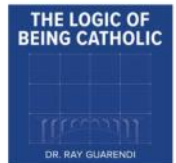
My Journey to the Catholic Faith (921.2 Ahm 2019) tells Sohrab Ahmari's passage from Marxism and atheism to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. **From**



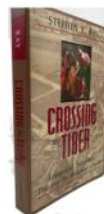
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