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Tuesday 7:00 PM
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)
***except First Friday (in English)

CONFESSIONS

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

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Saturday after the 9 AM Mass

First Friday
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 noon Benediction
6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 1		Kick-off of the parish raffle campaign	
Aug. 15	All day	Altar Servers Excursion—Cultus Lake	
Sept. 8	All day	Youth Confirmation Retreat	Gym/JH
Sept. 16	All day	International Brunch	Gym/JH
Sept. 22	9:30 AM	RCIA starts	Rm 129

Monday	7:30 PM	St. Matthew's Prayer Group	Jubilee Hall
Tuesday	1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday	9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday	10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday	4:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Fireside Room
Thursday	6:30 PM	Alpha	Gym
Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129

BAPTISM:

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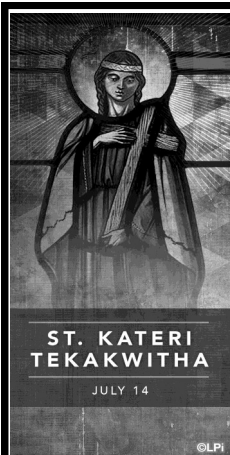
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If you have been closely following the Sunday readings, today's Gospel could sound a bit like a broken record. Four weeks ago, the Gospel told of Jesus visiting His home of Nazareth and being poorly received by His family members. Jesus had attracted a large crowd as He preached, and His concerned relatives came to bring Him home. Jesus, they thought, was out of His league.

Today Jesus takes things further. He returns to Nazareth. Rather than preaching from His house, He enters the synagogue. He speaks eloquently. The listeners acknowledge that "wisdom has been given him" and recognize the "mighty deeds wrought by His hands," but it is too much for them to bear. "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" The listeners know His whole clan, His male and female relatives. Jesus as carpenter was acceptable. Even Jesus as fringe preacher was interesting enough to draw a crowd. But Jesus as authoritative teacher is too much. "They took offense at him."

As Christians, we have known the truth of Jesus' identity since we were first introduced to Him. He is fully human and fully divine. He is the second person of the Trinity. It could be easy to look down on these 1st century listeners for their lack of faith. But where do we expect to learn our own lessons? The more we age, the easier it is to believe we understand the world and how it works. We have experience with people, with the Church, with politics, and with the affairs of daily living. We have developed criteria for first impressions. We categorize. Today we remember that the Christian life requires humility. Jesus' listeners have an expectation of how things should be, and their lack of faith causes doubt in others. "He was not able to perform any mighty deeds there." Do your assumptions limit your perspective? Who can you learn from that you did not expect.



St. Kateri Tekakwitha
(also called "Bily of the Mohawks")
is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl. When she was 18 she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers. She escaped to a nearby mission where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond to love.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Confirmation Certificates: are available at the counter by the parish office. If there are any discrepancies please notify the PREP office.

Catechists are needed in the following grades 1, 3, 4 and a team teacher for Grade 2. If you love working with children and sharing your knowledge of the faith please contact the PREP office for details.

Catechist & Assistant Application forms are available by the PREP folder behind counter by the parish office. Once forms have been received you will be contacted to complete reference forms and Criminal Records check (18+).

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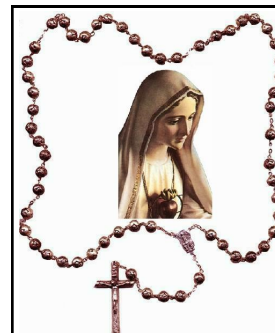


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CWL Corner

- As I am having my morning coffee, I am watching the hummingbirds sipping on the feeders. We all are just as busy as these little birds. And we also need constant nourishment, both for our physical and spiritual well-being. Jesus knew that and He gave us His own body to sustain us. We can come every day to receive Holy Communion as we attend Mass. Let us not forget that Jesus is waiting for us always. It is easy to get all caught up in the freedom holidays can give us. As Catholic women, we are asked to serve our Lord by actively living our faith and the Holy Spirit will guide us in this.
- A big "thank you" to all who assisted at the Robinson funeral reception. You ladies are priceless. *Ria Ling*

Dear Parishioners: Summer vacation puts a special strain on the food bank. With the children at home, it is very hard for some parents to have enough snacks and drinks available. Can we help out? We will have bins for your kid-friendly donations from July 1 to August 31.



Rosary Rally: Our Lady said, "Only I can help you." Come and ask her to obtain graces for the world and our families, particularly by praying for the fulfillment of the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. We also recall her 3rd apparition at Fatima, on July 13, 1917. This rally will be at the NORTH Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery, facing West Georgia St. (not the south Plaza on Robson St.). Saturday, July 14, from 10 to 11 A.M. For more info, please contact David Pearce at 604-929-4812.

LIVE THE LITURGY

It seems that Jesus is always facing some kind of opposition. Today, those from His native place amaze Him because of their lack of faith. We oppose Jesus as well. It is not easy to be challenged and realize our great need to change. We grow comfortable with ourselves and our surroundings and resist change. We become defensive when the wisdom Jesus utters asks us to leave ourselves and our concerns and think more about others. We lack faith in God, faith in ourselves, and faith in one another. We are asked to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and allow ourselves to be stretched. Jesus knows what He is talking about. Do we really believe this?

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Stewardship:

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you ...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3. God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

ROOTED—Women's Retreat 2018

Back by popular demand, Heather Khym leads us on a spiritual journey to deeply root our faith. An opportunity for women to come together, make new Catholic friends and have some fun together. A great way for mothers to spiritually prepare themselves with some personal time at the start of the school year. This retreat is for all women 16 and older. Registration fee includes all coffee breaks, catered lunch, and a beautiful welcome gift. Join us Friday, Sept. 14, 7 to 9 P.M. (check-in starts at 6 P.M.) and Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at St. Luke's Parish Family Centre, Maple Ridge. The retreat will end with Mass. Invite your friends and family. For more information or to register, contact Cathy Piche at 604-836-2252 or mcpiche@telus.net.

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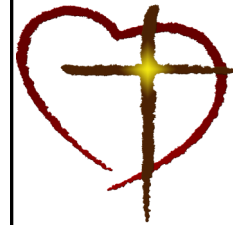
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Fr. De Paul Doan:

was initially coming to St. Matthew's on July 12, but he is needed in another parish for now. He will still be coming to our parish but the date is not yet known at this time.

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Do you know someone who would like to deepen his/her knowledge of the faith? Have you thought of becoming Catholic and discovering the faith? Then, we invite all to participate in the RCIA program at Matthew's Parish and become a part of the Catholic community. Starts Sept. 22, 2018. Call the parish office to register.



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 - ◆ Martha Nguyen Thi Toan
- May the Lord open the gates of heaven to them and grant them eternal rest.

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