

September 16th, 2018
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary
Time

In the 1930s, a young writer in New York City was struggling to publish a novel. As World War II broke out in Europe, he looked into his own heart as well as the headlines, and produced a soul-searching examination of human violence and war. Unfortunately, his novel remained unpublished for years.

The author, Thomas Merton, the most prominent Catholic author of the twentieth century. His wartime novel, *My Argument with the Gestapo*, was finally published years after Merton became a Trappist monk and had written many spiritual books.

Merton's insight into war and peace are echoed in today's second reading from the *Letter of James*. There the author explores where wars and conflicts originate. He tells us that violence starts from within the human heart. But from God comes the possibility of peace.

Jesus offers us the way to peace in the *Gospel* today, inviting us to put ourselves last, as servants. Let us "cultivate peace" in our hearts, our communities, our world.

Fr. Greg Friedman, O.F.M



MINISTRY SIGNUP Today

Please consider signing up for one or more ministries in our Church.

Volunteers for School Activity Day: The school is looking for people to share their gifts and talents with our students. We are looking for volunteers on Friday afternoons to lead small groups in a variety of activities. These may include knitting, crafts, cross stitching, sport activities, etc. Come and be a part of our vibrant community! If you would like to volunteer, you can sign up on Ministry Sign up Day.

Catechesis for Children

Children who are not registered in a Catholic School and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will join the Family Faith Formation Program at St. Mary's. The program will begin on **Sunday, Sept. 23rd** from **2:30 pm – 4 pm** in the St. Mary's School Gym. All inquiries to Claudia Betz at 250-564-4097 or email clowdy1@hotmail.com

RCIA/Come and See

If you are one of the many non-Catholics who are part of Immaculate Conception and feel at home here, maybe you are considering becoming a full member of our Roman Catholic community, or you might just want to learn more about the Catholic Church, consider joining the RCIA program at **St. Mary's beginning October 4th 7pm** – entrance on Freeman St., off 10th Ave. ***Please register with Fr. Chris.***

St. Vincent de Paul Soup/Sandwich Preparation

Tuesday at 9:40 am preparing sandwich and soup ingredients and **Wednesday at 9:40 am** making soup and sandwiches in the Church hall.

The one who forgets to be grateful has fallen asleep in life.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Youth Retreat - "Called to be Saints"

All young adults from ages 19-35 are invited to this retreat on **Friday, Sept. 28th - Sun. Sept. 30th** at Francois Lake. Cost is \$50 per person. Register at lvfarrell@pgdiocese.bc.ca

Diocesan Annual Appeal – "Called Together"

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the diocese, today we kick-off the Annual Diocesan Appeal: **"Called Together – Giving, Sharing, and Serving."**

Called Together supports the mission of our local Church across our diocese. Your gift to Called Together is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church.

You are invited to participate in this task in providing for the needs of our Diocesan Church.

Our Parish Goal is: \$42,328

Received to Date: \$1,250

Total to Goal \$41,078

Please make cheques payable to:

RCEC - Diocesan Appeal

Diocesan Goal: \$400,000

Thank you for your generosity.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their

Annual General Meeting [AGM] on **Thursday, September 27, the Feast of St Vincent de Paul.** The celebration will begin with Mass at **5:30 pm** at the Domano Chapel located at 6500 Southridge Ave.

A light supper [soup and sandwiches] and the AGM will follow at Bethany House. If you can't make it for Mass, please join us for supper and the meeting at approximately 6:30 pm.



Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith by Bishop Robert Barron

In this journey with acclaimed theologian, Bishop Robert Barron, we will travel to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries.

This will take place at Monday from noon until 1:30 pm at St. Mary's Church in the St. Eugene Room located at 1088 Gillett St. – Episode 2

: Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus – The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. Bishop Barron highlights the

Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care of the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables.

Movies with Meaning

The series will begin in Sept. and end in Dec. They will be shown in the St. Eugene Room at St. Mary's Parish on **Sunday afternoons from 1:30 pm – 4 pm.** Facilitators are Sisters Irene Baker and Dorothy Ryan. Suggested donation: \$5/movie. Popcorn and drinks are provided!

The following are the list of movies and dates:

Shack – Sept. 16th

Wonder – Oct. 21st

Temple Grandin – Nov. 18th

Gifted - Dec. 16th

40 Days for Life

Come join us on **Monday, September 24th** in the Lower Meeting Hall of Sacred Heart Cathedral, 887 Patricia Blvd. Doors open at **6:00 pm.** We will begin at 6:30 pm welcoming Matt Britton, from the 40 Days for Life board, who will be speaking to us about what is currently happening with abortion and the prolife movement around the world, in Canada and the United States of America.

Here is a link to a short video of an interview Matt did on EWTN.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4gzR-o7DcI>