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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 May 17

(School Mass)

9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass

First Friday's at 6 pm

Stay where you are - find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering, the lonely, right there where you are - in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and schools.

St. Mother Teresa

Sunday May 12, 2024



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mark 15:16

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mass Times: Saturday: 5:00pm*, Sunday: 9:00am*, 11:00am & 7:00pm
*) with The Liturgy of the Word for Children

A Word from our Holy Father, Pope Francis:

We are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord. The Gospel passage (Mk 16:15-20), the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark presents us with the Risen One's final encounter with the disciples before he ascends to the right hand of the Father. Usually, as we know, farewell scenes are sad. They cause a feeling of loss, of abandonment in those who remain; instead, none of this happens to the disciples. Despite their separation from the Lord, they do not appear grief-stricken, but rather, they are joyful and ready to go out into the world as missionaries.

Why are the disciples not sad? Why should we too rejoice at seeing Jesus ascending into heaven? The Ascension completes Jesus' mission among us. Indeed, if it is for us that Jesus descended from heaven, it is also for us that he ascends there. This is not at all an abandonment, Jesus remains forever with the disciples, with us. He remains in prayer, because as man, he prays to the Father, and as God, man and God, he shows Him his wounds, the wounds by which he has redeemed us.

And this should give us confidence, or rather joy, great joy! And the second reason for joy is Jesus' promise. He told us: "I will send you the Holy Spirit". And there, with the Holy Spirit, that commandment is made that he gives in his farewell: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel". And it will be the power of the Holy Spirit that will lead us there into the world, to bring the Gospel.

Jesus left with his wounds, which were the price of our salvation, and he prays for us. And then he sends us the Holy spirit; he promises us the Holy Spirit, to go to evangelize. This is the reason for today's joy; this is the reason for the joy on this day of the Ascension.

Brothers and sisters, on this Feast of the Ascension, as we contemplate Heaven, where Christ has ascended and sits at the right hand of the Father, let us ask Mary, Queen of Heaven, to help us be courageous witnesses of the Risen One in the world, in the concrete situations of life."

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† *Ines Stokovac*

Passed away on Tuesday May 7, 2024

Predeceased by her loving husband Ivan

Mother of Lucio (Maria) and Jo-Anna (Giorgio)

Grandmother to Gioia (Tyler), Lucia (Nick) and Sofia

Great-Grandmother to Gianna and Luca

Prayers at SFDS Parish on Friday, May 17 at 5 pm

Funeral Mass at SFDS Parish on Saturday, May 18 at 11 am

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

SFDS PLANT SALE

Celebrate Mother's Day
with a gift that grows!

Saturday May 11
after the 5 pm Mass
Sunday May 12
after the 9 & 11 am Masses



A young family is seeking rental in the SFDS Parish area. In return for a reduced rent of \$1800, they could do light housework and yard work as well as provide companionship. The parents are devout Catholics from Mumbai, India; they are well educated and have two young children, a daughter aged 3 and a son aged 9. Please contact the school office if you can help. 604-435-5311 or office@sfds.school



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Next Sunday May 19
After 9 am & 11 am Masses.



"There is
nothing
small
in the
service
of

GOD"

-St. Francis de Sales

PROJECT
ADVANCE
2024

Building our
Parish Community

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your ongoing support and generosity to enable our parish of St. Francis de Sales to really flourish as a home away from home for our parishioners and so many guests whom we see, week in and week out. This year our Project Advance parish project is aimed at an expansion of this flourishing. Specifically, 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. So many of our Catholic teens in local public schools (and not to neglect our Catholic schools) are in desperate need to receive an extra lifeline to Jesus and His Church. By way of this year's campaign, we're confident that we'll be able to make that vital lifeline a reality. Friends, if you haven't made your Project Advance contribution this year, we invite you to take this to prayer and offer whatever you think is best. Thanks again.

2nd SFDS Spring Fair, happening on May 25th, 2024.
Get ready for an extraordinary day filled with excitement and joy. This year's fair promises to be even more spectacular, with an array of free and fun activities and entertainment for everyone.

Exciting Activities Await:

- Euro Bungee: Embark on the most exhilarating midway ride, Euro Bungee, where you can safely jump up in the air and enjoy the thrill.
- Star Wars Inflatable Laser Tag: Play laser tag with your friends in our one-of-a-kind Star Wars inflatable laser tag arena.
- Pony Rides: Get up close with our friendly ponies visiting from Langley's Laughing Stock Ranch
- Interactive Crafts: Unleash your creativity with interactive crafts from our vendors.
- Arts and Crafts: Visit the Burnaby RCMP booth for arts and crafts and have a meet and greet with the loveable Red Serge.
- Local Community Vendors: Explore booths from local community vendors offering unique products and services.
- Free Massages: Relax and rejuvenate at our relaxation zone with complimentary massages.

Hungry? We've Got You Covered:

Indulge in mouth-watering offerings from our food vendors, and don't forget to grab your FREE Starbucks coffee and iced tea, generously sponsored by Edmonds Highgate branch.

Entertainment Highlights:

- Zumba Dance with Mayu: Join the ever-energetic and fun Zumba instructor of Burnaby, Mayu, for a high-energy dance session.
- Beatboxing by Vino Cuenca: Prepare to be mesmerized by the beatboxing talent of the one and only champion, Vino Cuenca.
- SFDS Choir Performance: Cheer for our talented SFDS Choir as they showcase their musical prowess.
- Dance Party with Rossinite Band: Don't miss out on the dance party with the electrifying Rossinite Band.

Rain or Shine, the Fun Won't Stop!

Whether it's rain or shine, we guarantee a day filled with fun and excitement that you won't want to miss.

Eco-Friendly Transportation:

Due to limited parking spaces, we encourage you to walk or take public transit. Let's make this event eco-friendly and enjoyable for everyone!

Spread the Word and Join Us:

Don't miss out on this epic celebration of family, community, and fun! Spread the word, bring your loved ones, and let's create unforgettable memories together. See you there! Sincerely, SFDS Spring Fair Team



MAP OF ATTRACTIONS

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 12, 2024



Deuteronomy | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on the book of Deuteronomy, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives final words of wisdom and warning before the Israelites enter the promised land, challenging them to be faithful to God.



The Book Swap | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

It's time to read a book! Benjamin Cello, Annie Appleseed, and Miss Gretchen, the Music Teacher, go to the Bookendless Book Tower for a book swap party, hosted by Professor Wordsworth and the Bookworms. Along the way they explore classics of literature and the one Holy Book that stands above all others, the Book that can change your life forever.



Finding Fatima

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

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