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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Jn 6: 32-33

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CONFESSIONS

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 15	All day	Altar Servers Excursion—Cultus Lake	
Sept. 7-8	All day	Youth Post-Confirmation Retreat	Gym/JH
Sept. 16	All day	International Brunch	Gym/JH
Sept. 22	9:30 AM	RCIA starts	Rm 129
Dec. 2	12 Noon	Raffle Draw	Gym
May 11	6:30 PM	Spring Dance	Gym & JH

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
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Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129

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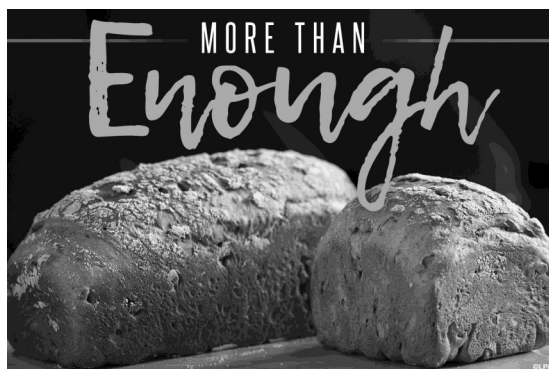
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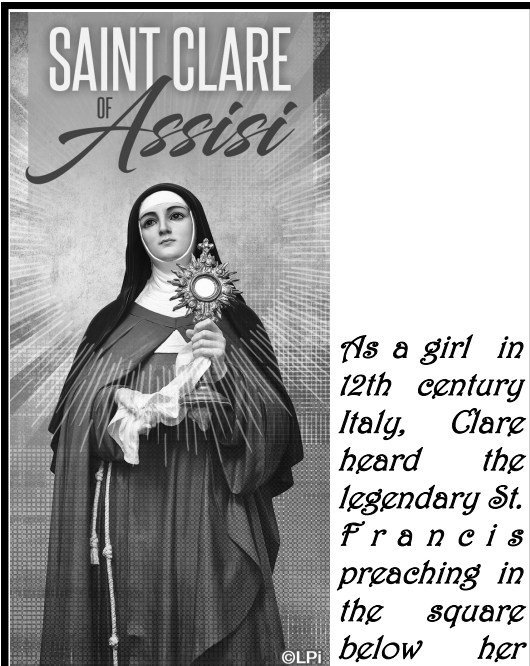
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In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude, "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want Him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?



As a girl in 12th century Italy, Clare heard the legendary St. Francis preaching in the square below her family home.

Inspired, Clare snuck away in the middle of the night to join Francis and his followers. Francis cut her hair like the men and gave her a rough tunic and veil to wear. For the sake of propriety, Clare was placed in a Benedictine nun monastery for several years. As more women were drawn to the simple spirituality, a new order was founded, now known as the Poor Clares. Despite requests from the Pope himself to relax their vow of poverty, Clare stood firm in following the spirit of St. Francis. Clare's reputation for virtue spread and attracted women—rich and poor alike—to the new order that still exists today.

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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CWL Corner

- I would like to thank all who cleaned the many tables. They were so dirty and now they are so well looked after. Thank you, guys. You are truly using your talents.
- Praying in our climate-controlled church makes me always think back to my childhood. I grew up in a small village, just two streets and a clutch of farms. Small holdings as the sandy earth was not very fertile. It was a good 40-minute walk to school, but we started our day with the 7:45 AM Mass. The girls' school was beside the church next to the convent. The boys' school on the other side of the village. The big stone church was nice and cool in the summer but like an icebox in the winter. The girls sat on small benches on one side of the altar, the boys on the other side. Sister made sure that we were well behaved. My brothers took turns as altar boys. After Mass we went straight to school. At 12 o'clock we walked, or rather ran, home for lunch and had to hurry to be back in school at two for the afternoon session. Those good old days!
Ria Ling

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What can I do to accomplish the works of God? This is a question every Christian must ask. Ultimately, we are asked to be the light of Christ for others. This calls us to be compassionate, forgiving, nonviolent, generous, concerned for the poor, and welcoming to strangers. These are often contrary to what the world values. We are asked to simplify our lives and become less self-focused so that others can share in God's creation. We need help in order to fulfill this tall order. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrate today, is the way we are nourished so that we can fulfill this mission.

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Knitters for Baby Items: We had a very positive turnout for the recent knitting/crochet session (held by the St. Matthew's Pro-Life Committee). We are therefore encouraged to continue our drop-in sessions every Friday evening from 6 to 8 PM. If you are interested in helping our cause to knit/crochet baby booties/bonnets/sweaters/prayer shawls, etc. for the Pro-life Ministry fundraiser, come and join us—email ingrid_s@telus.net. If you're a beginner, no problem, we can help you along. For those of you who have donated yarn remnants/needles/hooks, thanks very much!

The Catholic Health Association of BC invites you to their **2018 GM and Conference** on the theme, *The Gift of Palliative Care*, to be held Thursday, September 20, 9 AM to 3:30 PM, at the Executive Plaza Hotel, 405 North Road, Coquitlam. Mass at 9 AM will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB. Presentations by knowledgeable and experienced professionals will explore both how we can honour and compassionately assist those in palliative care to live with the highest quality of life for as long as possible, and how we can support caregivers. Deadline for registration is September 12. The fee of \$150 includes morning snacks and lunch. For more information, please email info@chabc.bc.ca or call 604-524-3427.

Stewardship:
Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities.
 We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything He owns as His stewards, we are responsible to manage His holdings well and according to His desires and purposes.

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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.

 SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS?
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Archbishop's Dinner, Tuesday, October 30, 2018, Hyatt Regency: Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the 7th Annual Archbishop's Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church's presence in hospitals, First Nations communities, ports, and ecumenical gatherings, among many other places.
Our parish will again put together a table of 10 to support this event. Please call the office and register your name. Ticket price: \$175 p.p.

Feast of Our Lady of Madhu (Sri Lanka)
 Join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Madhu on Saturday, August 11 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. Rosary and prayers begin at 7 PM followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 PM. Reading and hymns will be in **Sinhala** and **Tamil**, and Holy Mass will be celebrated in **English**. A potluck dinner will be held after Mass in the church hall. Families are encouraged to bring food for fellowship. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more information, please contact: Ajith: 604-290-6344, Dcn Peter Thilina: 604-537-1665.

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