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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 28, 2018



**“What is this?
 A NEW TEACHING—
 WITH AUTHORITY!
 He commands even the unclean
 spirits, and they obey him.”**

Mark 1: 27

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One Parish ~ Three Churches

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street
 Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday
 6:30pm Tuesday
 8:00am Wed. to Saturday
 Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday
 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday
 Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

1153 Fir Street
 White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekday Mass: 9:00am
 Tues. to Saturday
 Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday
 10:30am Sunday
 Confession: 8:30am-9:00am
 Saturday

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

12268 Beecher Street
 Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

Weekend Mass:
 8:30am Sunday

My Dear Friends,

As Fr. Dion is away, I have been given the privilege of writing this week's Corner.

Looking back on the last few years, I thank God for placing me here at Star of the Sea since 2013 where I have met and gotten to know many kind and caring people. I have been here long enough to witness many changes in our parish. I believe all things happen for good. Even things that are difficult or painful and hard to accept can become good when there is faith.

For me, this year is a year of friendship – for caring for our relationships. I am reminded of my mother who showed me how to care for and nurture relationships. I pray for her happiness and her peace.

I am also reminded of the people in my life whom I love and with whom I have shared my faith journey. Some have moved away and some have passed away from this life. I am reminded how important it is to find community in our faith, to share our experience of Jesus in our lives. We all need people who can not only support us and lift us up when we feel down and are in need of prayers, but also people who can lovingly correct us, showing us where we've gone wrong.

In today's Gospel, many people were surprised or shocked with Jesus teaching and authority because they didn't know Him. But we know Jesus and we know he has authority and power over demons. This faith is a gift from the Lord. By his power and authority we can drive out the demons in our own lives and bring his love to people - and that's the best way to be caring in our relationships.

Love to you all, *Fr. Depaul*

Second Collection Next Weekend - February 3rd & 4th for BC Catholic

February is Catholic Press Month. This second collection is an opportunity to show your appreciation for the BC Catholic. The collection helps defray our parish's costs for mailing the paper. All the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously so we can continue to deliver to this vital, award-winning publication to Catholic households in our parish, to enlighten, inform and encourage.

NOTICE: If you do not already receive the BC Catholic in our mailbox and wish to do so, please contact the Parish Office. If you receive the BC Catholic in your mailbox and do not wish to do so, please also let us know.

Week at a Glance Please refer to Bulletin cover for our **regular weekday Mass schedule**

Jan 29 Monday

Fr. Dion away - back on Feb 13th

- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - *GS*
- 7:00pm "Into the Deep" Book Study - *GS*

Jan 30 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - *GS* - Cry Room
- 4:00pm Soup Kitchen (Italian Dinner) - *SOS Hall*
- 7:00pm CWL Executive Meeting - *GS* - Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - *GS* - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - *GS* - Library

Jan 31 Wednesday

- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - *SOS Hall*
- 6:30pm Confessions - *GS*
- 7:00pm RCIA - *GS* - Meeting Room
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *School*

Feb 1 Thursday

- 1:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 3 of 5):
EUCHARIST
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - *GS* - Fireside
- 6:15pm P.R.E.P. - *School*
- 7:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 3 of 5):
EUCHARIST

Feb 2 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - *GS* - Fireside
- Priests at 1st Fri. Communion Calls
- 9:15am School Mass - *GS*
- 9:30am Seniors & Friends Café - *SOS Hall* - Chambers
- 6:30pm 1st Friday Mass - *GS*

Feb 3 Saturday

- 8:00am - 1:00pm Knights of Columbus Flea Market -
SOS Hall
- 8:30am Confessions - *SOS*
- 10:00am Confessions - *GS*

Feb 4 Sunday

- 7:00pm Teen Mass - *GS*

Your Star of the Sea Parish charitable tax receipt and 2017 Project Advance tax receipt will be mailed to you during the week of February 19th. If you've recently moved, **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE HAS YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ON RECORD.** Please call 604-531-5739 or email parish@starofthesea.ca

Filing Tax Returns

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Dt 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL: Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

2ND READING: 1 Cor 7:32-35

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 21-28

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS SAINT PETER'S
SQUARE - SUNDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2015

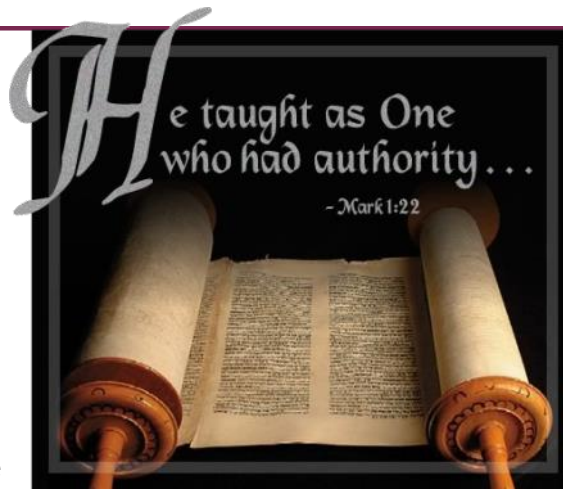
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This Sunday's Gospel passage presents Jesus who, with his small community of disciples, enters Capernaum, the city where Peter lived and which was the largest city in Galilee at that time.

The Evangelist Mark, recounts that, since it was the Sabbath, Jesus went straight to the Synagogue and began to teach. This reminds us of the primacy of the Word of God, the Word to be listened to, the Word to be received, the Word to be proclaimed. Arriving in Capernaum, Jesus does not delay proclaiming the Gospel, does not think first about the necessary logistics of his small community, does not tarry over the organization. His primary concern is to communicate the Word of God with the power of the Holy Spirit. And the people in the Synagogue were astonished, because Jesus *"taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."* (Mk 1: 22).

What does the word **"authority"** here mean? It means that in the human words of Jesus, the power of the Word of God could be felt, the authority of God, who is the inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures. And one of the characteristics of the Word of God is that He does what He says. For the Word of God corresponds to his will. We, on the other hand, often speak empty, shallow words, or superfluous words, words that do not coincide with the truth. Instead, the Word of God corresponds to the truth, it is united to his will and fulfills what He says. Indeed, Jesus, after preaching, immediately demonstrates his authority by freeing a man in the Synagogue, who was possessed by a demon (Mark 1:23-26).

The very divine authority of Christ provoked the reaction of Satan – the evil one knows Jesus Christ without being told and recognizes His ultimate authority as the Messiah *"I know who you are, the Holy One of God."* (Mark 1: 24). With the power of his word alone, Jesus frees the person from the evil one. And once again those present were amazed: *"He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him"* (v. 27). The Word of God arouses amazement in us. It has the power to astonish us.



The Gospel is the word of life: it does not oppress people. On the contrary, **the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ frees those who are slaves to the many evil spirits of this world: the spirit of vanity, pride, idolatry, attachment to money, sensuality....** The Gospel changes the heart, changes life, transforms evil inclinations into good

intentions. The Gospel is capable of changing people!

Therefore it is the task of Christians to spread the redeeming power throughout the world, becoming missionaries and heralds of the Word of God. Always remember that the Gospel has the power to change lives! Do not forget this. **It is the Good News, which transforms us only when we allow ourselves to be transformed by it.** How? Have daily contact with the Gospel - to read it every day: a verse, a passage. Take it with you everywhere you're your pocket, in your bag. Meditate on it... In other words, nourish yourself every day with this inexhaustible source of salvation. Do not forget! It is the power that changes us, that transforms us: it changes life, it changes the heart.

Angelus of Pope Benedict XVI, 29 Jan 2012

Authority, for human beings, often means possession, power, dominion and success. Instead for God authority means service, humility and love; it means entering into the logic of Jesus who stoops to wash his disciples' feet, who seeks man's true good, who heals wounds, who is capable of a love so great that he gives his life, because he is Love. Romano Guardini wrote: *"Jesus' entire existence is the translation of power into humility... here is the sovereignty which lowers itself into the form of a servant"* (Il Potere, Brescia 1999, 141-142).

**It was pride that changed angels
into devils; it is humility that
makes men as angels.**

Saint Augustine

Welcome

TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Mark-Peter Stewart

Camille Reyes Lao

Daphne Tate

James Ivers

Javier Family: Miguel, Charlene & Ignatius

Rosario Tindog & Evelyn Chu



Please pray for:

Michelle Vandene

Sophie Cosgrave

Pat Flickinger

Ashley Lambert

Pat Bradley

Marian Nadelko

Rose Lawson

Derek Ridsdale

Graham Shore

Regina Merkl

Margaret Barron

Joanna Boomars

Joyce Henderson

Ken Wharton

Alfred Morin

Odette Slezas

Helen Mentek

Ray Davies

Joe Novak

Luka Volentier

Dan Hof

Ashley Lambert

Edgar Druwe

Gene Nimetz

John Dunn

Jim Cullina

James Mitten

Bernadette Deeley

Gloria Jaimes Aguilar



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

"Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

Perpetual Adoration is not just for a day, a week, a month, or a year. It is for always; ongoing and permanent. Our Lord's love for us in the Blessed Sacrament is constant and FOREVER! To show your appreciation for His love and mercy, come just ONE HOUR a week to visit Jesus. It will be the best hour you'll ever spend.

Holy Hours needing a weekly adoror:

Sunday, 4:00-5:00am

Sunday, 2:00-3:00pm

Sunday, 7:00-8:00pm

Monday, 5:00-6:00am

Mon/Tuesday, Midnight - 1:00am

Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm

Thursday, 2:00-3:00am

Thursday, 5:00-6:00am

Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am

Saturday, 2:00-3:00am

Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Substitutes are needed for:

Sundays, Feb 4, 11, 18

- 11:00am-12:00noon

Sundays, Feb 4, 11, 18

- 7:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, Feb 7 - 10:00-11:00am

Wed, Feb 7, 14, 21 - 5:00-6:00pm

Thurs, Feb 15, 22 - 7:00-8:00pm

Fridays, Feb 2, 9, 16

- 4:00am-5:00am

Saturdays, Feb 3, 10, 17

- 2:00pm-3:00pm

To schedule a Holy Hour or for more info please call: Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or Donna Sali 604 542 3070

Upcoming Seniors Events

NEXT Seniors & Friends Café is Friday

February 2nd,

9:30am, in the Chambers at Star of the Sea Hall. Come for coffee, treats and friends (not in that order).



Mass, Anointing & Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, Feb. 13th.



Join us for 9:00am Mass and anointing of the sick at Star of the Sea Church, followed by a delicious pancake breakfast, prepared by our own Knights of Columbus and served by Star of the Sea School Gr. 7 students at the Hall. Organized by our Seniors Outreach Group. Pancake breakfast is by donation.

If you have a friend or loved one in a care home, this would be a wonderful event to accompany them to Mass and breakfast.

To All Ladies in the Parish:

Please join us **Tuesday,**

Feb. 6th for our

General Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



Valentine's Bake Sale

is the weekend of **February 10th & 11th**

after all the Masses at Star of the Sea and

Good Shepherd Churches.

Thank you for supporting the CWL who in turn support our outreach ministries. Take some sweets home for your sweetie!



2018 CWL Membership

forms can be found on our parish website www.starofthesea.ca Printed forms also available from the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS



Baptism

We are excited to welcome your child into our faith community! We ask that parents and godparents attend a **Baptism Preparation Class** prior to scheduling a Baptism. Our next class is **Saturday, March 3rd**, 10:00am-Noon at Good Shepherd Church.

Preschool-aged children (ages 3-5) and school-aged children (K-Gr.7) preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism will need special attention. Please contact our PREP office by emailing prep@starofthesea.ca for more information.

Marriage

Couples wishing to marry need to meet with one of our priests a minimum of 4 months prior to the wedding date, in order to complete the proper marriage preparation course requirements before a wedding can be celebrated.

Were you Married outside the Catholic Church?

If you are married, but were not married in the Catholic Church, we would like to offer you an opportunity to have your marriage regularized with the Church. Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss having your marriage convalidated, or "blessed".

Hospital/Care Home Communion Visits

Please remember to let the Parish Office know whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized, or moves into a South Surrey/ White Rock area care home. The Parish has a dedicated group of people who will bring Holy Communion weekly to you or yours.

Sacrament of the Sick

What was once referred to as "Last Rites" is now known as the "Anointing of the Sick" administered by a priest when one is "in danger due to sickness or old age". Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Can a non-Catholic who doesn't go to Confession have their sins forgiven? If so, why do I (a Catholic) have to go?

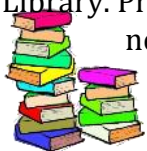
Why do I have to go through this uncomfortable process of saying my sins out loud to a priest while someone else gets away with just throwing up a few prayers toward Heaven? Hmmmm...I think that we may need to ask how we are looking at sin, repentance, and who God really is. We may need to get away from the idea that "sin" means "breaking God's rules". It is more like "breaking God's heart". If sin only meant breaking a rule, then repentance could look like little more than "which ritual do I need to perform [hoop do I need to jump through] to undo the break"? Now, of course we know that a person cannot "accidentally" sin. We have to know what God wants and then consciously choose to reject what God wants. Sin is basically saying, "God, I know what you want me to do. But I am going to do what I want to do. I'm going to do it my way." It is choosing what we want over what God wants. We know that God has given us a direct route back into His friendship in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In fact, we know that this is the ordinary way sins committed after Baptism are forgiven. Yes, confessing our sins to a priest and receiving absolution from Jesus through the priest is the way. We know all of that. So where does that leave those non-Catholics who don't have the Sacrament of Confession? Are they just plain out of luck? Is there any chance that their sins can be forgiven? Well, here's another thing we know about God: He's really good. And He can pretty much do anything. Does God NEED a Sacrament to do anything? Absolutely not. But He will always act through His Sacraments. One way we Catholics express this is with the phrase, "**God has bound Himself to His Sacraments, but He is not bound by His Sacraments**". Here's what I'm saying: there is NO DOUBT God will always forgive a repentant sinner through Sacramental Confession, but God can also forgive a person without the Sacrament because God can do anything. If you are Catholic, you already know what God is asking of you. God has established His primary means of reconciling you to Himself and the Church: Sacramental Confession. Now you know what God wants. Therefore we don't get to choose how we prefer to return to Him. Such a "return" wouldn't be a return at all. It would merely be perpetuating what began in the sin: "God I know what you want, but I'm going to do it my way". That may have been a hit for Frank Sinatra, but it really won't fly when it comes to Heaven.

taken from Ask Fr. Mike bulldogcatholic.org/ask-fr-mike/

Used Book Sale

February 24th & 25th

Good Shepherd Church
after all the weekend Masses
Gather up your **religious articles, books, CD's, and DVD's** that you want to recycle and drop them off at the Parish Library. Proceeds will go to buy new items. Volunteers needed - please call the Parish Office.



PARISH FAMILY CAMP

July 27-30, 2018

Join other Star of the Sea families at Camp Latona to rekindle, relax, rejuvenate and experience the beautiful Howe Sound. Register by February 27th for early bird rate of \$699/family; \$450 couple (after Feb 27th: \$849/family) Visit camplatona.com Email: latonaoffice@gmail.com to register.



The annual **ONE CONFERENCE** brings 1000 parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver together to connect, learn and inspire each other. ***Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy*** is this year's theme. We will hear from remarkable speakers, including Father James Mallon (Divine Renovation), Jake Khym (Life Restoration), Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and others, who have all inspired thousands of people to receive God's mercy and share His joy with others.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Saturday, February 10th

9:00am to 5:30pm

Chandos Pattison Auditorium
10238 - 168St, Surrey.

Ticket \$45

Register at: www.onecatholic.ca

Star of the Sea Parish strongly encourages all those in parish ministry, particularly everyone involved in parish leadership roles, to attend this conference!

3rd Annual Ordinandi Dinner - Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men who are soon "to be ordained" ("Ordinandi") to the priesthood. Join us on **Wed. February 7th** at the Italian Cultural Ctr, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30pm; dinner begins at 6:30pm. Cost \$50. You can also sponsor a seminarian. For more info call Monica Perry 604-443-3254 or visit vocationsvancouver.ca

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

April 28-29, JPPI Pastoral Centre
July 20-22, Carey Centre, UBC
October 20-22, Deroche, BC

The weekends are designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. Married couples learn how to rekindle the passion in their relationship and how to keep their love growing year after year. The communication skills learned on this weekend of discovery can enrich your marriage in ways you never thought possible. Don't wait to invest in your marriage. For more information or to register, contact; Steve & Mary Bohnen 604 876-7298 or email: wwwmevancouverbc@gmail.com

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **February 16 - 18**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

Archbishop Miller will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing in honour of **World Day of the Sick 2018**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver on **Tuesday, February 13th**, 11:00am. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, simple refreshments will be offered in the parish hall. For further info, call 604-524-3427 or email info@chabc.bc.ca

Prospective Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, Feb. 28th, 7:00pm.

Families who are interested in applying to Star of the Sea Elementary School for the 2018-19 school year are invited to an information evening in our school gym. Applications will be accepted about 3 weeks after the new parent meeting. Please note: wait lists start over every year and families must re-apply if they would like to be considered for placement in September 2018.

Basketball Season

We have 8 teams: 100+ students playing the game and others learning to scorekeep!



GO STARS GO!



Holy Cross Regional Secondary



Is now accepting applications for Grades 8 - 12 for the 2018-9 school year. Please visit www.holycross.bc.ca or email office@holycross.bc.ca

St. John Paul II Academy is now accepting applicants for Gr. 8 for the 2018-19 school year. Applications must be completed by Feb. 23, 2018. More info about tuition and financial assistance can be found on the school website: sjp2academy.com email: mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca