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

Weekday Mass

Monday—Saturday 9AM First Friday 6:30PM

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5PM Sunday 9AM 11AM 7PM



LIVE LIVESTREAM Mass 11AM

Confessions

Wednesday 6:30PM Saturday 10AM

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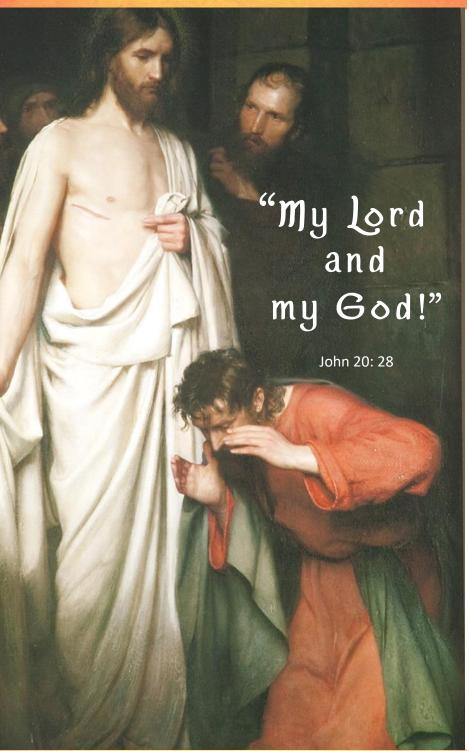
Weekend Mass

Saturday 4PM Sunday 10:30AM

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Welcome

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024



MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Pray for us! My dear Parishioners,

Today is the Easter Octave centered on the theme of *Divine Mercy* and forgiveness, pointing us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made ever present for us in the Eucharist.

I was so struck with awe and gratitude this Easter for the crowds who participated in all our Triduum services; many standing for the entire service because every space in the pews was filled and every chair taken, and record numbers lining up for Confessions. On Good Friday, Fr. Francis and I heard over 6 hours of Confessions! For those who attended the Easter Vigil Mass this year, you witnessed the 30 new Catholics who were baptized and received into the Church! What a joyous event for all of us. I have no doubt of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Parish ~ Thanks be to God!



I would like to remind and invite everyone to the following:

- Fr. Frank Sharma's presentations on Monday & Tuesday this week (see next page for details)
- Next Sunday, April 14th, the Psalm 98 Music Ministry (who accompanied Fr. Rob Galea's concert) will be leading us in worship at the 7PM Mass I invite especially all the young people of our parish to attend because I am hoping with PS98's leadership and musical talents, they will help our parish form a youth choir and ministry.
- Our Centenary Mass on Sunday, April 28th—11am Mass with Archbishop Miller followed by a celebration lunch. To help us plan for lunch, everyone who wants to attend will need to purchase a \$5 ticket—tickets will be available next week.

Fr. Augustine



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 invited 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 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 yows at St. Edmond's Parish in Vancouver. completed his theological studies in 2021at the Pontifical Academy of Teresisnum 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.

Please pray for

Marin Robertson, Ivan Felipe Aragon, Jean Guy Tardif, Trudy Bishop, Theresa Desrochers. Margaret Benoit, Maria Lee, Givon Santos, Rose Cruz, Byrne Turner, Bernie Karoway, Murray Carpenter, Patrick Hamilton, Marilyn Wolfe, Jason Eddleman, Julia Nadon, Delia Antunovich, Ken Prout, Mercedes Sandoval, Judy Nault, Maria Kasprzyk, Jola Melone, Brian Hickey, Jack Plain, Charles Lefaive, Anna Schott, Peter Kingsland, Fern McCann, Nancy Murchison, Karine Tardif, Angus Heaps, Bob Keith, Stephanie Wideski, Edward Drabik, Rob McLellan, Glenn Brooks, Carmina Raponi, Susie Bencherif, Marci Nunez, Adria Tate, Wolf Mashohn, Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte, Amelia Solomon, Lydia McGrann, Theresa Kim, Manal Ibrahim, Dirk Post, Marian Nadelko, Maureen McLaren

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Otto Witteveen



Save the date

CENTENARY MASS

APRIL 28 11:00AM

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

11am Mass at Good Shepherd Church with Archbishop Miller as the main celebrant. Everyone is invited! Tickets (\$5 each) for celebration lunch afterwards will be made available soon.

to those who so generously responded to providing for the needs of other parishioners.

You know who you are.

May the Jood Lord continue to shower you with His Blessings!

Legion of Mary

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

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

PARISH ROSARY ON ZOOM

Weekday Rosary 1:30PM MONDAY to FRIDAY

Meeting ID: **914 2440 5760** https://zoom.us/j/91424405760

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

Next SENIORS & FRIENDS CAFÉ

is on **Friday**, **April 19** after 9am

Mass at Good Shepherd Church

Everyone welcome!



"THE ROSARY IS THE WEAPON FOR THESE TIMES"

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Pray the Rosary

for all war-torn countries, especially Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine

Sundays at 8pm (after the 7pm Mass).

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
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Divine Mercy Sunday — April 7, 2024

STAR OF THE SEA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
has a few spots open
for GRADES 1 and 2
for the upcoming
2024-2025 school year.
Any parishioners interested in applying, please contact the school school@sosschool.ca or visit our school website
staroftheseaschool.ca

The following are upcoming Parish+School events:

BINGO!

Sunday, April 21 12:30PM
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL
GYM — Great prizes; Food,
drinks and snacks available
for purchase. Tickets \$5/each
available online at

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

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

Stella Maris Gala 2024 Committee Request

Since its inception, the Stella Maris Gala was an event held annually in the Fall. Due to the Covid-19 school shutdown and subsequent restrictions in the months thereafter, the Gala was moved temporarily to the Spring. With the blessing and guidance of Fr. Augustine, the Gala has been moved back to the Fall. Our next Gala will take place in the Fall of 2024.

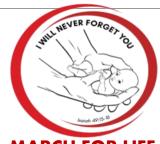
The success of this event is all in thanks to our wonderful Gala Committee and their team of volunteers. Without the amazing volunteers who shared their time, talents and expertise through the years, our Parish and school would not be the places of worship and learning they are today.

For Gala 2024, we are looking for new committee members for the following positions:

- Chair
- Décor
- Acquisitions Team Lead
- Acquisitions Team Members

The planning for this event will begin as soon as the committee can be assembled.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful team, and contributing to the legacy of our Parish and school, please email the school office: school@sosschool.ca



MARCH FOR LIFE VICTORIA THURSDAY MAY 9, 2024

We are very excited for the upcoming March4Life this year. It will be a full day, beginning with 9:15am Mass with Archbishop Miller at Sacred Heart Parish (3900 Arthur Drive, Delta). From there, we will catch the 11AM Ferry to Victoria, where we will participate in the march and return on the 5PM ferry. We have an exciting lineup of speakers at this years even—visit: www.M4LVictoria.ca

Bus transportation is being arranged from some parishes - please contact Jim Canil jrcanil@telus.net Deadline for bus transportation is April 25th.

You are invited!

The students of
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Trial of the Wicked Witch on April 11th &

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or innocence of the Wicked
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Friday, April 12th at 1PM & 7PM

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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

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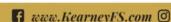
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