

Honour our Past and Go Forward on Mission

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GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH 2250 - 150th Street, Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass

Monday—Saturday 9AM ***please note that <u>starting on Ash</u> <u>Wednesday-Feb 14</u>, **weekday Mass** at Good Shepherd Church will be at **8AM***** First Friday 6:30PM

Weekend Mass Saturday 5PM Sunday 9AM 11AM 7PM



Confessions Wednesday 6:30PM Saturday 10AM

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH 1153 Fir Street, White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekend Mass Saturday 4PM Sunday 10:30AM STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Welcome

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 28, 2024

The reason the 800 of 900

appeared was to destroy

the works of the *devil*.

1 John 3:8

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! Dear Parishioners,

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Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets to our Centenary Dinner and Concert on **Saturday, February 17th**. I hope many of you will come and enjoy a wonderful evening together as a parish family. The cost of your ticket helps our parish recover some of the costs associated with this event. If you missed getting your ticket after Mass this weekend, they are available during the week at the parish office and if we are not sold out, they will also be available next weekend (Feb 3 & 4) after Mass as well.

And again if you are willing to volunteer on the evening of Feb 17th, please let my office staff know to count you in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This Sunday at the 11am Mass, I am so very pleased to commission a group of young people who have been training as servers at the altar of our Lord, under the guidance Mr. Billy Wong. They are:

Rvan Allen from Star of the Sea School Faustina Bellosillo from St. Matthew Elementary school Abigail Cheng from Star of the Sea School Ben Dagenais from Star of the Sea School Makena Dixon from Star of the Sea School Iane Kim from Star of the Sea School Jayden Kim from Star of the Sea School Leo King from Star of the Sea School Elizabeth Kuo from Star of the Sea School **Hector Fregoso** from Star of the Sea School Yuanna Lai from Star of the Sea School Aaliyan Malazarte from Star of the Sea School Ethan Paulo Paderog from Star of the Sea School Kristian Pavlovic from Star of the Sea School Lorenzo Ponce de Leon from Star of the Sea School **Caleb Rivett** from Star of the Sea School Markus Wu from Vancouver College Halyn Yu from Star of the Sea School

I am so proud of these young people who are growing in respect and love for the Lord and for others. Committing to this training takes time and commitment and I recognize this as a sacrifice of love by the whole family—and so, I also want to thank the parents. This experience of altar serving will open treasures and graces from the Lord for your family, and it will no doubt be a cherished memory in your child's life. Thank you, parents.

For those who attend the 11am Sunday Mass, you would have noticed a group of catechumens who are preparing for Baptism being 'dismissed' after the homily. These catechumens are part of our Chinese RCIA group who have been meeting every Sunday for catechesis. We also have another bigger group on Wednesday evenings who are preparing for baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church. I bring this to your attention as a way of reminding you that in our parish, RCIA is run all-year-round; meaning that if you or someone you know wants to find out more about "Becoming Catholic", please do not wait until September. Contact Janice at the parish office now to find out the first steps to "Becoming Catholic".

Fr. Augustine

This Sunday's Mass Readings:

Reading 1: <u>Deuteronomy 18:15–20</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 95:1–2</u>, <u>6–9</u> Reading 2: <u>1 Corinthians 7:32–35</u> Gospel: <u>Mark 1:21–28</u>

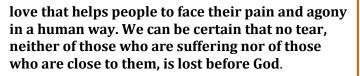
BENEDICT XVI ANGELUS, 1st February 2009 <u>https://www.vatican.va</u>

A unique characteristic of the Gospel of Mark is what is called the "messianic secret": namely, the fact that for the moment, Jesus does not want it to be known outside the small group of his disciples that he is the Christ, the Son of God. Over and over again in the earlier part of the Gospels, he warns his disciples to keep his identity from being revealed until the right time; which at the end of the Gospels, Jesus will reveal publicly in his trial before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus silences a man possessed by the devil who suddenly

shouts: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God" (Mark 1: 24). And Jesus commands the spirit: "Quiet! Come out of him!"(v 25) And immediately, Mark the Evangelist notes the unclean spirit, with excruciating cries, came out of that man. Jesus not only drives demons out of people, freeing them from the worst slavery, but prevents the demons themselves from revealing his identity. And he insists on this "secret"

because what is at stake is the success of his very mission, on which our salvation depends. Indeed, he knows that to liberate humanity from the dominion of sin he will have to be sacrificed on the Cross as the true Paschal Lamb. The devil, for his part, seeks to dissuade him so as to divert him instead toward the human logic of a powerful and successful Messiah. The Cross of Christ will be the devil's ruin, and this is why Jesus always taught his disciples that in order to enter into his glory he must suffer much, he must be rejected, condemned and crucified (cf. Lk 24: 26), for suffering is an integral part of his mission.

Jesus suffered and died on the Cross for love. It was in this way that he gave meaning to our suffering, a meaning that many men and women of every age have understood and made their own, experiencing profound tranquillity even in the bitterness of harsh physical and moral trials... [This Pro-Life Day 2009], the theme that the Italian Bishops have chosen is "The strength of life in suffering". In these words is seen the courage in proclaiming the truth— the courage to say clearly, for example, that euthanasia is a false solution to the drama of suffering, a solution unworthy of man. Indeed, the true response cannot be to put someone to death, however "kindly", but rather to witness to the



The Virgin Mary kept her Son's secret in her maternal heart and shared in the painful hour of the passion and crucifixion, sustained by her hope in the Resurrection. Let us entrust to her the people who are suffering and those who work every day to support them, serving life in all of its phases: parents, health care workers, priests, religious, researchers, volunteers and many others. Let us pray for them all.

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This is what the <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> has to say about the exorcisms of Jesus as they are recounted in the Gospels:

The coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of Satan's: "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." [Matt 12:26] Jesus' exorcisms free some individuals from the domination of demons. They anticipate Jesus' great victory over "the ruler of this world." [John 12:31] The kingdom of God will be definitively established through Christ's cross: "God reigned from the wood." CCC 550

Notice three key things. First, that when Jesus preaches the coming of the kingdom of God, that's not just a pretty metaphor for going to heaven after you die. What he's talking about is the in-breaking of God's dominion, God's authority, God's power, and God's kingdom, into a world which is dominated not by God, and governed not by God, but by the power of Satan, by the power of evil, by the power of demonic forces, that would separate human beings from God. There's a spiritual battle: two kingdoms at war-the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan. And Jesus' ministry means that the kingdom of Satan is coming to an end, that's why the demon says to him, "have you come to destroy us?" Secondly, Jesus' exorcisms are a sign that the kingdom of God has come upon you, meaning his exorcisms aren't just him putting on a show, they're meant to point to the reality of the coming of that kingdom. And thirdly, the Catechism says that Jesus' exorcisms of particular individuals who were under the power of demonic forces point to his ultimate victory over the prince of this world, or the ruler of this world, which is on the cross, because effectively what Jesus is going to do on the cross is break the power of Satan by taking death upon himself and then freeing humanity from death through his resurrection.



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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Centenary Celebration Dinner & Concert

Featuring *Fr. Rob Galea* with **Psalm 98 Music Ministry** and the **Star of the Sea School** and **Parish Choirs**

17 FEBRUARY 2024 | 6:30 PM at Star of the Sea Parish Hall 15262 Pacific Ave, White Rock

Doors open 6PM | Dinner served 6:30PM | Performances start 6:45PM

> <u>Tickets</u>: \$35.00 General Admission \$20.00 Concession

(for school-aged children, volunteers & choir members)

For more info, contact the Parish Office 604-531-5739 parish@starofthesea.ca



WEDNESDAYS 7:15PM starting January 31, 2024 at <u>Star of the Sea School, 15024</u> <u>– 24th Ave (</u>enter from the 24th Avenue entrance)

The Charismatic Prayer Group gathers as a family for the primary purpose of giving Jesus the Praise and Glory He deserves. Together, we learn to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to use our Charismatic Gifts for the good of the Body.

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

Next Baptism Preparation

Class for parents wanting Baptism for their child(ren) is on

Saturday, February 3

10AM—Noon Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room



<u>This class is mandatory</u> for parents and highly recommended for the Godparents.

Please contact the parish office to register 604-531-5739 parish@starofthesea.ca

Please pray for

Byrne Turner, Claude Vizena, Bernie Karoway, Murray Carpenter, Patrick Hamilton, Marilyn Wolfe, Jason Eddleman, Delia Antunovich, Julia Nadon, Ken Prout. Mercedes Sandoval. Judy Nault, Maria Kasprzyk, Jola Melone, Brian Hickey, Jack Plain, Danilo Sonido, Anne Law, Otto Witteveen, Charles Lefaive, Anna Schott, Peter Kingsland, Nancy Murchison, Stephanie Wideski, Fern McCann, Karine Tardif, Angus Heaps, Bob Keith, Edward Drabik, Rob McLellan, Glenn Brooks, Carmina Raponi, Susie Bencherif, Marci Nunez, Adria Tate. Helen McLellan. Wolf Mashohn, Amelia Solomon, Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte, Lydia McGrann, Theresa Kim, Manal Ibrahim, Dirk Post, Marian Nadelko. Maureen McLaren

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Rolf May Celestino Crosara Ursula Kaiser





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PANCAKE BREAKFAST & Open House

STAR OF THE SEA OFFERS:

- Faith-based education using the BC
- Ministry of Education Curriculum
- Community, inclusion, & family emphasis

• High-quality spiritual, academic, social, and extra-curricular programs





WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 WHERE: STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL 15024 24 AVENUE, SURREY

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Star of the Sea School is excited to showcase the talent of our young entrepreneurs! With over 60 kid vendors, there is something for everyone!

Adoration Chapel OPEN Every Day 9AM-9PM

Hours in need of a weekly adorer: Sunday, 12:00pm-1:00pm Sunday 2:00pm-3:00pm Sunday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Monday, 9:00am-10:00am Monday, 2:00pm-3:00pm Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Thursday, 12:00pm-1:00pm Thursday, 2:00pm-3:00pm Friday, 11:00am-12:00pm Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm Friday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Hours in need of a Substitute: Mon., Jan. 29, Feb. 5 – 2-3pm Mon., Jan. 29, Feb. 5 – 5-6pm Tue., Feb. 6, 13 – 5-6pm Thurs., Feb. 1, 8 – 11am-Noon Fri., Feb. 2, 9, 16 – 11am-Noon Fri., Feb. 2, 9, 16 – 1-2pm Sat., Feb. 3, 10, 17 – 2-3pm Sat., Feb. 3, 10, 17 – 3-4pm Sat., Feb. 3, 10, 17 – 4-5pm Sun., Feb. 4, 11, 18 – 6-7pm

For more information or to schedule a Holy Hour of adoration please call: Donna Sali 604 542 3070

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Saturday Feb 3, 8AM—1PM at Star of the Sea Hall 15262 Pacific Ave, White Rock

For more information, contact: Bill 778-682-2519 <u>fleamarket@starofthesea.ca</u>



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

Fridays 6:45-8:00PM Star of the Sea School Gym

Contact Joseph Myers Joseph.myers.j@gmail.com 604-866-7887 for more info



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



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First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday of each month

February 2, 2024 9AM Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

6:30PM Holy Mass

Pray the Rosary for all war-torn countries.

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



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 <u>b.garisto@outlook.com</u>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are those parishioners who have the privilege of serving, distributing and administering the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ alongside the priest celebrant at Mass. These Eucharistic Ministers are called not only to minister the Body and Blood of Christ, but to have and maintain a strong faith, a sense of awe, and an inclusiveness of others as the foundation for this ministry. Eucharistic Ministers may also be asked to bring Holy Communion to people within the parish community who are sick and/or homebound.

Come consider this important ministry—you are invited to a workshop on **Saturday, Mar 9th** at Good Shepherd Church. For more information or to register email: <u>emhc@starofthesea.ca</u>



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

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