

DEAR PARISHIONERS and VISITORS:

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In the Vancouver area are beautiful outposts of civilisation (beauty, truth and goodness)... Bowen Island is one such outpost. It is situated to the west of Horseshoe Bay in the Howe Sound. Evidently 4000 people reside permanently on Bowen Island with many more in summer and holiday times. BC Ferries provides handy access from Horseshoe Bay.

A wonderful Catholic church named after St. Gerard serves the Catholic population and visitors on Bowen Island. St. Gerard's has a website <http://stgerards.rcav.org> which gives fascinating information on this faith community.

In July of this year, Archbishop Michael asked Holy Rosary Cathedral to provide priests and office support to St. Gerard's. Prior to this time, Fr. Jim Comey and Holy Trinity parish has been in the support role for many years. Fr. Comey retired and the Cathedral was now called to serve S. Gerard's needs.

There are separate financial accounts and good stewardship practises are followed at St. Gerard's as well as the Cathedral. My thanks to the priests of the Cathedral and the office staff for the very good work they do in supporting St. Gerard's.

Sunday Mass time is 10:30am ... you will receive a very warm welcome by the good people at St. Gerard's if you share your worship time with them.

Fr. Galvon

REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Late have I loved you,
O Beauty, so ancient and so new;
late have I loved you!
Lo, you were within, but I outside,
seeking there for you,
and upon the shapely things you have made
I rushed headlong, I misshapen.
You were there with me,
but I was not with you.
They held me back far from you,
those things which would have no being
were they not in you.
You called, shouted, broke through my deafness;
you flared, blazed, banished my blindness;
you lavished your fragrance, I gasped,
and now I pant for you;
I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst;
you touched me and I burned for your peace.
From the Confessions of St. Augustine of Hippo

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

-SUNDAY SOCIAL: take time to meet with visitors and fellow parishioners at Holy Rosary Hall, 650 Richards Street for coffee, tea and light refreshments after Sunday morning Masses.

-BAPTISM PREPARATION for parents who have a child to present for Baptism or who are expecting a child in the next few months, and for Godparents, consisting of **two** sessions.

Session 1: Baptism Prep class **Sat. Sept. 12, 10:00 to 11:00am** at Holy Rosary Hall

Session 2: Parents are to arrange for an interview with Fr. Pablo Santa Maria.

Please call or email the parish office to register.

-RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Are you thinking of becoming Catholic or learning more about the catholic faith? We are welcoming a new group of participants in the fall, and if you or someone you know are interested in these RCIA formation sessions please contact the parish office for more information or do pick up a registration form. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening, 7 - 9pm at Holy Rosary Hall starting in September.

Music at the Cathedral

Friday August 28 after the noon Mass: free concert by Czech musicians touring Canada Ivana Michalovicova orgán, Eva Mislivcova flute and Zuzana Michlerova voice. Music by Bach, Handel, Dvorak, Franck and some Czech composers.

-Latin Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Friday August 28 at 7:30pm

Feast of Saint Augustine

Solemn High Mass

celebrated by Fr. William Ashley



Mass for the Unborn - Saturday, Sept. 5, at 9am, at the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani. We will pray the Rosary on the way to Rachel's Garden where these little ones are resting. For more info see www.rccav.org/event/mass-for-the-unborn/

-Friday Night Weed-Outs: help keep the cathedral grounds orderly by weeding for a couple of hours on a drop-in basis Friday evenings from 5-7:30pm. Bring gloves and a trowel if you can.