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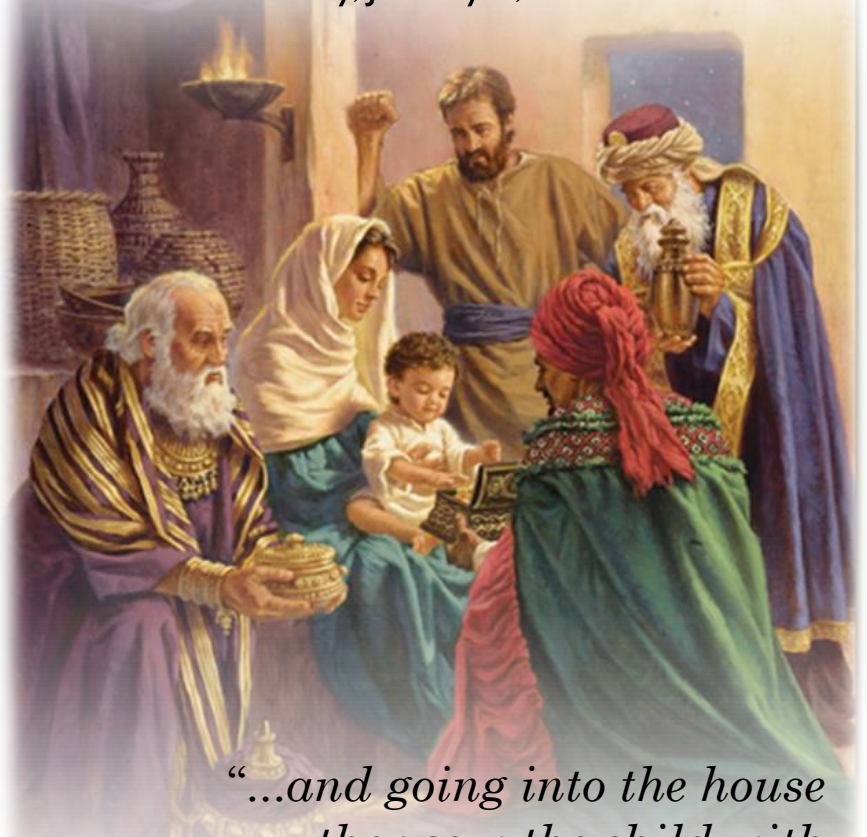
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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 7, 2018



*"...and going into the house
 they saw the child with
 Mary his mother, and they
 fell down and worshiped him."*

Matthew 2:11

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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

January 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Well we're finally back to a kind of normalcy with the marathon of two weeks of Sunday and Christmas and New Year's Masses now gone by. I'm thankful we were able to celebrate these feasts with no weather closures or power outages, and with room to welcome the family and friends of our parishioners. This Sunday is the final major feast with the next several weeks being Ordinary Time until we enter the season of Lent. So there's a bit of a breather for us while we get back to work and school and the enjoyment of a new year.

You may have noticed that the figures of the three Magi have finally reached the crib at Good Shepherd church, indicating that their journey is completed. And of course, we hear the story of how they lay their gifts at the child's feet and then return to their homeland without giving King Herod the information he had requested. We also know that the story continues with the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt to escape the soldiers of Herod who come into the town and slaughter the children in hopes of killing the child Jesus. The joy of Christmas is clouded with the reality of evil and violence, and yet the reminder is still given to us in the Gospel that holy homage and gift giving is what inspires those who seek the Lord. A good lesson for all of us who also seek to find the Lord, also in a world fraught with danger.

And finally with the theme of gift giving I am thankful to all those who included a gift to Project Advance in these last few weeks of the year. It has made a big difference in the overall success of our 2017 Appeal, with about 15% of our total being Christmas time donors. A big blessing to the Parish for sure!

Have a great week, *Fr. Dion*

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2018

EVANGELIZATION: RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN ASIA



That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Week at a Glance **January**

Please refer to Bulletin cover for our **regular weekday Mass schedule**

Jan 8 Monday

School Reopens

8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS

Jan 9 Tuesday

9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

4:00pm Soup Kitchen resumes weekly dinners - SOS Hall

7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library

Jan 10 Wednesday

Priests at 2nd Wednesday Communion Calls

10:00am Seniors Fitness - Potluck to follow after class - SOS Hall

6:30pm Confessions - GS

7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Jan 11 Thursday

4:00pm Legion of Mary- GS -Fireside

6:15pm P.R.E.P. - School

7:00pm Mandating Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - GS

Jan 12 Friday

6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside

Priests at 2nd Friday Communion Calls

9:15am School Mass - GS

7:00pm Young Adults (19-35 yrs) Group - School

Jan 13 Saturday

8:00am RCIA Retreat - GS

8:30am Confessions - SOS

10:00am Confessions - GS

Jan 14 Sunday

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

RESPONSORIAL: Ps 72:1-2,7-8, 10-13

2ND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM POPE FRANCIS HOMILY
ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY, 06/01/2017



An entirely different attitude reigned in the palace of Herod: *“When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him.”* (Mt 2:3) He was bewildered, afraid. It is the bewilderment of one who sits atop his wealth yet cannot see beyond it. The bewilderment of those immersed in the culture of winning at any cost, in that culture where there is only room for “winners”, whatever the price. A bewilderment born of fear and foreboding before anything that challenges us, calls into question our certainties and our truths, our ways of clinging to the world and this life.

Herod is unable to worship because he could not or would not change his own way of looking at things. He did not want to stop worshiping himself, believing that everything revolved around him. He was unable to worship, because his aim was to make others worship him. Nor could the priests worship, because although they had great knowledge, and knew the prophecies, they were not ready to make the journey or to change their ways.

We want to worship. Those men came from the East to worship, and they came to do so in the place befitting a king: a palace, amid a court and all his subjects. For that is a sign of power, success, a life of achievement. One might well expect a king to be venerated, feared and adulated. True, but not necessarily loved. For those are worldly categories, the paltry idols to which we pay homage: power, outward appearances and superiority. Idols that promise only sorrow and enslavement.

It was there, in that place, that those men would embark boldly on a more arduous and complicated journey. They had to discover that what they sought was not in a palace, but elsewhere, both existentially and geographically. There, in the palace, they did not see the star guiding them to discover a God who wants to be loved. For only under the banner of freedom, not tyranny, is it possible to realize that this unknown but desired king does not abase, enslave, or imprison us; to realize that the gaze of God lifts up, forgives and heals; to realize that God wanted to be born where we least expected, or perhaps desired, in a place where we so often refuse him; to realize that in God’s eyes there is always room for those who are wounded, weary, mistreated and abandoned. That **his strength and his power are called mercy**. For some of us, how far Jerusalem is from Bethlehem!

The Magi experienced longing; they were tired of the usual fare. They were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day. But there, in Bethlehem, was a promise of newness. There something new was taking place. The Magi were able to worship, because they had the courage to set out. And as they fell to their knees before the small, poor and vulnerable Infant, the unexpected and unknown Child of Bethlehem, they discovered the glory of God.

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star in the East, and have come to worship him” (Mt 2:2). With these words, the Magi, come from afar, tell us the reason for their long journey: they came to worship the newborn King. **To see and to worship**. These two actions stand out in the Gospel account.

These men saw a star that made them set out. The discovery of something unusual in the heavens sparked a whole series of events. They paid attention beyond just mere knowledge; whereas when Herod heard this and assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people (i.e. the experts on the Law, the experts on the Prophets, those who were tasked by God to teach and to lead, the preachers of the day...) and he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. And they told him, quoting a prophet: “In Bethlehem of Judea”. These men from the East who we know so little about, saw a star and were driven toward Jerusalem and then followed the star to Bethlehem. Yet, those who were experts in knowledge of the Prophets and Law were unmoved. They had the knowledge, but were not paying attention enough to do anything with it.

The Magi had paid attention, and that attention had turned into pursuit. They personify all those who believe, those who **long for God**, He is in fact, the only pursuit worth pursuing! Everything else on earth is meant to make you yearn for him or praise him; which is why if you think your marriage is going to satisfy you, your marriage is headed for trouble. If you think work is going to satisfy you, that’s why you are restless at work. If you think people’s approval of you is going to satisfy you, you become a slave to their affections. The only pursuit that is eternal and unwavering is of Him.

This same longing led the elderly Simeon to go up each day to the Temple, certain that his life would not end before he had held the Saviour in his arms. This longing led the Prodigal Son to abandon his self-destructive lifestyle and to seek his father’s embrace. This was the longing felt by the shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep in order to seek out the one that was lost. Mary Magdalene experienced the same longing on that Sunday morning when she ran to the tomb and met her risen Master. Longing for God draws us out of our isolation which makes us think that nothing can change. Longing for God shatters our dreary routines and impels us to make the changes we want and need.



SACRAMENTS

Baptism

We are excited to welcome your child into our faith community! **ALL** Parents and Godparents are required to attend a **Baptism Preparation Class** prior to scheduling a Baptism. The next class is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3rd**, 10:00am at Good Shepherd Church. Please contact the Parish Office to be added to the class list.

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

Reconciliation

Jesus established the Sacrament of Reconciliation when he gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins (John 20:22-23). We confess our sins to a priest and receive the gift of forgiveness from God, which brings us freedom and new life. Take time to go to Confession regularly. See weekly confession times listed on the bulletin cover.

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? Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for:

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| Alfred Morin | Odette Slezas |
| Pat Flickinger | Helen Mentek |
| Larry Fagan | Ray Davies |
| Bill Symons | Joe Novak |
| Ashley Lambert | Luka Volentier |
| Pat Bradley | Dan Hof |
| Marian Nadelko | Ashley Lambert |
| Rose Lawson | Edgar Druwe |
| Derek Ridsdale | Gene Nimetz |
| Graham Shore | John Dunn |
| Regina Merkl | Jim Cullina |
| Margaret Barron | James Mitten |
| Joanna Boomars | Ken Wharton |
| Joyce Henderson | |
| Bernadette Deeley | |
| Gloria Jaimes Aguilar | |

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:

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| Joseph Fifik | Molly Murch |
| Eileen Scott | Melville Walters |

considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love. Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss having your marriage convalidated, or "blessed".

Sacrament of the Sick or Anointing is administered both to the dying and to those who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation, for the recovery of health and for spiritual strength. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.



Open 24 hours Every Day

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

"We have come to pay Him homage."
Matthew 2:2

A big THANK YOU to those who answered the Lord's call to fill in at the chapel over the Christmas Season. Wishing you all many blessings! We pray that you will consider your own special Holy Hour of prayer each week.

Some of the hours needing a weekly visitor are:

- Sunday, 4:00-5:00am
- 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, 11:00-12:00noon
- Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Hours needing a substitute:

- Sat night/Sun, Jan. 21- Mdngr-1:00am
- Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28 -3:00-4:00am
- Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28 -7:00-8:00pm
- Wednesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24 - 5:00-6:00pm
- Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24 - 11:00pm-12Mdngr
- Thursdays, Jan.11, 18, 25 - 11:00am-12:00noon

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

We sinned for no reason but an incomprehensible lack of love, and He saved us for no reason but an incomprehensible excess of love.

~ Peter Kreeft

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

NEXT GATHERING: **FRIDAY,
JAN 12th**

**7:00-9:00PM
(in the School
Fine Arts Room)**

Questions? Email
parish@starofthesea.ca




Come join us on:
Monday, January 22nd and
Monday, January 29th
 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Good Shepherd Church
 to discuss and learn more
 about the prayer process
 introduced in the book, *Into
 the Deep* ~ by Dan Burke.
 Everyone is welcome!
 Copies of *Into the Deep* are
 still available at all 3



**BECOME
A
KNIGHT**

Next General Meeting and
 Installation of new members is on
Tuesday, January 23rd
 beginning at 7:00pm in the
 Knights' Chambers at Star of the
 Sea Hall.

It's not too late to join the Knights!
 If you're interested in helping
 those in need in our parish and
 community, strengthening our
 parish and familial relationships,
 and growing in your faith, then
 joining our Knights of Columbus
 gives you the way to achieve these
 goals. Membership is open to men
 18 years of age or older who are
 "practicing Catholics in union with
 the Holy See". This means that a
 member accepts the teaching
 authority of the Catholic Church
 on matters of faith and morals,
 aspires to live in accord with the
 precepts of the Catholic Church,
 and is in good standing in the
 Catholic Church.
 For membership or more
 information, please contact
 Brian 604-536-1947 or
 Stan at 604-538-8017



**Soup Kitchen Annual
 Italian Ethnic Dinner**

All Italian parishioners & friends
 are invited to help Pasquale &
 Anna Canino with this annual
 dinner on **Tuesday, January
 30th** at Star of the Sea Hall
 either from **12:00pm - 3:30pm**
 in food prep or from **3:30pm -
 7:00pm** with serving & clean-
 up. Please call Carolyn
 778-277-2533 if you are
 available to lend a hand.

**Gala 2017 Fundraising
 Total is finally in!**

Congratulations to all involved
 with our parish and school's
 biggest fundraiser!

Net amount raised was
\$108,757.96



Alpha Reunion

Gathering ALL past and present
 Alpha participants on:

Monday, January 15th
 6:30pm-8:30pm
 Good Shepherd Church
 Light refreshments served.

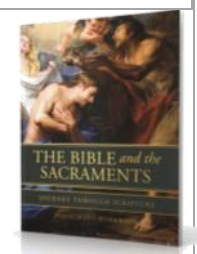
If you experienced the Alpha
 program here or at another
 place, recently or years ago, we
 invite you to come!

A new session of Alpha starts
 soon! Our **Invitation Dinner**
 is on **Monday, February 5th.**
 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Good Shepherd Church

For more info or to register,
 please call the Parish Office
 604-531-5739

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The Bible and the
 Sacraments is unlike
 any other study on
 the sacraments.
 Certainly it looks at
 the basic teaching of
 the Church as to their
 meaning and origin,
 but it goes further by examining
 the rich relationship between
 the Old and New Testaments,
 revealing the sacraments as
 more than mere earthly rituals.



Come join us for this video
 series: **Five Thursdays**
 starting **January 18th**
 1:00pm or 7:00pm
 at Good Shepherd Church

No registration necessary. For
 inquiries, call Loren
 604-538-8761

Archdiocesan Holy Hour

FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE CONSECRATED LIFE

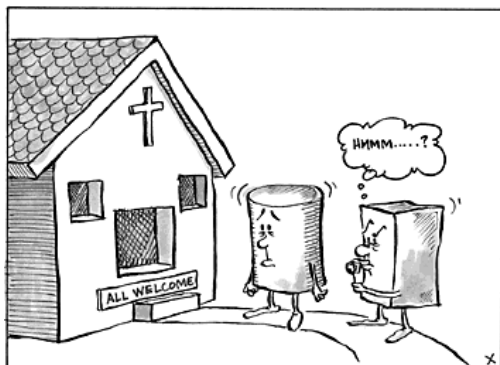


Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, along with other members of the faithful throughout the archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." The next one is on **Thursday, January 18th**, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 7455 Tenth Ave, Burnaby, 7:00-8:00pm

The Art of Invitation Workshop

Do you feel called to help a friend renew their relationship with God? Sometimes all it takes is starting a new conversation with them. But how do we start that conversation? Learn practical tips from Mara Narciso (Alpha Canada) and Amber Zolc (CCO and Archdiocese of Vancouver) about the Art of Invitation on **Friday, Jan. 19th**, 7:00pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. RSVP to Amber Zolc at 604-683-0281 ext 50246 or email:

AZolc@rcav.org



AFTER FINALLY CONVINCING HIS NEIGHBOUR TO COME TO CHURCH, STEVE STARTED QUESTIONING HIS PLAN.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and where the Holy Mass is celebrated in over twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. As an Archdiocese, for the past 6 years we have commemorated and observed the **WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES** by celebrating a Mass inviting as many cultures (both old migrants and recent arrivals) to share and pray on this day as an universal church.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees is **"Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees."** As Christians, *"we have the unique opportunity to advocate and support the concrete actions to welcome, protect, promote, and integrate our migrant and refugee neighbours"*, and to share this message with all, especially our political and social leaders.

On **Sunday, January 21st, 2018**, the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB at St. Patrick Parish, 2881 Main Street, in Vancouver, at 2:30pm with reception in the parish gym immediately following Mass. This is a family event!

For more info, email: wdmr@rcav.org or call: Erwin Fung 604-683-0281 ext. 50226

St. Francis Xavier Relic Pilgrimage



The Archdiocese of Ottawa, the Jesuits in Canada and Catholic Christian Outreach are collaborating to bring the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

The veneration of relics is a longstanding practice inside and outside the Catholic Church. Within Christianity, the practice rests on the belief that God came to humanity in the flesh, namely in the physical person of Jesus of Nazareth. Important sacraments of the faith also include water, wine and bread—physical elements that take on spiritual, supernatural value and characteristics. Similarly, the relics of saints provide for a tangible experience of God's graces. As well, Catholics believe that saints can intercede for humanity, given their proximity to God in what is commonly referred to as the "Communion of Saints" or the Mystical Body of Christ.

Our prayer is that through this relic pilgrimage, you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
at St. Francis Xavier
428 Great Northern Way, Vancouver

1:00pm-6:30pm - Public Veneration
7:00pm - Mass with Archbishop Miller
8:30pm-11:00pm - Public Veneration
11:00pm - Closing Prayer:
Litany of St Francis Xavier

Everyone is welcome. Free event.