

15 Things You Probably Never Knew or Thought About

1. At least 5 people in this world love you so much they would die for you.
2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.
3. The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.
4. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.
5. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.
6. You mean the world to someone.
7. If not for you, someone may not be living.
8. You are special and unique.
9. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.
10. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.
11. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.
12. When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you believe in yourself, probably, sooner or later, you will get it.
13. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.
14. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know.
15. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Take the time... to live and love.

Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing but live otherwise. –St Charles Borromeo



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:00 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am, 11:00 am
& 4:00 pm (YVR)**

CONFESSION SCHEDULES

SATURDAYS: **9:45 am—10:30 am**

20 minutes before Daily Mass

BAPTISM every Saturday @ 11am

WEDDING – Please call the Parish Office
at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERAL, HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL

Please call the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY:

Perpetual Help Novena after 9am Mass

FRIDAY:

Holy Hour after 9am Mass

1st SATURDAY:

Rosary for Vocation after 9am Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Weekend of May 4/5, 2024

In today's Gospel, Jesus commands his disciples, whom he calls "friends," to love one another as he loves them. Jesus uses the word "love" as a verb or a noun nine times. He also employs the word "command" or "commandment" five times. His command to love one another is explicit. Those who understand the depth of Christ's love for us have reason to be joyful. We are called to be stewards of this loving friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord? Are we willing to pay this price to keep Christ's friendship?



Greater love
has no one than this:
to lay down one's life
for one's friends.

John 15:13

Second Collection: The Pope's Pastoral Works, May 5

This national collection is passed on to the Holy Father for the immediate support of victims of war, famine and natural disasters. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in person at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection.

Project Advance 2024: Building our Parish Community

Your support of Project Advance will help grow our parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most. Parish Projects for 2024: (1) Installation of acoustic panels in the church, (2) Installation of laser projectors in the parish hall, (3) repair of the hall roof.

Tax-deductible donations can be made in person at the parish or online.

St Monica Parish goal is \$75,000.00. Learn more and donate at projectadvance.ca.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, we will begin with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital.

All are welcome! The next Mass and vigil takes place on May 4 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT for May

Saint Bernard of Montjoux is the patron saint of hikers, backpackers, mountain climbers and alpine skiers. The accounts of his charity, hospitality, and courage on behalf of travelers in the Pennine Alps between Switzerland and Italy are renowned. Although little is known of his early life, Bernard was thought to be born in Italy around 923. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained for the Diocese of Aosta which was in northwestern Italy at the foot of the Alps. In time, Bernard was appointed Vicar General of Aosta, and spent more than four decades building churches and schools, evangelizing and exercising pastoral care over those who lived in the nearby mountains. Since the most ancient times there has been a path across the Pennine Alps used by French and German pilgrims on their way to Rome. The traditional route of this pass is covered with perpetual snow and drifts sometimes accumulate to the height of forty feet. The pass could be dangerous, especially in the springtime when avalanches occurred. For the safety of the pilgrims Saint Bernard founded a monastery and established travelers' hospices; one at the highest point of the pass, 8,000 feet above sea-level, in the year 962. Bernard also established a religious community of men who rescued travelers, ministered to those who had fallen victim to mountain hazards, and cleared the passes of bandits. At all seasons of the year, but especially during heavy snow storms, these heroic monks, accompanied by their well-trained herding dogs, went out in search of stranded travelers. They provided them with food, clothing, and shelter. Even through the 20th century Bernard's hospices were well known for the generous hospitality extended to all travelers over the Great and Little St. Bernard alpine passes, named in his honor. Bernard was canonized in 1681 and then was paid a unique tribute in the late 1800's when European dog breeders renamed their alpine herding and rescue dogs, the St. Bernard. His feast day is May 28.

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a Healing Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 am. Fellowship will follow. Please note that 9 am Mass on the same day is Cancelled. Please see the sign up sheet at the Foyer.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for May

Gracious and Loving God, When your Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, they spoke the languages of those who came to hear their testimony. They proclaimed a new covenant in Christ Jesus, sanctified by his blood, bound by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in the waters of Baptism. We give you thanks and praise for releasing your Spirit upon us; and in these anxious times pray that it will break through the many barriers that divide people. Let your Spirit open our eyes as a communion of faith to your ongoing presence among us, so we can recognize you when we serve one another. Let your Spirit open our minds so that we may gain the wisdom to work together to show love for our neighbors, and unite our talents to build a better, safer world. And let your Spirit open our hearts so that together we can live more fully in Christ, shine his light of mercy and hope and prepare for the day of his glorious return. We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

9th Annual Gala Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver

Join us for a wonderful evening in the company of seminarians and friends! The gala will help raise funds necessary to continue the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver. On Friday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Included in the ticket is your entry, door prize, access to the silent auction, and a buffet dinner. Learn more and buy tickets via rmsvancouver.ca/events.

Living Laudato Si': The Challenge and the Promise

Laudato Si', Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on care for creation, is a clarion call to listen to the cries of the earth and of the poor and to assuage their suffering. This second annual *Laudato Si'* lecture will reflect on the challenges and promises of devoting ourselves to this undertaking. In these turbulent times, how can we navigate the obstacles and fulfill the promises that caring for creation in the spirit of *Laudato Si'* places before us? On Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's College in Vancouver. Free admission. All are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians:

We Pray that religious women & men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual & community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the gospel.