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# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February, 18, 2018

Lent

A SEASON OF RENEWAL

Lent comes providentially to  
**REAWAKEN** us,  
 to shake us from our lethargy.

~ Pope Francis

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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

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

My time away was restful, with warm weather and happy sunshine, and no rain for the whole time I was there. I spent time doing a lot of reading, 9 novels to be exact, and also playing duplicate bridge several times with a club located at one of the hotels. I said Mass each Sunday for the English speaking visitors at the local parish and met people from all over the US and Canada. I enjoyed visiting long-time friends and not having to listen to an alarm clock, which is probably common for most people when they take holidays. But I was also really glad to get back to my normal life and surroundings. There's nothing like being at home.

Now we begin the holy season of Lent with its emphasis on prayer, fasting and alms giving. We have the Share Lent calendars to prompt us to be mindful of the needs of the developing countries of the world that can be a focus for our sacrificial offerings from the things we might "give up", and thereby support the Share Lent collection in 5 week's time. And during Lent we have the added Friday evening Mass at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.



I'm also appreciative of Fr. Francesco's efforts in arranging for us the visit of a very faith-filled and dynamic couple to come to the parish for a one day Lenten retreat. It will be on Saturday March 3rd, starting at 9am and closing with the Mass at 5pm. I really encourage you to attend this one day special event, so mark your calendar for 2 weeks from now and plan to come. Will you also let us know that you're coming by signing the roster at the entrance way of Good Shepherd Church or by contacting the parish office to have your name put on the registration list.

Have a blessed week,

*Fr. Dion*

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

### Feb 19 Monday

- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 1:00pm Bible & The Sacraments (Week 5 of 5): MARRIAGE & PRIESTHOOD - GS - Meeting Room
- 6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 3 of 11) "WHY DID JESUS DIE?" - GS

### Feb 20 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library

### Feb 21 Wednesday

- Priests at 3rd Wednesday Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Star of the Sea School AGM - School Gym
- Charismatic Prayer Group - CANCELLED this week

### Feb 22 Thursday

- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP - School
- 6:30pm Confirmation Parents & Sponsors Meeting - GS

### Feb 23 Friday

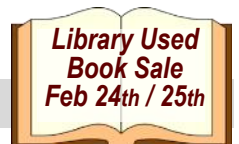
- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by the Legion of Mary) - GS
- 7:00pm Young Adults (19-35yrs) Group - School Fine Arts Room

### Feb 24 Saturday

- 8:00am - 12:00pm RCIA Retreat following 8am Mass - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 8:30am Prayer Shawl Meeting - GS - Fireside
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 11:00am First Confessions - GS
- 5:00pm Family Mass - GS

### Feb 25 2ND Sunday of LENT

- 2:30pm RCIA- RITE OF ELECTION- Holy Rosary Cathedral



## This Sunday's Readings

**1ST READING:** Genesis 9: 8-15  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 25: 4-9  
**2ND READING:** 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 1: 12-15



Lent bids us to return to the innocence of Baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1-9). We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12-14, 17-20), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2,16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the Gospel.

[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

"AS LENT IS THE TIME FOR GREATER LOVE,  
LISTEN TO JESUS' THIRST...  
'REPENT AND BELIEVE' JESUS TELLS US.  
WHAT ARE WE TO REPENT?  
OUR INDIFFERENCE, OUR HARDNESS OF HEART.  
WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE?  
JESUS THIRSTS EVEN NOW,  
IN YOUR HEART AND IN THE POOR --  
HE KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS.  
HE WANTS ONLY YOUR LOVE,  
WANTS ONLY THE CHANCE TO LOVE YOU."



## 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](mailto: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.

## Registration

If you are new to our parish, we ask that you please register so that we can serve you fully. Registration forms are available at all 3 churches, at the Parish Office and can be downloaded from [starofthesea.ca](http://starofthesea.ca). Please drop off your completed registration form at the Parish Office (we would love to meet you!) or it can be placed in the collection basket at Mass.

*Welcome*

TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

- George & Christine Hofmann
- Arianna Crosara
- Mary, Sandeep & Penelope Lochub

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

There are two 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**

Interdenominational  
**LENTEN 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.*



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

**Please pray for:**

- Fran Lizaraso Caparo,
- Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant,
- Michelle Vandene,
- Sophie Cosgrave (*grandbaby of Susan & Deus Kearney*),
- Pat Flickinger, Ashley Lambert,
- Marian Nadelko, 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

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING for the Library Sale NEXT WEEKEND**



Religious articles, used books, CD's, and DVD's will be FOR SALE next weekend - **Feb. 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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

A dedicated group of parish knitters and crochet-ers has been busy making prayer shawls in a variety of sizes, shapes and colours to give comfort to those suffering illness. Each prayer shawl has been blessed by a priest and has a holy medal attached. If you or a loved one would like a reminder of God's healing power and the special role of the suffering in our parish life, please contact Rycarda 604-541-1942 [rycarda@telus.net](mailto:rycarda@telus.net) for further information. Cost is BY DONATION.



*"Prayer Shawls: made with the Love of God in every stitch"*



**Seniors Outreach Ministry** would like to

say "thank you" to the Knights of Columbus and the Grade 7 students and parent volunteers who helped make our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast at Star of the Sea Hall a wonderful success, enjoyed by about 130 seniors and friends!



*Thank you to all our volunteers and helpers!*

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

**NEXT GATHERING: FRIDAY, FEB 23rd 7:00-9:00PM (in the School Fine Arts Room)**

Questions? Want to be added to the contact list? Email:

[parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)

**Alpha**

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



EVERYONE WELCOME

This week's video topic:  
**"Why did Jesus die?"**

Every Alpha includes:



a meal



a video



open conversation in small groups

Brothers and sisters,

We enter in the time of Lent a favourable time of conversion for all of us! Let us go back to our Father: *We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God (2 Cor 5.20).* Together, let us go back to His love!

Lent invites us to focus on prayer, almsgiving, fasting. But who is the one that prays constantly to the Father, offers in almsgiving all that He has, fasts for the salvation of those who are lost? *Jesus Christ. HE* makes the first step. *HE* is the One looking for us. *HE* offers us moments to meet with His grace. And *HE* wants to speak personally with you and me.

God tells us: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him. (Rev 3.20)*

Well, on Saturday, March 3rd, the Lord will knock at our door. The question is - are we willing to open our heart to Him, to find time for Him? Are we willing to offer a Saturday to the Lord? ***THIS IS OUR LENT, TO GIVE TIME TO THE LORD SO THAT HE MAY ENTER AND BE WITH US!***

...Is this difficult to do? ***YES IT IS!*** For this reason, I encourage you to come! I know that many other priorities or commitments will demand our attention that day... ***BUT*** I also know that the Lord has prepared a word of ***true love*** for you and I in this retreat.

Pope Francis said in one of his homilies: "The efforts that we make, our daily efforts of serving the Lord with our soul, with our heart, with our body and with our whole lives", only serve to open the door to the Holy Spirit. Then it is the Spirit "who enters us and saves us"; the Spirit "is the gift in Jesus Christ".

FR. FRANCESCO

## PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2018

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 DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

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

*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 1-day retreat will guide us into an encounter with Jesus and the joy only He offers.***

*No registration fee, but a free-will donation will be taken on retreat day. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED AS SNACKS AND A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY.** If you require childcare, please let us know when you register. **TO REGISTER, EMAIL [parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca) OR CALL 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.



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Orders due: **March 3rd & 4th**

Order pick-up: **Sunday, Mar 18th** at Good Shepherd Church

Thank you for supporting the charitable works of our Helpers of St. Anne & St. Joachim Parish Group!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

will be on hand after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND:

**Feb 24th & 25th**

with shopping cards from **Superstore, Safeway, Save-On, Thrifty** and **M&M Meats** in \$50 & \$100 denominations.



Next General Meeting is on **Tuesday, Feb. 27th**, 7:30pm in the Knights' Chambers at Star of the Sea Hall.

**Don't Forget!** **FLEA MARKET**

on the first Saturday of each month (**Mar 3rd**) from 8:00am - 1:00pm at Star of the Sea Hall.

**Make YOUR VOICE heard!**

**COME PRAY WITH US**

February 14 - March 25, 2018

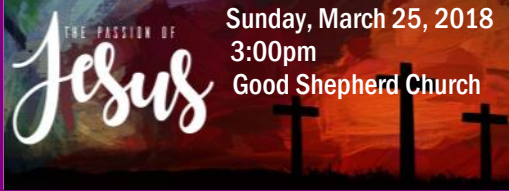
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

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STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR presents:

"One Hour: See the Cross"



Sunday, March 25, 2018  
3:00pm  
Good Shepherd Church



**Development and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA



This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to learn more about peace and dialogue as part of the Share Lent Campaign. In a world where a multitude of cultures, religions, and beliefs co-exist, one of the first requirements for peace is to **look within ourselves in order to speak with kindness** and establish a sincere and genuine dialogue with "the other."

*Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict; yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity.*

~ Pope Francis

Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity, and justice can triumph!

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! This year, **Share Lent Sunday is March 18th** - please give generously.

There is a display of Development and Peace materials (Prayer Card, Mini-Magazine, Way of the Cross, Solidarity Calendar) available at Good Shepherd Church.

**Prospective Parent Information Evening**

**Wednesday, Feb. 28th** at 7:00pm, School Gym. 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.

We're fundraising with Purdy's which gives 25% of sales back to our school.



Buy your **Easter Chocolates** here!



Pick up your Purdy's Easter Catalogue at Good Shepherd Church. Online **orders are due by March 13th**. Fundraising proceeds benefit Outdoor Ed Program. Thank you for your support!



**St. John Paul II Academy** is now accepting applicants for Gr. 8 for the

2018-19 school year. As there are a limited number of spaces available, all student applications must be completed **by Feb. 23, 2018** and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 0G3. Application Form and more info about tuition and financial assistance can be found on the school website: [sjp2academy.com](http://sjp2academy.com) email: [mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca) phone: 604-683-9331