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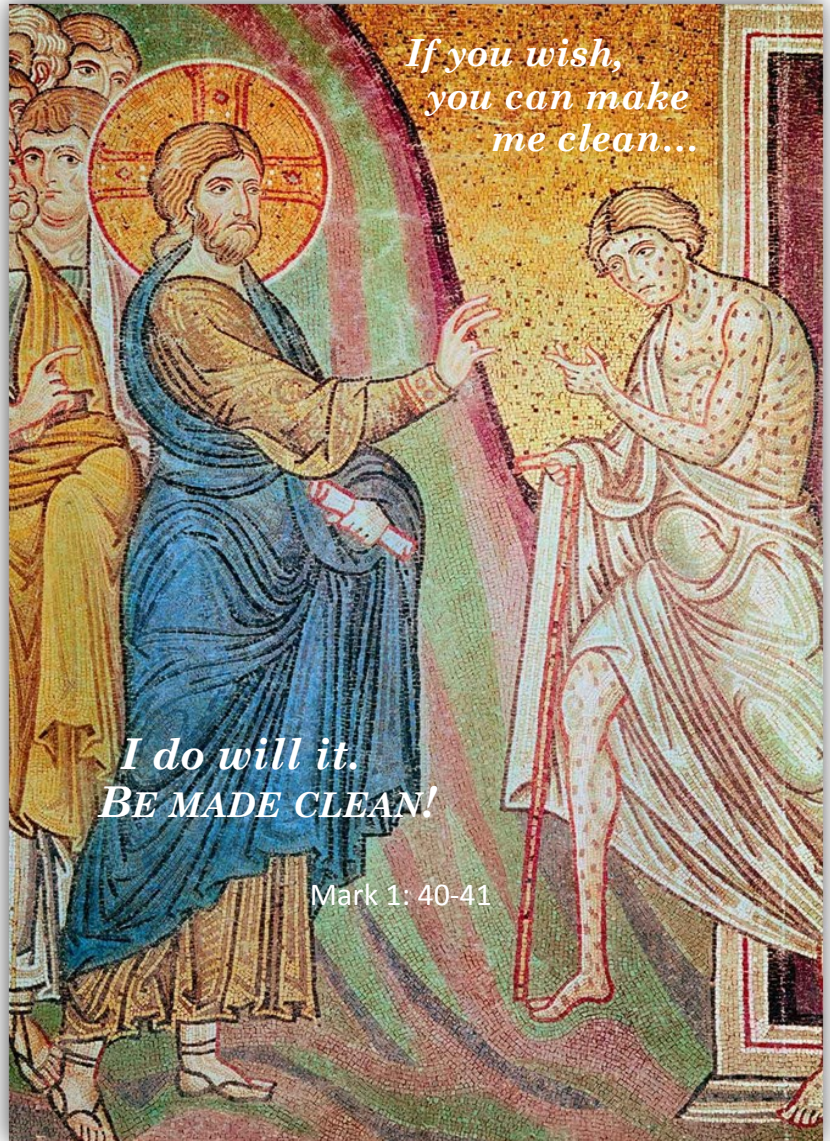
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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February, 11, 2018



*If you wish,
 you can make
 me clean...*

*I do will it.
 BE MADE CLEAN!*

Mark 1: 40-41

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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

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 32: 1-2, 5, 11

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11:1

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40-45

BY DEACON KEITH FOURNIER 1/17/2013
Catholic Online (www.catholic.org)

During the first week of Ordinary time we hear of the healing ministry of the Lord Jesus as recorded by St. Mark. In the following weeks, we heard of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the liberation of those possessed by evil. The account ended with Jesus, rising early to pray and being told by Simon, *"Everyone is looking for you."* (Mk. 1:29-39)

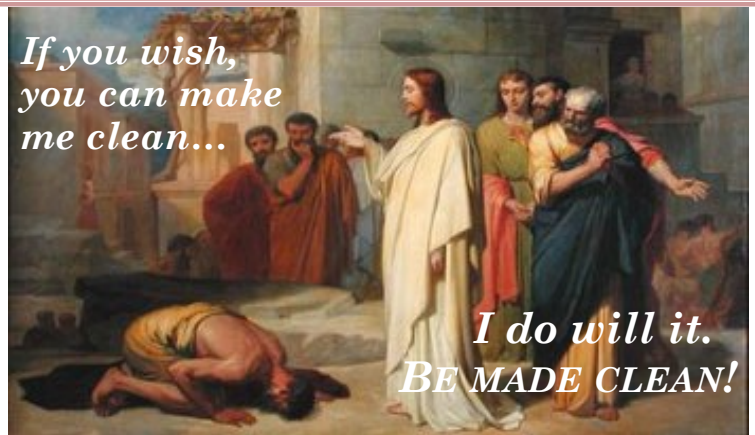
Everyone is still looking for Jesus.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage we meet the leper who kneels before Jesus and says *"If you wish, you can make me clean."* The account continues, *"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.' The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean."* (Mk. 1:40-45)

In these accounts we witness the reality, the fact, of suffering. More importantly, we see the response of those who know how to bring it to Jesus. The author of the letter to the Hebrews reminded us *"We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin."* (Hebrews 14:15)

Suffering can bear fruit within us and around us if we bring it to the suffering Servant. This is part of what is meant by the mystery of suffering in Christian teaching. St. Jose Maria Escriva wrote *"The great Christian revolution has been to convert pain into fruitful suffering and to turn a bad thing into something good. We have deprived the devil of this weapon; and with it we can conquer eternity."*

I have been dealing with my own weakness and faults a lot these days. I have discovered that the older I get the less I know and the more imperfections I discover in myself. As a younger man, I labored under a misconception that living the Christian life would somehow get easier as I "figured it out". Well, nothing could be further from the truth! There is, in fact, a reverse reality at work in life. I am more and more aware of my own weaknesses and have only just begun to understand the admission of St. Paul to the young disciple Timothy that he was *"the chief among sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). This honest admission of Paul did not reflect some kind of poor self image. To the contrary, it revealed the mature self awareness and humility of a Christian who had come to understand why we call God's redemptive work in our lives **AMAZING GRACE**.



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The Lord has made our weakness and frailties a path to a deepening relationship with Him. They can be a door to progress in our baptismal call to holiness. We constantly need a Savior precisely because we are, as the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:5, *"earthen vessels"*. **The process of being emptied of self and filled with His life happens by grace but requires our continual response, our cooperation, with His loving plan.**

St. Francis DeSales (1567-1610), a great western saint and pastor of souls, once wrote in a letter to one of the many who sought his holy counsel *"God wants your misery to be the throne of His mercy. He desires that your powerlessness be the seat of His omnipotence."*

So it is with us. The reality of our frail human nature is that we are weak and the struggles we face in our daily lives do not necessarily lessen as we age. We fall and we fail. **The Good News is that the Lord is always there, ready to forgive, to heal and to help us to get back up and, with the help of His grace, begin again and again and again.**

No matter what our affliction, the Lord still speaks the words He spoke to the Leper when we kneel in humility before Him and ask to be healed. If we make the words of the leper our own, *"If you wish, you can make me clean"* we will hear, *"I do will it. Be made clean."*

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As we enter into Lent this week, let us be encouraged by the **MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2018:**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in His providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a "sacramental sign of our conversion".[1] Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.*

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... With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: **“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold”** (24:12). These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken... by Jesus and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

...We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool? More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, **“the root of all evil”** (1Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. We listen to false prophets who manipulate human emotions... How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness.. men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests... many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness! False prophets... peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us... In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is **“a liar and the father of lies”** (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth...

All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations. Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing His praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

**What are we to do?** Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

**Prayer.** By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. **He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.**

**Almsgiving** sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! ... I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

**Fasting** weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God’s voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

**The fire of Easter.** Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

... During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the “new fire”, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing.  
Please do not forget to pray for me. ~ Pope Francis. From the Vatican

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2018/02/06/180206c.html>

**WEEK AT A GLANCE** Please refer to Bulletin cover for our **regular weekday Mass schedule**

**Feb 12 Monday**

*Parish Office closed - BC Family Day*

- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - *GS*  
 6:30pm **Alpha** (Week 2 of 11) **"WHO IS JESUS?"** - *GS*

**Feb 13 Tuesday**

*Fr. Dion back today*

- 9:00am Mass of Anointing at Star of the Sea Church, followed by Pancake Breakfast - *SOS Hall*  
 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - *GS* - Cry Room  
 10:30am Priests at Deanery Meeting at Canadian Martyrs, Richmond  
 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - *GS* - Cry Room  
 7:00pm Small Christian Community - *GS* - Library

**Feb 14 ASH WEDNESDAY**

- 8:00am Ash Wednesday Mass - *GS*  
 9:00am Ash Wednesday Mass - *SOS*  
 9:15am Ash Wednesday SCHOOL Mass - *GS*  
 10:00am Seniors Fitness - *SOS Hall*  
 1:00pm All priests at Holy Cross High School for Ash Wednesday Mass  
 No 6:30pm Confessions  
 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Mass - *GS*  
 RCIA (Mass followed by reflection) - *GS*  
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *School*

**Feb 15 Thursday**

- Bible & The Sacraments 1pm session moved to next Monday Feb 19th due to funeral  
 4:00pm Legion of Mary - *GS* - Fireside  
 6:15pm PREP - School  
 6:30pm First Holy Communion Parents Meeting - *GS*  
 7:00pm Bible & The Sacraments (Week 5 of 5): **MARRIAGE & PRIESTHOOD** - *GS* - Meeting Room

**Feb 16 Friday**

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - *GS* - Fireside  
 6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by the CWL) - *GS*

**Feb 17 Saturday**

- 8:30am Confessions - *SOS*  
 10:00am Confessions - *GS*  
 5:00pm Mass for First Holy Communion Families - *GS*

**Feb 18 Sunday**

**Ash Wednesday MASS SCHEDULE**

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

8:00am , 9:15am (School Mass), 6:30pm

**STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH** 9:00am

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

- *Fasting* (for those aged 18-59 yrs) includes one regular meal with two smaller meals and no snacking in between
- *Abstinence* (14 yrs+) means no meat.



6:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross **ALL FRIDAYS** during Lent **starting on Feb. 16th**



**Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."* John 3:16

**Celebrate His Presence!** We are celebrating the 13th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration here at Good Shepherd Church – more to come in next week's bulletin.

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):

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| Sunday, 4:00-5:00am    | Thursday, 2:00-3:00am |
| Sunday, 2:00-3:00pm    | Thursday, 5:00-6:00am |
| Sunday, 7:00-8:00pm    | Saturday, 1:00-2:00am |
| Monday, 5:00-6:00am    | Saturday, 2:00-3:00am |
| Mon/Tues, Mdngh-1:00am | Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm |
| Wednesday, Noon-1:00pm |                       |
| Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm |                       |

Hours needing a substitute:

- Sat./Sunday, Feb. 25 – 12:00Mdngh-1:00am  
 Sunday, Feb. 25 – 11:00am-12:00noon  
 Mondays, Feb. 19, 26 – 10:00pm-11:00pm  
 Wednesday, Feb. 14 – 12:00noon-1:00pm  
 Wednesdays, Feb. 14, 21, 28 – 5:00pm-6:00pm  
 Fridays, Feb. 16, 23 – 4:00am-5:00am  
 Saturdays, Feb. 17, 24 – 2:00pm-3:00pm

For more information please call:  
 Sandra Perrin 604 542-6057 or  
 Donna Sali 604-542-3070

**Error in 2nd Collection Envelope Dates**  
*Sorry!*

There are 2 second collection envelopes that are incorrectly dated:

February 18 for the **PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND SHOULD BE FEB. 11**

March 18 for the **PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND SHOULD BE MAR. 11**

**2nd Collection for St. Joseph's Society Next Weekend - Feb. 17 & 18**

This collection is a way of helping the Church carry out its responsibility to provide for retired and sick priests. The Society provides benefits and is like a pension plan that complements CPP. The Society also provides assistance to priests who are sick as well as priests who are semi-retired to supplement their income. The collection is an opportunity for the people of the diocese to express their appreciation for the years of service retired priests have given.

Your Parish charitable tax receipt and 2017 Project Advance tax receipt will be mailed to you next week. If you've recently moved, **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE HAS YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ON RECORD.**

The Parish Office will be **closed on Monday, February 12th** for the BC Family Day holiday.

**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.



**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray for:**

- Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant, Michelle Vandene, Sophie Cosgrave (*grandbaby of Susan & Deus Kearney*), Pat Flickinger, Ashley Lambert, Marian Nadelko, Rose Lawson, Derek Ridsdale, Graham Shore, Regina Merkl, Margaret Barron, Joanna Boomars, Alfred Morin, Joyce Henderson, Ken Wharton, 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 Bradley and Justino Doldolea

Interdenominational  
**LENTE N Lunches**



**EVERY THURSDAY  
12:00pm - 1:00pm**

- February 22: Mt. Olive Lutheran @ Mount Olive Lutheran
- March 1: Peninsula United @ St. Mark's Anglican
- March 8: Star of the Sea Catholic @ Star of the Sea Hall**
- March 15: St. John's Presbyterian @ St. Mark's Anglican
- March 22: St. Mark's Anglican @ St. Mark's Anglican

*All are invited each Thursday!*  
Lunch is by donation.

**Congratulations to those recently baptised:**

Austin Angelo George Pallot



**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

**Alpha**

**Mondays, 6:30pm**  
Good Shepherd Church.



*EVERYONE WELCOME*

This week's video topic:  
**"Who is Jesus"**

Every Alpha includes:



**a meal**



**a video**



**open conversation in small groups**

**Early Bird Discount ends Feb 27**

**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 [camlatona.com](http://camlatona.com)  
Email: [latonaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:latonaoffice@gmail.com)

# PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2018

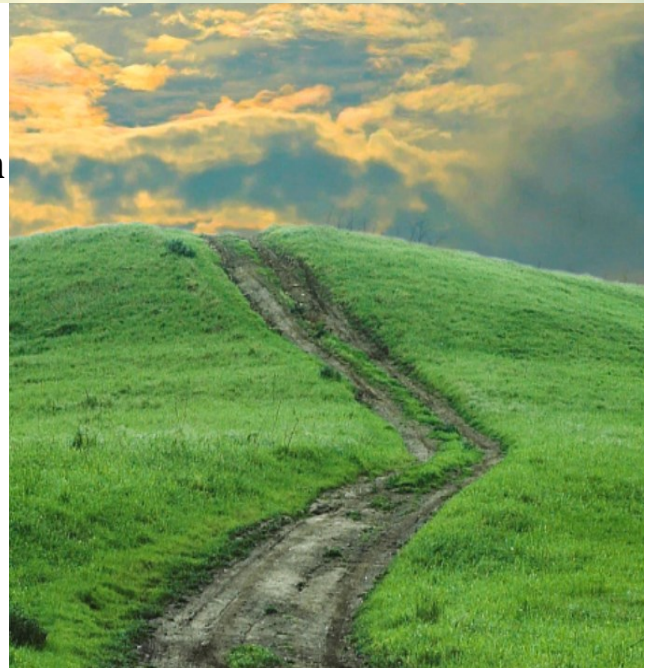
## The Path of Life



Jesus invites us to follow Him on the path that leads to endless joy.

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Starts **9:00am** ~ Star of the Sea School Gym  
Closes **5:00pm** ~ Anticipatory Mass at  
Good Shepherd Church

**The Path of Life** focuses on learning and understanding how to practically apply the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension) in our lives. Through personal stories, engaging movie clips, and practical examples, **this one day event will guide us into an encounter with Jesus and the happiness only He offers.**



**NO TICKET REQUIRED FOR THIS RETREAT, BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED AS SNACKS AND A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, EMAIL OR CALL OUR PARISH OFFICE**  [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)  604-531-5739



**Jake & Heather Khym** have been married for 17 years and they have three wonderful children. Jake and Heather started Life Restoration, a ministry that helps people encounter God and experience the fullness of life. Jake has a Master's degree in counselling psychology and a Bachelor degree in Theology with a concentration in Religious Education. Jake offers human formation, mentorship, workshops, retreats, and teaches at the Seminary of Christ the King. Heather studied theology and catechetics at Franciscan University and does extensive ministry with women, offers retreats, and hosts a podcast called Abiding Together Podcast.

