

# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February, 4, 2018

*He went over to her and grasped her hand  
and helped her up, and  
the fever  
left her.  
She immediately began  
to wait  
on them.*

Mark 1: 31



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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

## Clergy Corner

Dear brothers and sisters,

It has been a great adventure to serve this Parish since the day of my ordination last June. Christ accompanies me with great love and patience in being a minister of his Church and He surprises me day by day.

What have I experienced in these few months as a priest? That Christ is love. He is trying to reach our brokenness. He is trying to enter into that part of our life that we are scared of. God is a patient Father. He loves us so much that he leaves us totally free to enter into a personal relationship with Him or not. *Rev 3:20: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

It was a great joy for me to start a young adults group in our Parish last November. Sharing our life, our time, even our struggles is what forms a community, is what helps an anonymous group of people to become one body, to know each other, to lower down our guards and to let Christ enter.

I encourage all of you young people to come, to give to the Lord a chance to speak to your heart! Come despite your doubts, come even though the world tells you that there is always something better to do on a Friday night. Come, the Lord is waiting for us! Next Friday night, we are going to do something different, we will not be meeting in the School's Fine Arts room for our usual time together, but rather, we will be going to be inspired by the music of Fr. Rob Galea who is an ordained Catholic Priest from Australia who is also a singer and songwriter. If you'd like to attend this event with our group, please call our parish office on Monday.

**CORAGGIO! FR. FRANCESCO**

## 2017 Income Tax Receipt Mail-Out

Your 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](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)

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

### Feb 5 Monday

*Fr. Dion away - back on Feb 13th*

- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 1:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 4 of 5): PENANCE (moved to Monday due to funeral in the afternoon on Thursday)
- 6:30pm **Alpha "COME AND SEE" DINNER** - GS

### Feb 6 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 10:00am Martha Group Leaders meeting - GS - Fireside
- 6:30pm CWL Mass followed by General Meeting - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library

### Feb 7 Wednesday

- Priests at 1st Wednesday Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

### Feb 8 Thursday

*SCHOOL CLOSED - teachers and school staff at Catholic Educators' Conference*

- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside
- NO PREP TONIGHT (school closed)
- 7:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 4 of 5): PENANCE

### Feb 9 Friday

*SCHOOL CLOSED - teachers and school staff at Catholic Educators' Conference*

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- Priests at 2nd Friday Communion Calls
- 6:15pm Young Adults (19-35 yrs) Group meet at Good Shepherd Church parking lot to carpool to Sacred Heart Parish, Delta for Fr. Rob Galea Concert

### Feb 10 Saturday

- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 7:45am Meet at Good Shepherd Church parking lot to carpool to ONE CONFERENCE (doors open at 8am) - Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Surrey
- 10:00am Confessions - GS

### Feb 11 Sunday



*CWL Bake Sale after all the weekend Masses at Star of the Sea & Good Shepherd Churches*

## This Sunday's Readings

**1ST READING:** Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

**RESPONSORIAL:** Ps 147: 1-6

**2ND READING:** 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 29-39



COMMENTARY BY CAPUCHIN FATHER RANIERO CANTALAMESSA, PREACHER TO THE PONTIFICAL HOUSEHOLD, ON THE GOSPEL FROM THIS SUNDAY'S LITURGY

The Gospel passage of this Sunday gives us a faithful report of a typical day of Jesus. When he left the synagogue, Jesus went first to Peter's house, where he cured his mother-in-law, who was in bed with a fever; in the afternoon, they took all the sick to him and he cured many, affected by different illnesses. In the morning, he rose while it was still dark and went to a solitary place to pray; then he left to preach the Kingdom to other towns.

From this account we deduce that Jesus' day consisted of a mixture of curing the sick, prayer and preaching of the Kingdom. Let us dedicate our reflection to the love of Jesus for the sick, also because in a few days, in the liturgical memorial of the Virgin of Lourdes, Feb. 11, the World Day of the Sick will be observed.

The social transformations of our century have changed profoundly the conditions of the sick. In many situations science gives reasonable hope of a cure, or at least prolongs in many the period of the illness' evolution in cases of incurable sicknesses. But sickness, as death, is not yet and will never be altogether defeated. It is part of the human condition. **Christian faith can alleviate this condition and also give it meaning and value.**

It is necessary to express two approaches: one for the sick themselves and another for those who look after them. Before Christ, sickness was considered closely linked to sin. In other words, people were convinced that sickness was also the consequence of some personal sin that had to be expiated.

With Jesus, this attitude changed somewhat. *"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases"* (Mt 8:17). **On the cross, he gave new meaning to human suffering, including sickness: It is no longer punishment, but redemption. Illness unites us to him; it sanctifies,**

**refines the soul, prepares the day in which God will dry every tear and there will be no longer sickness, or weeping, or pain.**

After the long hospitalization that followed the attack in St. Peter's Square, Pope John Paul II wrote a letter on suffering in which, among other things, he said: *"To suffer means to become particularly susceptible, particularly open to the working of the salvific powers of God, offered to humanity in Christ"* (cf. "Salvifici Doloris" No. 23). Sickness and suffering open between us and Jesus on the cross an altogether special channel of communication. The sick are not passive members of the Church, but the most active, most precious members. In God's eyes, one hour of their suffering, endured with patience, can be worth more than all the activities of the world, if they are done only for oneself.

Now a word for those who must look after the sick, at home or in health structures. The sick person certainly has need of care, of scientific competence, but he has even more need of hope. No medicine alleviates the sick person more than to hear the doctor say: "I have good hopes for you." When it is possible to do so without deception, hope must be given. **Hope is the best "oxygen tent" for a sick person.** The sick must not be left alone. One of the works of mercy is to visit the sick, and Jesus warned us that one of the points of the Last Judgment will be precisely this: *"I was sick and you visited me. I was sick and you did not visit me"* (Mt 25:36,43).

Something we can all do for the sick is to pray. Almost all the sick of the Gospel were cured because some one presented them to Jesus and pleaded for them. The simplest prayer, which we can all make our own, is the one that the sisters Martha and Mary addressed to Jesus, in the circumstance of the sickness of their brother Lazarus: *"Lord, he whom you love is ill"*

(John, 11:3).

Suffering is nothing by itself. But suffering shared with the passion of Christ is a wonderful gift, the most beautiful gift, a token of love.

Mother Teresa

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2018



**UNIVERSAL: SAY "NO" TO CORRUPTION**

***That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.***

***Congratulations to those recently baptised:*** James Edmund Hudson

***First Holy Communion and Confirmation Dates for 2018***

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on: **Sunday, May 6th, 2:00pm**, Good Shepherd Church

Confirmation will be celebrated on: **Thursday, May 31st, 7:00pm**, Good Shepherd Church



## Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

### Please pray for:

Sophie Cosgrave (*grandbaby of Susan & Deus Kearney*),  
Michelle Vandene, 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 and  
Gloria Jaimes Aguilar

### Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

Patricia MacNeil  
Betty Canning  
Irma Hoegler

### To All Ladies in

**the Parish:** Please join us this **Tuesday, Feb. 6th** for our General Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm. Our voices unified in Christian values are needed more than ever. Be encouraged in our faith as we meet together! We look forward to seeing you there!



### Valentine's Bake Sale

is next weekend:  
**February 10th & 11th**  
after all the Masses  
at Star of the Sea and  
Good Shepherd Churches.



### 2018 CWL Membership

forms can be found on our parish website [www.starofthesea.ca](http://www.starofthesea.ca)  
Printed forms also available from  
the Parish Office.



## Alpha STARTS TOMORROW

with the **COME AND SEE**  
**Dinner: Monday, 6:30pm**  
Good Shepherd Church.

You are welcome to come to this first meeting with no obligation to attend the whole course.



**What is Alpha?** An opportunity to explore life, meaning and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. **Alpha is not so much a course, but an experience!** Gathering once a week over a 10-wk period, each Alpha experience brings together people from every walk of life.

We begin each Alpha gathering by sharing a meal. We eat together, then we watch a 20-25min video, followed by a chance to share your thoughts. No question is out of bounds or too silly or too simple. There is NO teaching/preaching involved during the group discussions – just a sharing of our views as we explore topics such as:

- Is there more to life than this
- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- Why and how do I pray?

**Who is Alpha for?** Alpha is for everyone and anyone!

- People who have not heard the initial proclamation of the Gospel.
- 'Cradle Catholics' who may be a bit 'lukewarm' in their faith.
- People who may have distanced themselves from God and the Church for one reason or another.
- Catholics who are not involved in taking up our baptismal call to participate in the mission of the church.

Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. There is no pressure and no follow up. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves,

## Seniors Event on Shrove Tuesday



Join us for 9:00am Mass of Anointing at Star of the Sea Church on **Tuesday, February 13th**, 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. Everyone is welcome!

## Used Book Sale

Remember to drop off donations of **religious articles, books, CD's, and DVD's** for our Library Book sale on the weekend of **February 24th & 25th** at Good Shepherd Church after all the weekend Masses. Proceeds from the sale will go to buy new items for our Parish Library.



### LIBRARY REMINDER:

In consideration of others, Please return overdue items to the parish library. Please note the following circulation dates:

- DVD's and CD's due in 1 WEEK
- Books due in 1 MONTH

In addition, we ask that you limit yourself (your family) to 3 DVD's and 3 books at a time. **THANK YOU for your cooperation!**

## 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 \$699/family; \$450 couple (after Feb 27th: \$849/family) Visit [camplatona.com](http://camplatona.com)  
Email: [latonaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:latonaoffice@gmail.com)

## Perpetual Adoration Chapel



*"For he who finds me finds life, and wins favour from the Lord."* Proverbs 8:35

What joy the simple gift of our time in dedicated prayer and adoration must bring to Our Lord! Let us come to Him in the Adoration Chapel, praising Him in selfless devotion.

Could you spare just ONE HOUR in your week for Jesus? The following hours are in need of a weekly adorer (or someone to fill in on a casual basis):

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, Noon-1:00pm

Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm

Thursday, 2:00-3:00am

Thursday, 5:00-6:00am

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am

Saturday, 2:00-3:00am

Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Substitutes are needed for:

Sundays, Feb 11, 18, 25 – 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13 – 2:00pm-3:00pm

Wed., Feb. 14, 21, 28 – 12:00pm-1:00pm

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

Fridays, Feb 9, 16, 23 - 4:00am-5:00am

Saturdays, Feb 10, 17, 24– 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

## YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds

**NEXT GATHERING: FRIDAY, FEB. 9th**  
meet at Good Shepherd Church parking  
lot at **6:15pm** to carpool to  
Sacred Heart School Gym

(Delta) for the  
Fr. Rob Galea concert  
7:00-9:00pm

Questions? Email: [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)

**"The Church teaches that I have a duty to raise my children in the faith. But shouldn't it be their choice? Is it fair to indoctrinate them?"**

This is something I am hearing more and more. The first question I ask in response is very simple: *Do you believe that Jesus is God or not?* Things really can't get more basic. If I do not believe that Jesus is God, then I believe that Christianity is entirely based on something untrue. At best, it is a mistake. At worst, it is a lie. If a person didn't believe in Christ, but presented Catholicism as an option, they would essentially be lying to their children. To paraphrase C.S. Lewis, there is only one reason to teach your children anything: because it is true. **A parent who considers not teaching their children that Jesus is God and the Savior of the world does not believe that Jesus is God and the Savior of the world.** I do not mean that as a condemnation, simply as an observation.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to know that you also have a mission. *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"* (Mt. 28:19-20). In fact, this is *the test of whether or not I am really a disciple of Jesus: do I do my utmost to spread the Gospel?* In 1968, Pope Paul VI wrote that *"it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn"* (Evangelii Nuntiandi).

Here's the deal: Your life has a purpose and you have a mission in Jesus: to help others into the new life you have received from Jesus. And if you have been called to the vocation of marriage and the family, your mission field begins in your home. To help the people living under your roof realize that their lives are not meaningless; that their lives are bigger than they seem. That there is a God who loves them. Your mission is to them first of all...and then to everyone else you come in contact with. But they are first. Miss that, and you miss the very reason why you even exist.

But the question remains: *is it fair to indoctrinate these helpless children?* Well, the very root of the word "indoctrinate" simply means "to teach" ("doctrine" means "teaching"). Is it fair to teach your children anything? Of course it is...as long as it is true. We teach our children that sharing is good, bullying is bad, and the earth is a sphere. We don't say, "I won't send my child to school until he decides for himself."

I think what this questioner fears is "brainwashing". I fear that too. But what is brainwashing? Its purpose is to short-circuit the mental process of reasoning. Its apparent goal is blind, unthinking belief and obedience. But **one of the main principles of the Catholic Faith is using one's intellect to its full extent.** **Help your child learn how to think critically. This is not rooting them in skepticism, but giving them the tools to ask intelligent questions and be able to look for good answers.** They are living in hostile territory. If you think that you are going to strike a truce with the culture and simply allow for the free frolicking of your children's minds in the field of the world, you are gravely mistaken. The world has not given up on trying to shape your children in the least. The average teen spends 72 hours per week using some kind of media. And what are the messages communicated through our mass media? Talk about indoctrination!

In fact, in my work with youth and college-aged students, I have more often found a "**blind disbelief**" than I have ever found "**blind belief**". Many have an automatic, unthinking skepticism; a refusal to even consider faith in Christ as something reasonable. You are right. Brainwashing is bad. This is why we have to steep our children in Catholicism. It, and it alone, is the antidote for the indoctrination toward skepticism our culture presents to us.



**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.

**Junior and Senior Geography Challenge** which took place in the last couple of Fridays after school assembly, is a competition that is held yearly by the Canadian Geographic Society. It is an excellent way to get students excited about geography. Every year students in grades 4-7 compete to test their geographic knowledge and skills, and better understand the world that they live in. The Can Geo Challenge is sponsored by Mrs. Williams who also runs a Geography Club to prepare the students for competition. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED and to OUR JUNIOR and SENIOR FINALISTS.**



*Around the Diocese*

**February 4, 2018 ~ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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](http://vocationsvancouver.ca)

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](mailto:info@chabc.bc.ca)

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
*in collaboration with*  
**Psalm Ninety Eight Music**  
*Ministry presents*  
**Lenten Event 2018**

**Feb. 9th:** Fr. Rob Galea (Singer and Songwriter from Australia)  
Live Performance at 7:00pm in the School Gym ~ 3900 Arthur Drive, Ladner



**Feb 15th:** Reflection with Fr. Tony Ricard (Writer and Preacher from the Archdiocese of New Orleans) 7:00pm in the Church.



\$30.00 for both events (or \$20 for one). Tickets available at Star of the Sea Parish Office (see Anne-Marie) or by contacting Sr. Flolyn [sisterflolyn@shsdelt.org](mailto:sisterflolyn@shsdelt.org)



**Lunar Thanksgiving Mass**  
Chinese Ministry invites all to the year-end Thanksgiving Mass

celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB, followed by lunch on **Monday, Feb. 12**, 11:00am at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 4925 Cambie St, Vancouver. Contact: Fr. Chu at [pchu@rcav.org](mailto:pchu@rcav.org)

**EnCourage** is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting **Sunday, Feb. 18th**, from 2:30-4:30pm at St. Helen's Church, 3860 Triumph St., Burnaby. Contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at [encourage@rcav.org](mailto:encourage@rcav.org)

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