



St. Mary's School Newsletter

Vancouver, BC | April 2026



Living,
Celebrating, &
PROCLAIMING
OUR FAITH

April 2026

Holy Week to Easter

Virtue: Justice

- 1 Sign up open for student-led Term 2 Report Card Release
- 2 Holy Thursday Retreat 9-12
Early Dismissal 12:00, No ASC
- 3 Good Friday: School Closure
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 Easter Monday Holiday: School Closure
- 7 School Opens
- 8 St. Mary's Spelling Bee
Power Lunch
- 10 Student-Led Conferences: no regular classes
- 15 School Mass 9:30
- 17 Power Lunch
- 18 First Communion 1:00pm
- 23 Friars Track Meet
- 24 Swimming Gr. 3
- 25 Joyce St. Clean Up Party 10:30
- 27 CISVA Spelling Bee
- 29 Power Lunch
Confirmation 7:00pm
- 30 Jeans Day Out-of-Uniform for BC Children's Hospital Foundation

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*All things are possible
with God.*

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Mark 10:27(NIV)

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the final days of Holy Week, we are invited to pause, walk closely with Christ on the Way of the Cross, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter morning—the Resurrection. Please see the [Holy Week](#) Mass schedule for St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver.

Please remember in your prayers our students preparing to receive sacraments this month: First Communion on April 18 at 1:00pm and Confirmation on April 29 at 7:00pm. All members of our school community are warmly invited to attend. We extend our gratitude to our teachers—Mrs. Marino (Grade 2), Mr. Pascua, Mrs. Simmons—and to the parents for their dedication in

supporting the students.

This spring, we are excited to offer a variety of engaging fundraising opportunities. We begin with our annual raffle fundraiser in support of the school building fund; each family will receive two booklets to sell. After Easter, look forward to the third season of Wine Survivor, as well as spring flower and clothing drive fundraisers. Thank you for your continued effort in helping us achieve our operational fundraising goals.

This April, let's take pride in our student uniforms by ensuring every child is dressed in the correct pieces. Looking sharp reflects our school spirit and unity!

Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter.

Sincerely,
Brenda Krivuzoff
Principal



Kindergarten under a Cherry Blossom tree

VIRTUE IN PRACTICE

Justice: being fair and giving each his due.

During April, we will practice the virtue of "Justice: being fair and giving each his due".

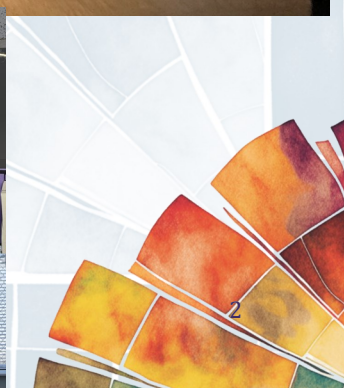
According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Justice is the moral virtue that enables us to give God and neighbor what is due to them. Justice towards people means that we respect the rights of others and establish peaceful relationships that promote the common good. Justice allows us to keep our promises and to obey laws made by those in authority, to play games fairly and to respect the property of others. We act fairly and honestly toward others when we practice justice.

There are some debts we can never repay; for example, the debt we owe to God who created us, to our parents for giving us life and raising us, or to our country. The respect, love, and loyalty that we show to them are because of the virtue of Justice.

The goal of Catholic Education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! "Virtues in Practice" will help our students to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Grade 6 students re-enacted the stations of the cross. Thank you to Mrs. Maier and the 6M students for a reverent and prayerful representation by bringing a greater understanding of Jesus' sacrifice.





SAINTS EXTRACURRICULAR



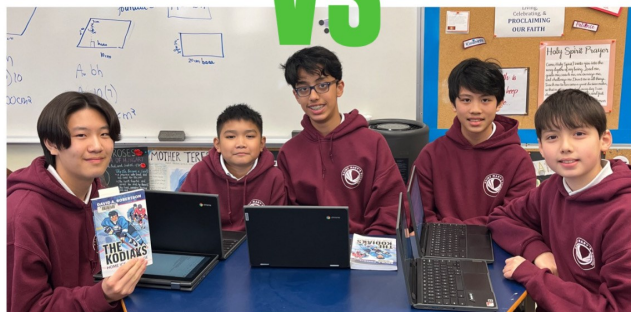
In March, our Grade 7 Boys Basketball team made it to the Olympic Oval finishing Fourth overall. We are so proud of their accomplishment. Well done boys and many thanks to their Coach and our Basketball Athletic Director Mr. Pascua!



Call Me AI



We had our first round of our "St. Mary's Reads" competition. The teams read *Call me AI* and *Home Ice Advantage: The Kodiaks*. In this competition students debate which book is the critical book to read. Their topic of discussion for these two books focused on "Who navigated their culture with society more effectively?" More rounds to come with 6 other books! Stay tuned.



Home Ice Advantage: The Kodiaks



Ms. Miiller demonstrating the spring flower craft for her Kindergarten students and Grade 7 buddies.

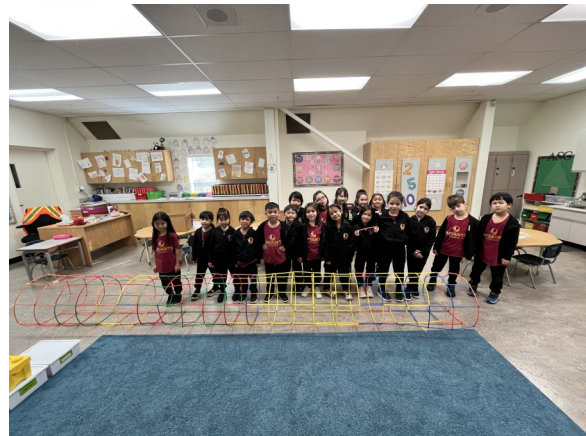


STEAM CLASSES

Grade 5 MouseTrap Cart competition where Jehan and Jack Louis from 5LR and Lexi and Ethan (missing from photo) from 5Q. Both teams will have their names put on our Chupa Chups Cup. Congratulations.



Kindergarten students exploring patterns using Plus Plus Blocks to create letters.



The Grade 1 classes constructed tunnels in their Over, Under, Across and Through exploration. It was a very exciting challenge!

GRADE 7 ANNUAL BAKE-OFF CHALLENGE



These are a few samples of the Grade 7 students' Annual Bake Off Challenge. The secret ingredient was bananas. All students had to come up with a recipe using bananas and the highlight ingredient. The winner was a banana mousse cake iced with chocolate, fresh raspberries and sprinkled golden sugar. Yum!



SAINTS FUNDRAISING

Today, each family will receive two raffle ticket booklets to sell in support of our School Building Fund. Tickets are just \$3.00 each, and you'll have the opportunity to win one of five fantastic cash prizes. The draw will take place on June 14. Please e-transfer the funds to the school office and send in the stubs. Thank you for supporting our efforts to build a brighter future for our school community!

SUMMER Raffle Fundraiser

Feb 1st - June 14th, 2026

	1st Prize	—	\$5000
	2nd Prize	—	\$2000
	3rd Prize	—	\$1000
	4th Prize	—	\$500
	5th Prize	—	\$500

 **1 Ticket - \$3.00**

Draw Date:
June 14th, 2026
4:00pm PST

St. Mary's Parish
5251 Joyce Street,
Vancouver BC V5R 4G8

Sponsors:



St Mary's School
Parent Support Group
Game License# 169359





COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Mary's families are invited to participate in a collaborative community event during Earth Week on April 25, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Earn volunteer hours while making a difference in our neighborhood. The event is organized in partnership with the Collingwood BIA, Collingwood Community Policing Centre, Collingwood Neighborhood House, St. Mary's School, Adrian Dix's Constituency Office, and Don Davies, MP. Now celebrating its fifth year, we are proud of the lasting relationships and positive impact we've created together. Parents can sign up via OnVolunteers. Please arrive at the front of the school by 10:00 am. The event concludes with a BBQ in the playground and raffle prizes.

JOYCE STREET CLEAN-UP PARTY


APRIL 25 | 10 AM - 12 PM



 **Meet up at St. Mary's School**
parking lot | 5239 Joyce Street

 Clean Joyce Street

 Free hot dog (veggie options)

 Community prizes



Scan to register!

WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER

Collingwood BIA:
3665 – 300 Kingsway | (604) 639-4403

St. Mary's School:
5239 Joyce St. | (604) 437-1312

Adrian Dix Office:
5022 Joyce St. | (604) 660-0314

Collingwood Neighbourhood House:
5288 Joyce St. | (604) 435-0323

Collingwood Police Centre:
5160 Joyce St. | (604) 717-2935

Don Davie MP Office:
2951 Kingsway | (604) 775-6263



Grade 1P Bunnies



Grade 1M Cherry Blossom Trees



Grade 5LR Fraction Art



SPRING HAS SPRUNG



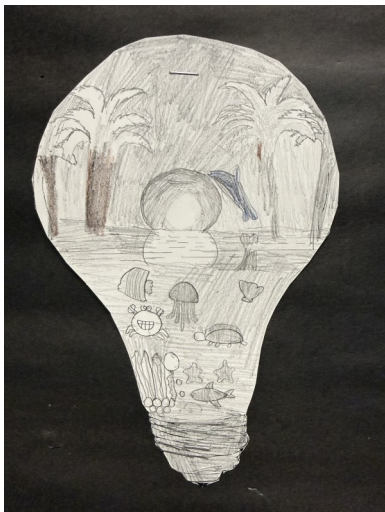
Grade 1P Cherry Blossoms falling from a tree



Grade 2 Vincent Van Gogh Flowers in a Vase are blooming with creativity



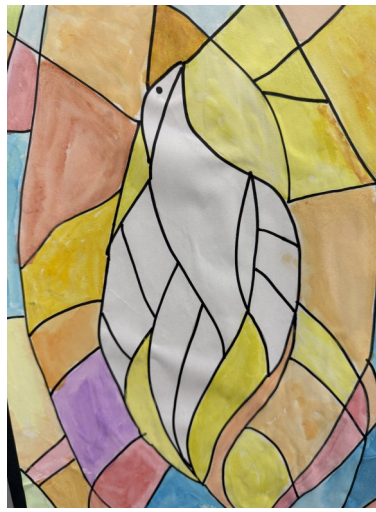
Kindergarten Miller Cherry Blossoms



Grade 6L Light bulbs



Grade 5Q Pastel Landscapes



Grade 7 Holy Spirit Doves: Luke 3:22



Grade 7 Holy Spirit Wind Chimes

JOIN OUR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



We are delighted to offer the SAINTS Before & After School Club at St. Mary's School, providing convenient care with reasonable rates. Club registration is guaranteed.

Dedicated ASC phone line: **604-428-0357**. Please use this number to contact club staff **between 3:00–6:00 pm on school days** if you will be late or if someone else will be picking up your child.

Please click on the updated link below for more information.

[April Registration Link](#)