

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)	6 PREP class Lenten Reflection 6:30-7:45 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)	7 Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)	8 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12 noon (PH)	9 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am	10 Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm Annual Parish Potluck after 5:30 pm Mass
11 Holy Family meeting 2-6 pm (PH)	12 FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY (no work) 9:00 am Mass	13 PREP class 6:30-7:40pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)	14 ASH Wednesday Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Special Mass 7:00 PM	15	16 Chinese New Year Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:30 pm (PH)	17 Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Morning of Recollection 9:30 am-noon (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm
18	19 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)	20 PREP class 6:30-7:40 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)	21 Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)	22 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12 noon (PH)	23 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm	24 Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30 pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm
25 Coffee, Cookies & Community after the 9 am & 11 am Mass	26 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45 pm (PH)	27 PREP class 6:30-7:40 pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45 pm (RH)	28 Arbutus Mass 10:30 am Mandarin RCIA 6-7 pm (PH) 普通話道班 6:00 pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30 pm (PH)	1 FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonese 6:30 pm	2 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30 am First Friday Devotions Benediction 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Legion of Mary 8:45 am (PH) Fatima Ladies Circle 10 am-noon Cantonese RCIA 2:3 pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00 pm 廣東話道班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm



February 4, 2018

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018**

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses

廣東話主日提前彌撒: 星期六

下午四時

Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),

5:30 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Weekday Masses

Mon-Sat 8 AM

Public Holidays 9 AM

Confession

20 minutes before all

weekend Masses and

15 minutes before all

weekday Masses

Baptisms

by appointment

Marriages

at least 6 months notice

Visit to the Sick

Please call Parish Office

Altar Servers

Luc Radelet

Kristofer Siy

Children's Religious Ed

Nancy Dorrington

Choirs

David Godin

Greg Olson

Steven Bracher

Lectors

Linda Fung

Knights of Columbus

Douglas Dang

George Spurr

February 4, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 03 (Saturday) First Saturday: Immaculate Heart (W).....Dina Shum (AM) +

Mary Louise Chan (PM) +

Feb 04 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (G).....Antonio Mortera +

Feb 05 (Monday) St. Agatha (R).....Macario & Yolanda Nicasio +

Feb 06 (Tuesday) St. Paul Miki and Companions (R).....Valerie Reeve INT

Feb 07 (Wednesday) Ferial (G).....Henry & John Ostrowski +

Feb 08 (Thursday) St. Josephine Bakhita (W).....Meghan Reeve INT

Feb 09 (Friday) Ferial (G).....S. K. Hsu & deceased family +

Feb 10 (Saturday) St. Scholastica (W).....Andrew Siy (AM) +

S. Catherine Wong & family (PM) INT

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you would like to become a member of the St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND USE OF PARISH SUNDAY ENVELOPES: Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary School. The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register in the parish and the regular use of envelopes so that when the time comes, it will be based on official records. This is to avoid unnecessary frustrations and misunderstandings when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not use envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please Pray for the Sick

Joan Archer, Dympna Borowski, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Jeannine Tattrie, Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Margaret Browne, Mane Galbraith, Ramon & Maria Marfori, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Guaik Tanjuaquio, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Mary Cajucom



**Adults Catechism Classes:
(RCIA)**

English: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Mandarin: Wednesday 6:00 pm
Cantonese: Saturday 2:30 pm

廣東話道理班: 星期六下午二時半
普通話道理班: 星期三晚上六時

Guadalupe Faith Study Group invites everyone

'The Bible and the Virgin Mary'

Join us for this inspiring Bible Study! Discover the mystery and immense importance of Our Lady woven into all of Sacred Scripture, and grow in your love and devotion to her.

When: Tuesdays (All are 12 sessions)

From: 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Where: parish rectory basement

Contact: the office or Madonna house at [604-267-1757](tel:604-267-1757)

Feel free to drop-in if you cannot make all the sessions.

**Ash Wednesday, February 14 Mass schedule:
8am & 7pm**

Ash Wednesday is coming and the beginning of our Lenten observance on **February 14**.

Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving are the spiritual hallmarks of the Christian Life during Lent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also an important part of this holy season. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, outside of these ages, fasting would be voluntary.

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**



Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross

Starting February 16, every Friday during Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm** followed by **Mass at 7:00pm**



**Second Collection for B.C. Catholic
Sunday, February 4, 2018**

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection.

This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously so we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital publication. Thank you.



IMMACULATE HEART CIRCLE

For both Men and Women

Upcoming meeting: February 8

Topic: Revelation-The Kingdom Yet to Come

by Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith

10:00am to 12 noon

St. John the Apostle hall

All are welcome!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Save the Date

JOIN US!

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

ANNUAL PARISH POTLUCK

Next SATURDAY, February 10, 2018

after the 5:30pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Share your favourite dishes and get to know your fellow parishioners!

Beverages and bread will be provided by the parish. Please indicate the dish you will bring and the number of attendees in your family on the sign-up sheet. We are also in need of volunteers for set-up and clean-up.

It is important that everyone who plans to attend signs up. This allows organizers to ensure enough food is prepared for all attendees. A reminder that alcohol is not allowed.



Potluck

A friendly reminder



On the side street of the church, along 39th & Trafalgar, the area between the hydrant and the driveway should be kept clear for those who need it. Thank you.

Little Therese moved to Lisieux

St. Louis Martin and St. Zélie Guérin gave good religious formation to their children. The little sisters supported one another in the spiritual life. Zélie wrote, "Even Thérèse is anxious to make sacrifices. Marie has given her little sisters a string of beads on purpose to count their acts of self-denial. They have really spiritual, but very amusing, conversations together. Céline said the other day: 'How can God be in such a tiny Host?' Thérèse answered: 'That is not strange, because God is Almighty!' 'And what does Almighty mean?' 'It means that He can do whatever He likes.'

One day Thérèse's older sister Léonie, thinking she was too big to play with dolls, brought her younger sisters a basket of clothes, pretty pieces of stuff, and a doll. She said, "Here, dears, choose whatever you like." Céline took a woollen ball. After thinking about it for a minute, Thérèse put out her hand saying: "I choose everything," and she carried off both doll and the basket containing the other materials.

Thérèse saw this childish incident as a forecast of her whole life. She wrote, "Later on, when the way of perfection was opened out before me, I realized that in order to become a saint one must suffer much, always seek the most perfect path, and forget oneself. I also understood that there are many degrees of holiness, that each soul is free to respond to the calls of Our Lord, to do much or little for His Love—in a word, to choose amongst the sacrifices He asks. And then also, as in the days of my childhood, I cried out: 'My God, I choose everything, I will not be a Saint by halves, I am not afraid of suffering for Thee, I only fear one thing, and that is to do my own will. Accept the offering of my will, for I choose all that Thou wiltest.'

Zélie died on August 28, 1877 when Thérèse was four years old. On the day of her funeral, the five sisters were together, looking at one another sadly, when their nurse, overcome with emotion, turning to Céline and Thérèse said, "Poor little dears, you no longer have a mother." Céline threw herself into Marie's arms, crying: "Well, you will be my Mother now." Thérèse hid her face on Pauline's breast, and said, "And Pauline will be my Mother."

From the death of her mother at the age of four until her "conversion" at fourteen marked Thérèse's second period of life. It was the most sorrowful of all, especially after Pauline, her second Mother, entered the Carmel.

After the death of Zélie, Thérèse's naturally happy disposition completely changed. Instead of being lively and demonstrative as she had been, she became timid, shy, and extremely sensitive; a look was enough to make her burst into tears. She could not bear to be noticed or to meet strangers, and was only at ease in her own family circle.

Louis decided to leave Alençon and to move to Lisieux, so that his daughters could be near their uncle, Zélie's brother, and his wife.

In Lisieux, every afternoon little Thérèse went out for a walk with her father. They would paid a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in one of the churches. It was in this way that Thérèse first saw the Chapel of the Carmel. Louis said to his daughter, "Look, little Queen, behind that big grating there are holy nuns who are always praying to Almighty God."

Thérèse enjoyed accompanying her father on fishing. She recalled, "Sometimes I tried my hand with a small rod of my own, but generally I preferred to sit on the grass some distance away. Then my reflections became really deep, and, without knowing what meditation meant, my soul was absorbed in prayer."