

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

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The Sweet reward of Sacrifice

The more pain and sacrifice you experience on your journey, the more satisfying your arrival at your destination. Athletes who train excessively will say that the victory, the medal, is well worth the extra work. Students who hit the books instead of going to a movie or to a party will always have as their reward the satisfaction of knowing that they have achieved the best grade possible.

Jesus was thrust into the wilderness of 40 long days and was constantly tempted by Satan. We know, of course, that he did not succumb to any temptation and he was provided divine, angelic support in His struggle. The athlete and the student who choose to sacrifice have a specific goal in mind. Their self-oblation is driven by the long-range reward of achieving a medal or a diploma. When they see their friends or classmates enjoying the things that they deny themselves, they are sustained by thoughts of final victory.

Like Jesus, we are expected to endure our 40-day fast as an unconditional offering to God, not because of the promise of reward when the summit is finally reached. Still, when the time of our sacrifice and commitment is fulfilled, the inherent bounty is that the kingdom of God is nearer.

Frank Campbell, Enfield, NS

Parish Schedule

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| Feb 19 Mon | 9:00 AM <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Senior Socials |
| Feb 20 Tues | 9:00 AM <i>Int: John McNally †</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:30 PM St. Theresa's Circle Meeting |
| Feb 21 Wed | 9:00 AM <i>Int: Joe Riley †</i> 10:30 AM <i>Funeral Mass for Indrina Cara</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9:45 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP |
| Feb. 22 Thurs | 9:00 AM <i>Int: Francis Yap †</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose Bible Study 10:30 AM Mass @ Residences @ Clayton |
| Feb. 23 Fri | 9:00 AM <i>Int: Sr. Mary Bethany</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Lois Haaheim †</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM MOMS & TOTS 2:00 PM HOLY HOUR 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM Lector's Training Session |
| Feb. 24 Sat | 9:00 AM <i>Int: Philomena Rego †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Carino †</i> | 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 4:00 PM Confession 4:00 PM Coldest Night of the Year Walk @ Cloverdale Community Kitchen |
| Feb. 25 Sun | 9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Ronald Carter †</i> | 8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession |

Daily Confession: 15 minutes before all daily Masses and 30 minutes before all Masses on Sunday including anticipated Mass on Saturday.

Baptisms every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month. Contact the Parish Office to register.

DAILY LIVING WITH CHRIST DAILY MISSALS FUNDRAISER Subscription forms available at the Parish Office and in the Church vestibule. If you subscribe through the Parish, \$10 is rebated to the Parish and goes towards Parish projects. Thanks for your support.

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND is for the St. Joseph's Society which takes care of the needs of retired priests. Please give generously.

PARISH WEBSITE. We have a new look now. Come and see at pbparish.ca



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norma Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Delia Auzins, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Cory Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreddie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Lourdes Costa, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Welcome New Parishioners

Ben Omega, Micheal and Leslie Demello, Antonio and Lucrezia Lo Conte, Kyle Smith and Fatima Galicia, Rosalie Caffrey, Jeremy Rondeau and Carolina Sepulveda, Dean Wellman and AC Tejon, Jeson Escoto, Sthephane Grondin and Atticia Phillips, Rene Anthony and Christina Quiaoit and Ji Do Kang and Kuyng Ae Jang.

LENTEN MISSION

"I DON'T WANT MY LIFE TO BE MINE, I WANT IT TO BE CHRIST"

Lenten meditations at our Parish by Rev. Jerald D'Souza, Dates: March 3rd and 4th at weekend masses, and March 5th, 6th and 7th evenings at 7Pm. Come and enrich your Lenten Journey and re-evaluate your life.

5 TIPS FOR LENT #1 Just for today: Don't look at all 40 days at once. Instead, focus on your promise for that day only. **#2 Grab on to Mass.** commit to showing up for the six Sundays leading up to Easter. Mass offers an opportunity to recharge. **#3 Be of service:** Service can focus our prayer outside of our own needs giving alms is service to the poor and marginalized. **#4 Don't go it alone:** There's a reason you often see runners in pairs; it's harder to run alone. Share your Lenten journey with another person. **#5 Fast for the right reason, from the right things:** if your fasting isn't going so well, stop and consider why you are fasting. While fitness can be a welcome by-product of fasting, the spirit of your decision to fast should be to bring you into a greater solidarity with the suffering of Jesus.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: We are in need of a special education helper in our PREP program. Please join us if you can give a little of your time to share your faith to a child. Call Karla at the Parish office @ 604-574-4363

PB Youth Families of the Youth of the parish are invited to join us on Feb. 24 for the **Coldest Night of the Year Walk for the Homeless.** Please visit www.cnoy.org to join our team, the **PB Walkers** or to donate and support our team. Your participation and generosity are greatly appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Thank you for supporting our pancake breakfast. We are on our way to our goal of supplying the church with an AED machine. We welcomed 5 new members this year. Have you considered joining us? We are a Catholic Men's fraternity for men 18 and older. Look us up online www.kofc.org.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL) We still accepting memberships any time. Email us at preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com, or speak with Heather, Berna, Kathy, Mary Lynn, we'll help you get that arranged.

ST. TERESA'S CIRCLE First meeting of 2018 will be held on Tues. Feb. 20th at **1:30 pm** in the parish center. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us.

Read the Bible in One Year

Try following the suggested readings daily for 365 days, to read the complete Catholic Bible.

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| Sunday | Genesis 21, Psalms 15, Matthew 9:18-38 |
| Monday | Genesis 22-23, Psalms 16, Matthew 10:1-23 |
| Tuesday | Genesis 24, Psalms 17, Matthew 10:24-42 |
| Wednesday | Genesis 25-25, Ps. 18:1-30, Matthew 11:1-15 |
| Thursday | Genesis 27, Ps. 18:31-51, Matthew 11:16-30 |
| Friday | Genesis 228-29, Psalms 19, Matthew 12:1-21 |
| Saturday | Genesis 30, Psalms 20, Matthew 12:22-37 |

HOLY HOUR

Held every Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Church. Join us for one hour of Adoration. The sign up sheet will be in the vestibule of the Church. The Blessed Sacrament cannot remain unattended. The goal is to have 2 committed people each hour.

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration"
Pope John Paul II

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MEN'S FAITH STUDY A call to men (16 yrs. old and up) looking to become better followers of Jesus. Learn to follow Him by learning how the Apostles stumbled after Him. Starting Saturday, February 17 at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. Contact darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank our parishioners for their generous support at last weekend's bake sale. A huge thank you also to those families who donated baking. We raised close to \$800!!!. God bless you all!

DONATION REQUIRED FOR BABY CLOTHES (girl) size newborn and up and an approved baby car seat for young Syrian refugee mom who lives in Cloverdale. Please contact Christine Patrie 604-574-3638.

PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN 2018 We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2018 Campaign. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Planning is underway for this summer's VBS on July 16-20. Adult leaders wanted. Email preciousbloodvbs@gmail.com to help.

ARCHDIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- INTENSIVE PRAYER Feb. 24, 2018, 1:00-4:00p.m. in St. Bernadette Parish The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade, group of prayer warriors Filipino Ministry (<http://rcav.org/Filipino-Ministry>) gather month-to-month in different parishes.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES—OUR Lady of Good Counsel Society 22nd Annual General Meeting—Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 7pm at St. Michael's Parish Centre, Burnaby, BC. We are pleased to have 2 members of the Vancouver Police Domestic Violence Unit speaking at our meeting. Bring a friend to learn about the Society and the good work we do. Call Della at 604-585-6688 for more info.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK CAMPS BASKETBALL for Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7. Tues. March 12 - Fri. March 16 - Each Day 9am-12pm, Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hcoyboysbasketball@gmail.co. Download registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or

VOLLEYBALL program is geared for girls currently in grades 4&5 who want to increase their volleyball skills and love of the game. Cost is \$80. Program runs every Saturday 9:30-11:00 April 7-June 9 @ Holy Cross Regional High School. If you are interested: email bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca to secure a spot before March 9.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A weekend of Discovery—A Lifetime of Love! Apr 28-29, 2018/Jul 20-22, 2018/ Oct 20-22, 2018. To learn more or to register go to www.me.org, call 604-876-7298 or email wwmevan-couverbc@gmail.com.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE—Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides the tools you need to get your marriage back on track. For confidential information or to register for the program near Vancouver commencing the weekend of April 20-22, 2018, call 604-530-6710 and leave a number for us to call back, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

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| Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390 | Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549 |
| Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141 | NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES |
| Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancouver.com | Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626 Billings Method: David/Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancouver.ca |
| Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org | Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org |