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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

9:15 am Friday June 21 School Mass

9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5 pm Mass of Anticipation

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

(With The Liturgy of the Word for Children)

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass

First Friday's at 6 pm

"Give us the grace - When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." St. John Paul II

JUNE 16, 2024

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY



SECOND COLLECTION



Choose LIFE, from conception to its natural end!

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time



A Word from our Holy Father, Pope Francis:

"The parables, which the Liturgy presents us today, two parables, are inspired precisely by ordinary life and reveal the attentive and deep gaze of Jesus, who observes reality and, through small everyday images, opens the windows on the mystery of God and on the human experience.

Today Jesus compares the Kingdom of God, that is, his presence that dwells in the heart of things and of the world, to the mustard seed, that is, to the smallest seed there is: it is really tiny. Yet, cast upon the ground, it grows until becoming the tallest tree (cf. Mk4:31-32). This is what God does. At times, the din of the world, along with the many activities that fill our days, prevent us from stopping and seeing how the Lord is conducting history. Yet, the Gospel assures us, God is at work, like a good little seed that silently and slowly germinates. And, little by little, it becomes a lush tree, which gives life and rest to everyone. The seed of our good works too can seem like a small thing, yet all that is good pertains to God, and thus it humbly, slowly bears fruit. Good, let us remember, always grows in a humble way, in a hidden, often invisible way.

Weeds of doubt can take root, especially when we witness the crisis of faith and the failure of different projects and initiatives. But let us never forget that the results of sowing do not depend on our abilities: they depend on the action of God. It is up to us to sow, and to sow with love, with dedication and with patience. But the force of the seed is divine. Jesus explains it in today's other parable: the farmer sows the seed and then does not realize how it bears fruit, because it is the seed itself that grows spontaneously, day and night, when he least expects it (cf. vv. 26-29). With God, even in the most infertile soil there is always the hope of new sprouts."

This year, our campaign is directed to enhancing / renovating key parts of our parish hall, making it more attractive to all the thousands who utilize the space over the course of the year AND ... we need to secure more initial funds to help get our developing regional teen ministry program off the ground in 2024.

"There is nothing
small in the service of **GOD**"
-St. Francis de Sales

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**PROJECT
ADVANCE
2024** Building our
Parish Community

REGISTRATION
For PREP 2024-2025 is
Now Open!

PREP
2024-25
Registration

 <https://sfds.ca/announcements/prep-registration-is-now-open>

Congratulations!

Wing Hin Liu Derek
&
Jocelyn Marie Minns

Married in our Parish this week

Second Collection: Pro-Life Sunday

On Pro-Life Sunday, we reflect on the sanctity of human life from its beginning at conception to its natural end. This weekend's second collection will help further the pro-life cause by supporting crisis pregnancy centres, anti-euthanasia groups, university pro-life groups, post-abortion ministry and others. Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

KOFC Pancake Breakfast has been moved to next Sunday June 23 After the 9 am & 11 am



"You cannot reap a harvest without planting a seed. God's Word is the seed. Plant it in your heart. Water it, watch it grow, and bring forth fruit."

Let's
Par-tea

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**Summer
Afternoon Tea**

June 22, 2024
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**CHRISTIAN SOCCER
LEAGUE**

We need your talent for our new competitive co-ed team.

Dust of the cleats, stretch out the hamstrings, and bring your 'A' game, brothers & sisters! At present, we're gearing up for the 2025 Christian Soccer League Season by adding a SFDS co-ed team to the league. To be sure...we will be assembling a competitive squad, high level skill will be warmly welcomed, and we're looking for a good balance of youthful exuberance and veteran savvy. Our brothers-in-Christ, Mr. Franco Caligiuri & Fr. Médard Kamanzi are spearheading this effort and we want to know if YOU (and or/a loved one) has what it takes to be part of this inaugural tea and...eventually...elevate us to championship status. To sign up please follow the link below, or see our e-newsletter.

<https://sfds.ca/announcements/christian-soccer-league>

SFDS PRAYER GROUP PICNIC

Wednesday June 26, 6:30 pm

Rene Memorial Park

Please bring a Finger Food & your own chair

Everyone is welcome!

**FAMILY
CAMP**

Catholic Family Camp

Join us for an unforgettable journey at the first-ever Catholic Family Camp hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This getaway is for families of all types, ages, and sizes to come together for rest, play, fellowship and prayer.

Inspired by Pope Francis at the 9th World Meeting of Families, the time together will focus on how we are called to be beacons of God's joyous love. Your family will connect with others to strengthen this mission, living out the joy and love that God desires for every family. Families should prepare to arrive in the late afternoon on Wednesday, August 28, at Stepping Stones Bible Camp in Deroche. Family Camp will end in the afternoon on Friday, August 30.

Registration deadline: Monday, July 29, or whenever we reach capacity. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of June 16, 2024



To Be a Pilgrim

An ancient trail of pilgrimage runs through south-east England, a pathway along which so much of English identity converges. It is the way of St. Thomas Becket, the martyr who stood up to a King and inspired Christendom. It is a route that drew countless pilgrims in ages past, captured the imagination of Chaucer, and interest in this pilgrim path is strongly reviving again today.



Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer

Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real – it's for everyone, but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.

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