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Saturday 5PM

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Wednesday 6:30PM

Saturday 10AM

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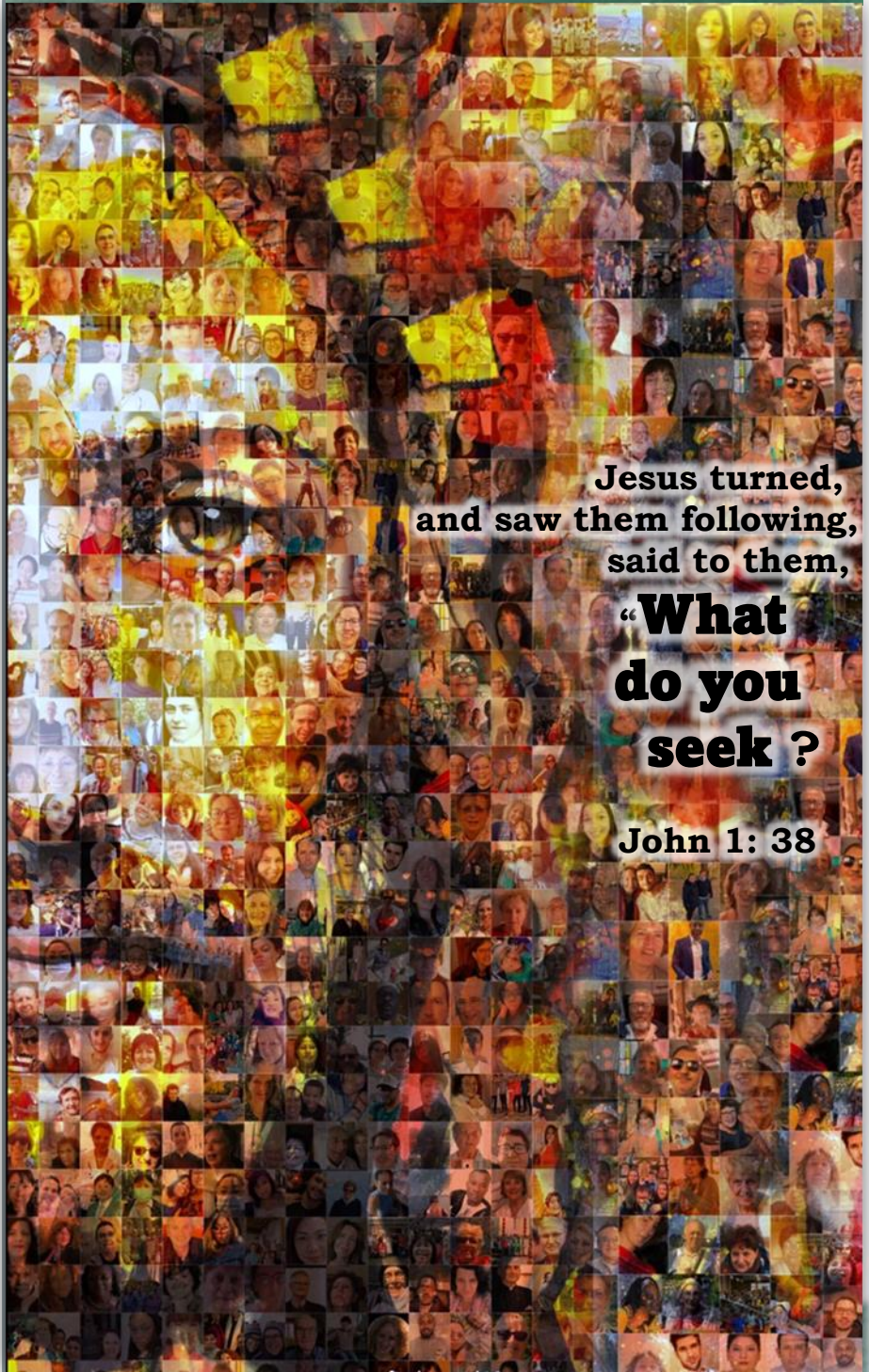
Saturday 4PM

Sunday 10:30AM

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Welcome

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 14, 2024



**Jesus turned,
and saw them following,
said to them,
“What
do you
seek ?**

John 1: 38

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus' question to the future disciples is a fundamental one which we must all ponder: "What are you looking for?" These men had been told by John that Jesus was the Lamb of God. They instinctively followed him. These men no doubt were looking for many things: a better way to fish, perhaps the one who would drive the Romans out; maybe nothing greater than a few words of kindness and some direction their lives. Yet one gets the impression that there was something deeper at work. These pragmatic fishermen were looking for that which lasts. In the midst of flux and constant change, they dimly perceived in Jesus that he was the One who is the Way, Truth and Life and light. They saw through the eyes of faith, that in Jesus their deepest longings and hopes would be realized. They sensed in this unknown teaching a message that would only grow in power with the passage of time. The impulse was great: these men had to go where Jesus was staying.

The invitation of Jesus is straightforward and open-ended: "Come and see" Jesus does not specify what is to follow. But neither does he fool them with false promises and grand plans. What is crucial is the willingness to follow the person of Jesus. To be a disciple is to be where Jesus is. We must let go of our personal agenda and be willing to listen. Follow and see where Jesus is to be found. We cannot drag along all our conditions and expectations. To follow Jesus and see where he is, is to be part of the great adventure of faith. One thing is for sure, it is never dull.

What are you looking for? What do you want out of life? For sure, every one of us desires to be happy. But many things promise contentment, pleasure, happiness...Only Jesus is the way to true and lasting happiness and peace. We are called to live in such a way that others will want to come and see where Jesus stays. There is a great dignity in our Christian vocation. We belong to Jesus, having become part of God's family through his death and resurrection.

Part of the modern attitude today is to play it cool and not commit too much, too soon; always keep your options open. Above all, hold a little back so you won't be dependent on anyone. It's not that we are not listening or close to God's call, it's just that we want to know the job description and what will be required of us. But today, we are reminded that the invitation to follow Jesus, the Lamb of God, is extended to each of us. Let us develop a listening heart and willing spirit, so that when the Lord speaks to us we will be ready and willing to respond totally.



Starting this weekend, we will be praying our Centenary Prayer at all Masses celebrated in our parish. I



STAR OF THE SEA CENTENARY PRAYER

O Holy Spirit,
sent by the Father in the name of Jesus,
we thank you for your constant presence
in our parish.

Pour forth your gifts upon the parishioners of
Star of the Sea as we celebrate our centenary.
Let it be the beginning of a new season of Grace
in our parish.

Gracious Teacher and Comforter,
teach us to be attentive to your grace
at work in our lives, in our parish, and in the world,
so that our Christian faith and action
may bear fruit and lead to the conversion of souls.

Renew your wonders in our parish
as you did at Pentecost that,
being of one mind and steadfast in prayer
with Mary the mother of Jesus,
we may work to make the reign of Jesus ever more
visible, the reign of Truth and Justice,
of Love, reconciliation and peace. AMEN

want us all to pray this prayer, asking for an
outpouring of gifts of the Holy Spirit on our Parish!
We will pray this prayer at Mass, during our
personal prayers, and whenever we meet as parish
groups, ministries and committees from now until
our 100th Anniversary Commemorative Mass with
Archbishop Miller scheduled on:

Saturday, April 27, 2024.

← **SAVE THE
DATE**

As you may remember, the theme of our year-long
celebration is: **"HONOUR OUR PAST AND GO
FORWARD ON MISSION"**, and kicked off last year
at our 100th Anniversary Launch Mass where
Bishop Gary Franken attended in May. Then
followed a series of events including an
International Potluck in June...Parish Mission with
Bishop Hector Vila and Holy Spirit talk by Vernon
Robertson in July...Brunch and Golf Tournament at
Northview Golf Course, in August...Discernment
talks with Sr. Nancy Brown in October...Advent
reflection with Fr. Tony Ricard in November...
Family Dinner & Dance in December...

And now... I invite all parishioners, new and old—
individuals, families, groups, ministries—to the
BIGGEST event yet: On **Saturday, February 17**,
everyone come and enjoy dinner and music at Star

of the Sea Hall, 6:30-10:30pm. The dinner
will be catered and the evening program
will feature Fr. Rob Galea and the Psalm 98
Band. Fr. Galea is the founder and executive
director of FRG Ministry, a charity
organisation that ministers to over
1,400,000 people each year across the
world (see <https://www.frrobgalea.com/>
for more info). Tickets will be available
soon and I really hope that we will all come
for a great, uplifting evening together.

Fr. Augustine



FR. ROB GALEA PRESENTS:

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A CELEBRATION OF LOVE AND LIFE; A POST-VALENTINE EVENT
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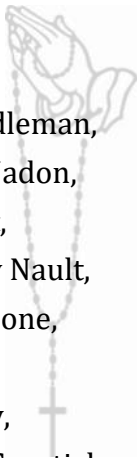
17 FEBRUARY 2024 | 6:30 PM

Please pray for

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Marilyn Wolfe, Jason Eddleman,
Delia Antunovich, Julia Nadon,
Paul Tusnady, Ken Prout,
Mercedes Sandoval, Judy Nault,
Maria Kasprzyk, Jola Melone,
Brian Hickey, Jack Plain,
Danilo Sonido, Anne Law,
Otto Witteveen, Dennis Capstick,
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,
Maxine Carpenter,
Wolf Mashohn, Amelia Solomon,
Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte,
Lydia McGrann, Theresa Kim,
Manal Ibrahim, Rolf May,
Dirk Post, Marian Nadelko,
Maureen McLaren

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

Elizabeth van Zanten
Barbara Hirsch



ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN Every Day 9AM-9PM

*"And the Word became flesh and made
his dwelling among us." John 1:14*

Jesus is alive and is every bit as
real for us as He was to his first
disciples! He wants us to have a
relationship with him as his first
apostles did, to know him
intimately and to seek him in
everything. One way to do this is
to humbly come before Him in the
Adoration Chapel. Let His Real
Presence change you and
transform you!

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
Thursday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
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:

Sun., Jan. 14, 21 – 8:00-9:00pm
Mon., Jan. 15, 21, 28 – 2:00-3:00pm
Tue., Feb. 6, 13 – 5:00-6:00pm
Sat., Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10
– 4:00-5:00pm

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

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**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE** invites you to BECOME a
member or to RENEW your
membership at ALL MASSES this
weekend. *WELCOME TO ALL!*

The next **CWL GENERAL
meeting** is on **Tuesday,**
February 6 6:30pm in the
Meeting Room at Good Shepherd
Church.

Next **SENIORS & FRIENDS CAFÉ**

is on **Friday,**
January 19 after 9am
Mass at Good Shepherd Church

Everyone welcome!



TRUE LIFE IN GOD Prayer Group

is inviting you to
pray the Holy Rosary
with meditations.

visit: www.tlig.org

Meetings in Good Shepherd
Church, Fireside Room on:

Tuesdays 10am-11:30am
Jan 16, 23, 30
and
Fridays 10am-11:30am
Jan 26, Feb, 23, Mar 22

In a couple of weeks, the Parish Office will be working on your
INCOME TAX RECEIPT mailouts. And typically, we get a lot of
returned mail... so please **ENSURE THAT THE PARISH
OFFICE HAS YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS.**
All returned mail will be kept in the office for your pick up.

**IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
CURRENT?**



Join the Star of the Sea School Family



New Applicant Evening

is on

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

at **6:30pm** in Star of the Sea
Elementary School Gym.

Applications for the 2024-25
school year will be available
starting that evening.

Application deadline is
February 2nd.



Holy Cross Regional Secondary

Open House

Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30-8:30pm

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Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to join our community to see what makes our school unique. You will be able to listen to Holy Cross' Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at a French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Holy Cross' online registration process will commence with this event. Holy Cross' community looks forward to meeting all of you!

For more info: 604-581-3023
office@holycross.bc.ca

St. Thérèse

Widows Group

Happy 2024 everyone! Our first meeting of the year will



be on **Monday January 22** in the Fireside Room after the 9am Mass. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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

*coffee
conversation
connection*

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting is on **Saturday, January 20, 10AM** in Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room.

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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

January 2024 Library Feature

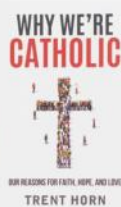


APOLOGETICS

To engage in apologetics is to defend your Faith by offering your understanding of Catholic doctrine and morals, and to knowledgeably respond to objections to them. All Catholics should be able to do this at some level, and your Parish library can help you prepare for these discussions. General books about apologetics are in section 239, and you can find other resources on specific topics throughout the library and on [FORMED](#).

Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3: 15

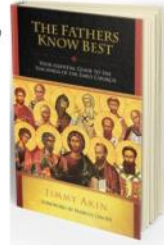
We have many options for learning how to respond to common questions about and arguments against the Church. ***Essential Catholic Survival Guide: Answers to Tough Questions about the Faith*** (239 Cat 2005) answers questions about Catholicism to help you navigate any conversation about your Faith. ***Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love*** (239 Hor 2017) will help you explain why we believe in anything at all and to answer common objections to the Catholic Faith—both doctrinal and moral.



The New Apologetics: Defending the Faith in a Post-Christian Era (239 Nel 2022) Features more than forty essays from leading Catholic apologists,

theologians, and philosophers that appeal to both the head and the heart.

The Fathers Know Best: Your Essential Guide to the Teachings of the Early Church (270 Aki 2010)



introduces the teachings of the first Christians in a well-organized, accessible book.

Meeting the Protestant Response: How to Answer Common Comebacks to Catholic Arguments (239 Bro 2022) shows how typical protestant responses don't disprove the Catholic argument, and offers biblical, logical ways to defend our doctrines and practices.

By What Authority?: An Evangelical Discovers Catholic Tradition (239 She 1996 and [FORMED](#) audio book) is an intellectual and spiritual awakening that will show you how a former protestant came to his belief that Tradition, as explained by the Catholic Church, is the truth of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Eucharist: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics (234.3 Pac 2013) shows the connection between the Eucharist and the Scriptures and answers many common questions. Pope John Paul II was respected by many people around the world, even outside of the Church.

In his bestseller ***Crossing the Threshold of Hope*** (282 JP II 1994) he speaks from his heart about God; the dignity of man; pain, suffering, and evil; eternal life and

the meaning of salvation; hope; the relationship of Christianity to other faiths and that of Catholicism to other branches of the Christian faith. C.S. Lewis is another author that even the non-religious will know.

His ***Mere Christianity*** (230 Lew 1952) makes Christian belief accessible and finds a common ground on which all those who have Christian faith can stand together.

Catholic Controversies: Understanding Church Teachings and Events in History (270 Gab 2010)

corrects common misunderstandings and myths perpetuated by the media, professors and the uninformed.



Reclaiming Vatican II: What It (Really) Said, What It Means, and How It Calls Us to Renew the Church (262.5 Bri 2021) clears up misconceptions about the council and reveals how—when properly understood and applied—it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact us at library@starofthesea.ca to join our newsletter list. Six times a year you will receive lists of new books & DVDs, spotlight topics, recommendations, links of interest and more!

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