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Confessions:

Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.
604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule

8:15 am Monday-Friday
9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

Weekend Masses

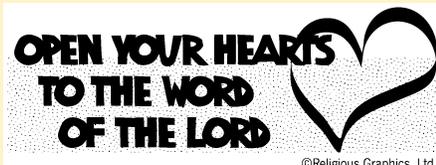
5 pm Saturday Mass of Anticipation
Sunday 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass First
Friday's at 6 pm

Prayer Group:

Every Wednesday in the Parish Hall
7 pm to 8:30 pm



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Sunday, January 14 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19



Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. (1 Samuel 3:9)

Samuel lay sleeping when he first heard someone calling his name. He ran to his mentor, but Eli was not calling him. So Samuel returned to bed, only to hear the voice twice more. When Samuel appeared at Eli's bedside for the third time, the priest realized that it was the Lord he had heard. The God who loves to speak to his people was now calling Samuel. So he gave Samuel timeless advice: "Reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9).

This same God wants to speak to us! Its not hard to hear him, but like Samuel, we need to learn to listen. The good news is that God loves us and wants us to hear his voice. So let's take Eli's words to heart.

Speak, Lord. God wants you to know him. He's always speaking, always trying to reveal himself to you. You can believe that he has a message for you, so confidently express your desire to hear him. This means sitting before the Lord and fixing your heart on him alone. "Speak, Lord. I want to know you more."

Everything we have comes from God. He is our Master, and we are his grateful and humble servants, eager to hear and obey his word. This means more than passively waiting for a message from the sky. It means offering yourself to the Lord with a willing heart, open to God's plans, even if they differ from your own. "I am your servant Lord. I am ready to do your will."

It's not easy to hear God's voice when we are surrounded by noise. So to listen for the Lord, we will need to find a quiet place away from the clatter that can drown out the Lord's voice. We may need to silence our anxious thoughts and doubts, too. But with God's help, we can set aside those thoughts and listen for his voice instead. "Quiet my heart, Lord. I am listening for you."

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† Eusebio (Eddy) Caravaggio

Passed away on Tuesday January 9, 2024

Predeceased by his loving wife Amelia

Father of Ivana & Riccardo

Grandfather to Mark, Brittany, Kiara & Angelica

Funeral Mass at SFDS Parish

On Friday January 19, 2024, at 11 am

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord



**Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast**
Next Sunday January 21
After 9 am & 11 am Masses.

DID YOU MOVE?



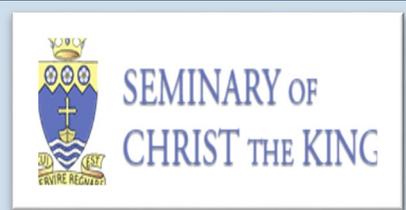
Please remember to inform the parish office your new address!



COBS BREAD

Volunteers needed to pick up Cobs Bread on Sunday evenings, on a rotation basis. Must have a large trunk space or an SUV to transport the bread containers. If you can help please call the parish office. 604-434-1328.

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 - 11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca



SFDS Prayer Group Please note if the bad weather continues and there is snow next week, our prayer group meeting on Wednesday January 17, will be cancelled.

A sincere thank you to all parishioners, for your support and prayers during the passing of my mother last year. God Bless, David W. Glavin





**Join the (CWL)
Catholic Women's League**



**Membership Drive
Jan 13/14, 2024
after all the Masses**

Help us make a difference in our community and beyond

<p>Enjoy fellowship and support while serving others. Get involved in our charity work!</p>	<p>Lend a helping hand wherever and whenever you can. Make new friends, discover new skills & talents.</p>
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Stewardship Reflection

January 14, 2024 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminster, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Learn more and register at rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations

SFDS SCHOOL is looking for donations of new or gently used books that are suitable for children from Grades K-7. In particular, we are in need of books that boys would be interested in. The donated books will be used for a fundraising book swap event on February 1.



Please drop off your books in the box at the entrance of the church. Books will be collected from **now until Sunday January 28**.

Spiritual Care Training Program

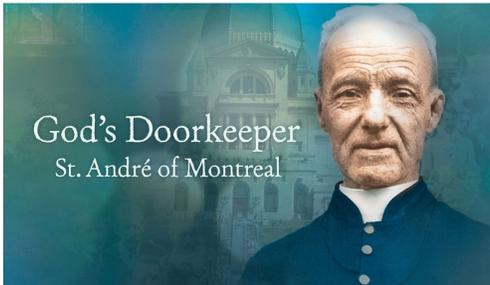
Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

The Great Divorce: A Book Study for Young Adults

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives. Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world. Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

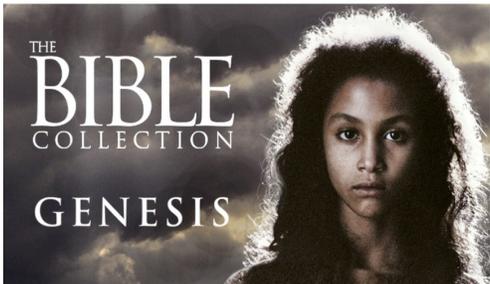
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 14, 2024



God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

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