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“...we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one.” Hebrews 2: 9

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!*

Dear Parishioners,

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The world in which Jesus lived and preached was a patriarchal society, in which the father was master of his family. A male child was considered more valuable than a female child. Women were considered the property of men. A father received a bride-price from the one who married his daughter. She then passed from the control of the family to that of the husband. If he died before her, his brother, or some other male relative, assumed power over her (Gen 38.8). From childhood to old age, the Hebrew woman belonged to the men of her family.

In today's Gospel, Jesus rejects this practice and strongly affirms equality of man and woman. He insists that right from the beginning of creation, God intended man and woman to be partners; hence the fundamental equality of man and woman. His teaching about marriage and divorce is a strong condemnation of the double standard which prevailed in his world. The central message of Jesus in today's Gospel is that God did not make us for rivalry, abuse, strife, for exploitation and war. God made man and woman for complementarity—to enhance and emphasize the good qualities of each other, for us to support one another. He made us to be partners. He made us for love.

The passage that follows, in which Jesus welcomes little children and blesses them, makes the same point. We are all children of God, all equally dear to him. The same social and legal system that assigned women a lower place than men also considered children inferior. Girls were inferior because of their sex. And even boys below the age of twelve were considered to be incomplete persons—unable to fulfill all the provisions of the law and hence incapable of good works.

Jesus' point in today's liturgy is that God's Kingdom is essentially for those whom society considers of no importance: people who are overlooked, thrust aside, pushed around, imposed on and discriminated against. This is why women and children have a special place in the heart of Jesus. May God grant us the grace and wisdom to treat everyone with love and respect.

Fr. Augustine



A Message from the Gala Committee

We are thrilled to have you at the upcoming *Stella Maris Gala*

on **November 16th** at the prestigious Northview Golf and Country Club. Our dedicated Gala committee is diligently working to ensure that this exclusive event will be a night to remember!

Early bird tickets will be available for purchase starting October 15th at <https://stellamarisgala.ca>, guaranteeing you a spot at this highly anticipated gala. Additionally, if you are interested in further supporting us by contributing to our silent auction, please contact us at gala@starofthesea.ca for more details. We sincerely appreciate your support in making this event memorable and impactful. We look forward to celebrating with you at the gala and thank you for being a crucial part of our mission!

This Sunday Mass Readings:

Reading 1: [Genesis 2:18–24](#)
Psalm: [Psalm 128:1–6](#)
Reading 2: [Hebrews 2:9–11](#)
Gospel: [Mark 10:2–16](#)

Scott Hahn reflects on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<https://stpaulcenter.com>

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The “lawfulness” of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Dt 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to “the beginning,” interpreting the text we hear in today’s First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people’s “hardness of heart”—their inability to live by God’s covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God’s commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That’s why today’s Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus’ blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God’s new covenant. As today’s Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the “woman” born of Christ’s pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as “one flesh,” God’s plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was “mother of all the living” (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.



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Can connections made through the parish office help us help each other?

If so, email us at parish@starofthesea.ca

Passionate Appeal

A young family of four recently relocated to Canada and is in urgent need of accommodation. Despite their efforts, they have been unable to secure a place to stay. At the moment, they are living in an Airbnb, which is proving to be very expensive for them on a daily basis. Any assistance or advice on finding accommodation, please contact the parish office for the family's contact.

1-bedroom suite needed

94-year-old parishioner is needing to rent a one bedroom suite in South Surrey/White Rock. He is able to pay up to \$1,100 rent. Please contact Anna 604-818-0276 if you can help.

Part-time Employment needed by a 50-yr old parishioner who is currently employed but is seeking additional part-time employment—preferably evenings, or work from home/online in admin, data entry, customer service. Please contact the parish office for her resume.

Employment needed by a 42-yr old strong and skilled labourer with 4+ years of experience as a plumbing apprentice, warehouse work and forklift operation. Resume available through the parish office.

Looking for work in IT

"I am a 33 years old, residing at Surrey and a parishioner in Good Shepherd Church. I moved from India to Canada in 2022 with an Open Work Permit (Valid till 2026). Also, I received an invitation for Permanent Residence in April'24 and it is currently under review. I'm currently looking for IT or Non-IT jobs (Remote or On-site). I have completed my Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and have 4 years of experience in India."

Resume available through the parish office.

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Canada Needs Our Lady!

Join us to pray the Rosary in a public setting.

Saturday, October 12th

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at **12 Noon** at Bakerview Park 1845 -154 Street, South Surrey

Bring your own chair if you need one. RAIN or SHINE.

For more information please call Donna Sali 604-542-3070

CENTENARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Calling all current and active parish groups:



There will be pages in the photo directory dedicated to our current and active parish groups. Please gather your members for a group photo (any setting). Submit your group photo to the parish office by **October 25** so that we know how many pages to order in the directory. Thank you!



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- Sunday, 9:00am-10:00am
- Sunday, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Sunday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Sunday, 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Monday, 9:00am-10:00am
- Tuesday, 10:00am-11:00am
- Tuesday, 2:00pm-3:00pm**
- Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm**
- Thursday, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm**
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- Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm**
- Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm**
- Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm**
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- Hours in need of a Substitute:
- Sun., Oct. 6, 13 – 3:00-4:00pm
 - Sun., Oct. 6, 20, 27 – 6:00-7:00pm
 - Wed., Oct. 9, 16, 30 – 4:00-5:00pm
 - Thurs., Oct. 10, 17 – 12:00-1:00pm
 - Fri., Oct. 4, 11 – 5:00-6:00pm
 - Sat., Oct. 12, 19, 26 – 2:00-3:00pm
 - Sat., Oct. 12, 19, 26 – 5:00-6:00pm

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

Parish Soup Kitchen Needs Your Help

for **Dish Team**: 1st Tuesday every month, 4:30-7 pm
as a **General Helper**: 1st Tuesday every month from 3:30-6:45pm/7pm, as required.
Pls call Carolyn 778-551-4372 or Rose Mary 604 538 6058

Ethnic Italian Supper is looking for more volunteers for Tuesday, Oct. 29th



If you would like to help with food prep or serving/clean up on this day, please email Carolyn at cawharton@shaw.ca

欢迎你

To support and encourage our Mandarin-speaking catechumens and those who, due to language find it challenging to know and understand the Mass, Fr. Augustine has graciously invited Fr. Kang from China to celebrate *Mass in Mandarin* on **Sunday, October 20th at 3pm** in Good Shepherd Church. This is an excellent opportunity for those who speak or understand Mandarin to deepen their relationship with the Lord, and gain a better understanding of the Mass liturgy, and more easily become part of our church and parish community. We warmly encourage you to invite family members or friends who may benefit. May the peace and love of Christ be with you always!

为了帮助越来越多的华语慕道者，和由于语言障碍，还不能走进教会、不能来认识主耶稣的、讲或者听得懂华语的朋友们，来认识主，了解弥撒礼仪，更加顺利地融入我们教会、融入我们的社区大家庭。Fr. Augustine特别邀请来自中国的康神父来我们Good Shepard教堂做华语弥撒，如果您有家人、朋友，不太明白弥撒在做什么，或者因为语言障碍，放弃参加弥撒的，千万不要错过这个机会邀请他们！

请标记好您的日历：

第一台华语弥撒：10月20日下午3:00pm Good Shepard.

修和圣事：10月20日下午2:15pm-2:50pm

FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS



Come join other Spanish-speaking Catholics in our parish for faith, community and support. We meet on the **2nd and 4th FRIDAYS** of each month in Good Shepherd Church.

Meeting dates: October 11, October 25, November 8, November 22
6:30pm-8pm, in Good Shepherd Church

Ven y únete a otros católicos de habla hispana en nuestra parroquia para crecer en la fe, pertenecer a la comunidad y apoyarnos. Nos reuniremos el 2do y 4to viernes de cada mes:

fechas: 11 & 25 octubre
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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.



Good Shepherd Christmas Chorale

is starting rehearsals for the annual Good Shepherd Christmas Concert which is on **Sunday, Dec 15th 3:00pm.**

We have a wonderful choral group but could always use some additional singers. We are looking for some Bass and Tenor singers. We sing SATB music in a variety of genres - classical, contemporary, gospel etc. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the Good Shepherd Meeting Room, 7pm-9 pm, starting October 9th. Please contact Trudi Stammer stammertrudi7@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

is a lay apostolate, in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest.



The Legion of Mary in our parish meets every **Thursday** at **4:30PM** in Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room

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

DAD AND KIDS

GYM NIGHT

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

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

Support Group for separated and divorced women St. Jude Group



Are you facing a significant life change or at a crossroads? Whether it's a recent event or something that happened years ago, you are not alone. If you are a separated or divorced Catholic woman, consider joining our St. Jude's group for support and community.

Our group consists of Catholic women who are experiencing or have experienced separation or divorce. We understand the struggles, pain, and suffering that come with this journey. Family brokenness is painful and challenging, and it is not what God intended for marriage. We know how lonely it can feel, but we stand united to support each other emotionally and spiritually. Together, we walk with Jesus, finding healing through Him and in Him, our healer.

Our group typically meets every 1st Saturday of the month, for more information, contact Amanda Chang - Group Coordinator at 604-771-2011 or sosstjude@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation Class

for parents wanting Baptism for their child(ren) is on **Saturday, November 2 10AM—Noon**
Good Shepherd Church

This class is mandatory for parents and highly recommended for the Godparents. Please contact the parish office to register 604-531-5739

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



for Mass Projection System

We are **calling out for volunteers** to operate the projection system at the **5PM, 9AM, 11AM & 7PM Masses at Good Shepherd.**

Easy training provided. There is a signup sheet at the kiosk in the foyer of Good Shepherd Church, or email Evon Olsen evonolsen@gmail.com



The Parish Library is seeking items for our **next Book & Religious Objects sale** (scheduled for **Nov. 2 & 3.** Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new books, DVDs, and library supplies.

We would be grateful for donations of the following:

- Christian Books—Non-fiction and Fiction, Children's & Teen's
- Catholic Bibles
- Catechisms
- Catholic Religious Objects, such as rosaries, statues, medals, pictures, crucifixes, other gift items.



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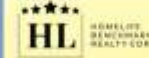
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