

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE FOR LENT: Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. During Lent it is important to try and develop a stronger relationship with Jesus by giving him more time. Individuals can do this by attending daily Mass, reading a chapter of Scripture each day, saying the Eosary while on the way to work rather than listening to the radio. Going to confession is an essential aspect of this penitential season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is recited every Friday during the Lent at 7:00 pm. Lectors will be:

Feb. 23	Liz Gallant & Gemma Merlo
March 2	Ray Boivin & Manuela Perizzolo
March 9	Youth Ministry
March 16	Flavia Musso & Antonietta Bondi
March 23	Patti Duggan & Antonietta Bondi

ALMSGIVING: FOOD BANK LENTEN DRIVE. Lent is a sacred season when we are called to show our love and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice through our good deeds and acts of sacrifices. Please help those in need from our community. Items lists are placed in the lobby of the church for you to pick them up. You can bring your donations next Sunday to the church, or drop it off at the rectory during the office hours. Thank you!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2017 are available in the church lobby during the weekend and in the church office during the office hours. Please pick them up.

PASCHAL CANDLE. Does anyone want to donate Paschal Candle? For details please call the parish office, 604-298-4144.

Catholic Women's League: Congratulations to the Valentine Basket Raffles: Adriana, Liz Gallant and Gemma Merlo

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) MEETING will be on Monday, Feb 19th at 7pm with a guest speaker Carrie Davidson Executive Director of Signal Hill, 'Changing the world one person student at a time'. Young people are faced with unique challenges in today's society and how to make healthy life choices. All women are invited.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Calling all of St. Helen's Parish men over 18! The Knights of Columbus St Helen's Council, will conduct a membership drive at all masses this weekend, February 17th & 18th. There will be member knights in attendance at all the masses to provide information and membership registration. Please consider joining this fraternal organization dedicated to supporting the Parish and the community.



HOST & WINE. If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine for the weekend Masses in memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA. Thank you for your generous support in this new evangelization program established in our parish. Books, booklets, CDs and DVDs are displayed in a kiosk for purchase: CDs \$6, Booklets \$3, DVDs \$8, Books \$10. All proceeds will go towards the parish.

ND ALUMNI TRIVIA NIGHT: Friday, Feb. 23, 2018. Fun, Food and Lots of Prizes! Tickets: \$25. Notre Dame High School: 2880 Venables Street, Vancouver. Registration @ 6:00pm; Pasta Dinner @ 6:30pm; Game @ 7:15 pm. Contact Lana at ltesan@gmail.com

DISCOVERY FAITH STUDIES. During the Lenten season, we will begin a four week Adult Faith Study, called Discovery, which theme focusses on "Jesus is the indispensable, core message of the Christian Faith". Each lesson integrates Scripture and Church teachings in its small group discussions." The sessions will take place in the main meeting room in the Church basement from 9:30 am to 11:30am on Saturdays, February 17th, February 24th, March 3rd and March 10th. Space for this faith study is limited so please "reserve" your spot through the Parish Office at 604.298.4144 or by e-mail at parish.shel@rcav.org no later than Friday, February 16th, 2018.

COFFEE HOUR—Feb. 25—PANCAKE BREAKFAST—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHURCH CLEANING – February – Team 2- Beatrice, 604-291-9552

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK. Please support **MARIA BELANIC**, one of the sponsors who bring to you this weekly Parish Bulletin!

SUNDAY COLLECTION (Weekly goal \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
February 11	\$ 6,287.00	\$ 546.00	\$ 6,833.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17 [Saturday after Ash Wednesday]

9:00 am - † Caterina Rizutto
4:00 pm - † Margaret, Mary, Agnes & Joseph Wong, Special Intention
† Michele Pietroantonio, † Nancy Tripodi
† Nicola, Elizabetta & Raffaele Arcadi, † Mario Corrado

Sunday, February 18 [FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT]

8:30 am- Special Intention for David Rezmer, Special Intention
† Francesco Renzullo, † Ernesto & Domenica Cioffi
† Neil MacDonald
10:00 am - † Alessandro Peretto, † Dec. of Settimio & Filippo Briglio
† Nina Luongo, † Crescenzo Carbone & Fam., † Gino Bruschetta
† Dec. of Campagnolo Fam., † Pietro Costantino & Fam.
† Elio & Sergio Infanti, † Harry McGinn
† Giuseppe Palletta, † Dec of Palletta & Jacobucci Fam.
11:30 am - † Milagros Hernandez, † Giuseppe Marrone
Special Intention for Robert & Madeline Staudt

7:30 pm -

Monday, February 19 [Lenten Weekday]

7:45 am- Our Parishioner

Tuesday, February 20 [Lenten Weekday]

7:45 am- † Domingo Fortuno

Wednesday, February 21 [St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church]

7:45 am -

Thursday, February 22 [The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle]

7:45 am -

Friday, February 23 [St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr]

7:45 am - Special Intention, † Claudia Valeria De Assumpção

Saturday, February 24 [Lenten Weekday]

9:00 am -

4:00 pm - Special Intention, In Thanksgiving † Italo Nigro
† Rosaria & Pietro Peronace, † Mariarosa Daleo
† Rino & Cesira Genovese, † Bosko Ferenc

Sunday, February 25 [SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT]

8:30 am -

10:00 am - † Giuseppe & Nicola Santaguida, † Mike Barile
† Pasqualino Niccoli, † Sante Fedele
† Fortunato & Mark Pietramala

11:30 am - † Francesco Renzullo, † Enrico Franzon

7:30 pm -

18 FEBBRAIO, 2018 PRIMA DOMENICA DI QUARESIMA

LA QUARESIMA ci richiama alla conversione e a praticare la penitenza in modo più profondo. In questi quaranta giorni ispirati dalla Bibbia, il cristiano e la comunità si prepara a celebrare i Misteri Pasquali. Dobbiamo cercare di sviluppare una relazione più personale con Gesù dandogli più tempo, leggendo qualche passo della Bibbia ogni giorno o pregando il Rosario andando o tornando dal lavoro, approfittando del Sacramento della Confessione che è essenziale per una vera penitenza. Durante la Quaresima siamo chiamati ad osservare l'astinenza ogni Venerdì. I cattolici dai 18-59 anni sono obbligati al digiuno e astinenza. Dai 14 solo all'astinenza. E tutti sono invitati a partecipare anche se fuori dall'età obbligatoria.

AVREMO LA RECITA DEL VIA CRUCIS OGNI VENERDI' DURANTE LA QUARESIMA ALLE 7:00PM. I lettori sono:

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BANCO DI ALIMENTI - CIBO PER I POVERI. In fondo alla chiesa si trova la lista di articoli di cibo più necessari per i più bisognosi. Durante questo tempo di Quaresima la carità sincera verso i più bisognosi è un modo di vivere il nostro impegno quaresimale. Grazie per la vostra collaborazione.

LE RICEVUTE PER LE TASSE SULLE DONAZIONI 2017 sono disponibili all'entrata della chiesa durante le messe domenicale e in ufficio parrocchiale durante l'ore d'ufficio. Per favore raccoglietele.

CERO PASQUALE 2018. Se qualcuno volesse donare il cero pasquale per l'anno 2018 può chiamare l'ufficio, 604-298- 4144.



SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

LEGA DELLE DONNE CATTOLICHE (CWL). Vincitori della lotteria sono: Adriana, Liz Gallant and Gemma Merlo. Auguri!

L'INCONTRO DELLE DONNE CATTOLICHE (CWL) si terrà lunedì 19 febbraio alle 19 nel seminterrato della Chiesa.

CAVALIERI DI COLOMBO. Chiamando tutti gli uomini della parrocchia di St. Helen di età superiore ai 18 anni! Il Consiglio dei Cavalieri di Colombo di Sant'Elena condurrà una campagna per l'adesione a tutte le Messe questo fine settimana, il 17 e il 18 febbraio. Saranno presenti membri dopo tutte le masse per fornire informazioni e iscrizioni. Per favore, considerate di unirti a questa organizzazione fraterna dedicata a sostenere la parrocchia e la comunità.