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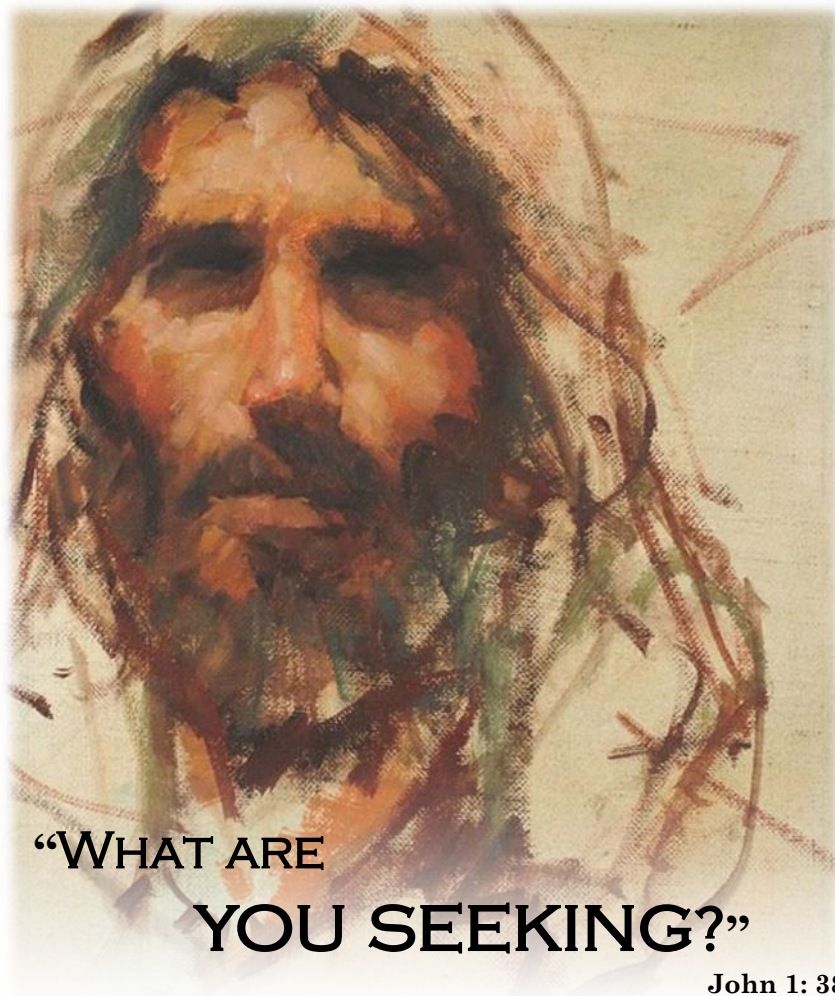
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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 14, 2018



“WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?”

John 1: 38

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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 14, 2018

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

For the next several weeks we wear the green vestments for Mass indicating that we're in the Ordinary cycle of the Church's liturgical season. It's a visual reminder that the solemn feasts we've just celebrated are the inspiration for a life lived in hope which is symbolized by the color green. And the ordinary life of the Christian, even with the realities of weakness and sin which sometimes seems to abound, is a life centered on the person of Jesus Christ, and our daily life is lived with the extraordinary grace of the virtue of hope.

Today at the 11am Mass we gather our participants in the RCIA program and celebrate the "Rite of Acceptance" with them. There are two groups that are focused on: ie, those who seek entrance into the Church through the waters of Baptism; and those already baptized who seek full communion with the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith. The Church officially accepts them as candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation, which are administered at the Easter Vigil Mass every year. For the next many weeks they will come as a group to the 11am Mass and be dismissed after the homily in order to spend time reflecting on the Liturgy of the Word for that day. They don't participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist until they become members of the Church and receive Holy Communion. Let us hold them up in prayer.

Have a hope filled week, *Fr. Dion*

A Prayer for Our Catechumens:

*Lord Jesus, we ask your blessings on these men and women who aspire to join your Church through our parish community. As they ponder your **Word** and share their stories, may the fabric of their lives become interwoven just as our lives are - into the very **Body of Christ**, your Church. As they grow in knowledge and understanding of the faith, so too may they continue to plumb the depths of their hearts and find the **awesome** goodness of you, God of all, in the hearts of others. As they hunger for you, may they also proclaim you, boldly and joyfully. Give to us, **Spirit of Love**, the grace to walk their journeys with them in faith. And, Creator God, may we all be one in you, as you are One - a Trinity of being in a continuously revolving circle, never-changing yet ever-changing, that cannot be comprehended but **only adored.***

Amen

WEEK AT A Glance

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

Jan 15 Monday

- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm Alpha Reunion - GS

Jan 16 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS
- Cry Room
- 10:00am Deanery Meeting - GS
- 4:00pm Soup Kitchen - SOS Hall
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS
- Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS
- Library

Jan 17 Wednesday

- Priests at 3rd Wed. Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - Potluck to follow after class - SOS Hall
- 3:30pm *Parish Office closed early today for meeting*
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Jan 18 Thursday

- 1:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 1 of 5):
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside
- 6:15pm P.R.E.P. - School
- 6:30pm 1st Holy Communion Parents Meeting - GS
- 7:00pm Bible & The Sacrament (Week 1 of 5):
BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Jan 19 Friday

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

Jan 20 Saturday

- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 5:00pm 1st Holy Communion Families Mass

Jan 21 Sunday



This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
2ND READING: 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20
GOSPEL: John 1: 35-42

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM POPE FRANCIS - GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAINT PETER'S SQUARE - 2017/08/30

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God.

"Behold, the Lamb of God!" (John 1: 36)

Hearing this is the "spark" that ignites Andrew and another man [the first 2 disciples] to leave their first teacher and begin to follow Jesus. On the way, he turns to them and asks the decisive question:

"What do you seek?" (v. 38)

In the Gospels, Jesus appears as an expert on the human heart... throughout the entire Gospel, in all of the encounters that happen to him along the way, Jesus appears as an "incendiary" of hearts. From this springs that probing question of his that seeks to bring out the desire for life and happiness that every person bears inside: "What do you seek?" ... "What are you looking for in your heart?"

John and Andrew's vocation begins in this way: it is the beginning of a friendship with Jesus so strong as to impose a commonality of life and of passions with Him. The two disciples stay with Jesus and immediately become missionaries, because when the encounter ends, they do not calmly return home: in fact, their respective brothers — Simon and James — soon become engaged as followers. They go to them and say: "We have found the Messiah; we have found a great prophet": they share the news. They are missionaries in that encounter.

How can we discover our own vocation [our very purpose] in this world? It can be discovered in many ways, but this passage of the Gospel tells us that the first indicator is **the joy of the encounter with Jesus**. Marriage, consecrated life, priesthood: every true vocation begins with an encounter with Jesus who gives us joy and hope anew; and he leads us, even through trials and difficulties, to an ever fuller encounter; that encounter, the encounter with him, grows greater, and to the fullness of joy.

The Lord does not want men and women who walk behind him reluctantly, without having the wind of gladness in their hearts... ask yourself: "Do I have within me, in my heart, the wind of gladness?" Jesus wants

people who understand that being with him bestows immense happiness, which can be renewed every day of our life.

A disciple of God's Kingdom who is not joyful does not evangelize this world; he is sad. We become Jesus' preachers not by sharpening the weapons of rhetoric [not through knowing about Him, but by knowing Him] ... How do we become preachers of Jesus? By keeping the sparkle of true happiness in our eyes. We see many Christians, even among us, who transmit the joy of faith with their eyes: with their eyes!

For this reason, a Christian, like the Virgin Mary, keeps alive the flame of falling in love: in love with Jesus. Certainly there are trials in life; there are moments in which it is necessary to go forward despite the cold and the crosswinds, despite much bitterness. But Christians know the way that leads to that sacred fire which ignited them once and for ever.

But please, I implore you: let us not give credence to embittered and unhappy people...let us not trust those who extinguish all nascent enthusiasm, saying that no undertaking is worth the sacrifice of a whole life... Instead, let us cultivate healthy utopias: God wants us to be able to dream like him and with him, as we journey, well aware of reality. Dream of a different world. And if one dream is snuffed out, let us go back to dreaming of it again, drawing with hope from the memory of the beginning, from those embers that, perhaps after not such a good life, are hidden under the ashes of the first encounter with Jesus.

Here then, is a fundamental dynamic of Christian life: remembering Jesus. Paul said to his disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ" (2 Tim 2:8); this is the advice of the great Saint Paul: "Remember Jesus Christ". Let us remember Jesus, the loving fire by which one day we understood our life as a project of good, and with this flame, let us rekindle our hope.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE LIVED THROUGH MUCH DARKNESS, I HAVE SEEN ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO BE UNSHAKABLY CONVINCED THAT NO DIFFICULTY, NO FEAR IS SO GREAT THAT IT CAN COMPLETELY SUFFOCATE THE HOPE THAT SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE HEARTS OF THE YOUNG... DO NOT LET THAT HOPE DIE! STAKE YOUR LIVES ON IT!

WE ARE NOT THE SUM OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES; WE ARE THE SUM OF THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US AND OUR REAL CAPACITY TO BECOME THE IMAGE OF HIS SON."

Welcome TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Teran family: Magda, Italo, Isabella & Lucas

Permarie Poblador

Jaymee Syjuico

Ang family: Johannsen, Jennifer, Jaela and Joaquin

Sean & Robynn Thorsteinson



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

"For whoever finds me finds LIFE, and wins favor from the LORD."
Proverbs 8:35

Blessed are those who come to see Jesus in the Eucharist! Spend ONE HOUR in front of the Throne of Grace surrendering your MIND and HEART before Him and watch Him TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE!

Holy Hours needing a weekly adorer:

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

- Mdngt-1:00am

Sundays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11

- 11:00am-12:00noon

Sundays, Jan. 14, 21, 28

- 7:00pm-8:00pm

Sun night/Mon Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12

- Mdngt-1:00am

Mon night/Tue Jan. 30, Feb. 6

- Mdngt-1:00am

Wednesdays, Jan. 24, 31

- 5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24

- 11:00pm-12Mdngt

Thursdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

- 11:00am-12:00noon

Thursdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8

- 7:00pm-8:00pm

To schedule a Holy Hour or for more information please call:

Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or

Donna Sali 604 542 3070

Alpha Reunion is tomorrow!

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 in our parish or elsewhere, recently or years ago, *we invite you to come!* Meet others in the Alpha community, hear and share personal testimonies.



Please pray for:

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



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.

For membership or more information, please contact Brian 604-536-1947 or Stan at 604-538-8017

ALPHA INVITATION DINNER

Is on **Monday, February 5th** 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Church

ALPHA IS FOR EVERYONE

- 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.
- 'Practicing Catholics' who are not so involved in taking up our baptismal call to participate in the mission of the church.

Alpha is for meeting Jesus.

For more info or to register call the Parish Office 604-531-5739 or email: mylanan@starofthesea.ca or janiceh@starofthesea.ca



Soup Kitchen Annual Italian Ethnic Dinner is on **Tuesday, January 30th** at Star of the Sea Hall.

If you available to lend a hand 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.

THE BIBLE *and the* SACRAMENTS

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

*What are the sacraments?
Why do we do what we do in the
confessional or at Mass?
What's the point of baptizing a
baby?*

While Catholics know the sacraments are important, many never fully grasp how life-changing these “masterworks of God” really are.

Come join us for an awe-inspiring video series, in which the power of the sacraments come alive in a personal, new way.

5 Thursdays
1:00pm OR 7:00pm
at Good Shepherd Church

January 18th

Session 1

- The Waters of Salvation (Baptism)
- *On a Mission for God* (Confirmation)

January 25 & February 1

Sessions 2 & 3

- *The Sacrificial Offering* (Eucharist)
- *Lamb of God* (Eucharist)
- *Heaven on Earth* (Eucharist)

February 8

Session 4

- *Reconciled to God* (Penance)
- *Spiritual Healing* (Anointing of the Sick)

February 15

Session 5

- *Brides and Bridegrooms* (Marriage)
- *Ordained to Serve* (Priesthood)

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

Are you really **CHRISTIAN** or just “**BEING NICE**”? ~ Fr. Mike Schmidt of ASCENSION PRESENTS ascensionpresents.com

Too many of us are content with the idea of “show up on Sunday, put something in the basket, and you’re good”. I think that that might have been the vision of Catholicism that certain people might have had in the past, but this was never an authentic perspective of what it means to be a Christian.

A Christian is one who is brought into a very **particular relationship with God in Jesus Christ**. A Christian is one who has been **made into a child of God the Father by the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit**. A Christian is a **friend of God**. A Christian is someone who has **surrendered** their will, their mind, their heart, and their entire life to Jesus Christ.

Now, of course being a Christian is also essentially about being made into a member of His Body, the Church. The Church is absolutely necessary. But it has been my experience that, when we talk about the Church, too many of us default into imagining being part of a “club” rather than recognizing that we are brought into the Church for our own sake, but also **for the sake of being Christ in the world**.

All that being said, there is one more thing that is necessary for the Lord to make a difference though you. This “thing” is not great skills or great giftedness. You will not need to be perfect or flawless. You will not need an advanced degree in theology or to be employed by the Church. You will not need anyone’s “permission” for this. The only thing required? **Being available**.

This is the secret of being a great parent, coach, friend, pastor...or Christian. And by “great”, I simply mean someone who has made a positive difference in the life of someone else. Our culture tends to measure something like “greatness” in terms of “fame”. But this has never been a reliable criterion for true greatness or excellence. There are many famous people who are not excellent. People who might be recognized on the street, but excellence can go unnoticed. The kind of excellence that you want is not always recognized...even when it is there. When someone has fame, they can be recognized...even if there is no excellence in them.

People who are available are generous. They are generous with their time. They are generous with their attention. They are generous with their heart. In fact, the technical term for this might be “**magnanimity**”. Magnanimity means “**greatness of soul**”. Great people have greatness of soul (or heart). They have the perspective of abundance; there is always more, not less. Some people operate with an attitude of scarcity; there is never enough. Those people who walk around with this attitude of scarcity never have enough time, attention, or love to share.

But the **Christian is called to live like Christ**. And Jesus was certainly great. Jesus was most definitely magnanimous. This isn’t to say that he never got tired or burned out. But it is to say that he approached people with the attitude of “how can I give?” Please keep in mind that Jesus didn’t invest deeply in every person he met. He loved and gave to all those who would receive, but he was radically available to only a few. The same might be true for you. When you follow Christ and live with an attitude of abundance and magnanimity, you may only be able to be available to a few. That is okay. You are not greater than Jesus.

But this is the key: availability. Begin each day (or each week) asking God to guide you towards those whom He is calling you to be available. Give God permission to interrupt your day with these people. Begin to see these “interruptions” as “Divine appointments”. That is, see them not as distractions that take you away from what you should be doing at any given moment, but to recognize them for what they truly are: opportunities to be **available to God at any and every moment of the day for the purpose of His will**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2018



January 18th - January 25th

"Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6)

In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse ways. During this week we are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church. All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ.

Thursday, January 18

St. Matthew's Catholic Church
16079 88th Avenue at 12:00pm

For a full schedule of services, visit rcav.org/christian-unity or contact Marjeta at mbobnar@rcav.org



Holy Cross Regional Secondary will be hosting an Open House **Thursday, January 25th** from 6:00pm-8:30pm, 16193 88th Avenue, Surrey. You are invited to join Holy Cross' community and see our school in action. Enjoy Band/Choir performances, Science experiments, participate in a French Café, savour the complimentary sweets and coffee from our Home Economics Department and meet and greet with Holy Cross' teachers and students. Applications for new students applying for the 2018/2019 school year will be accepted that evening.

www.holycross.bc.ca



The Life in the Spirit Seminar is composed of a series of talks given by various priests in the Archdiocese, personal testimonies and small group discussions, to lead people through the basic message of salvation, and to help them yield to the actions of the Holy Spirit in their lives. 7 weekly sessions at: St. Nicholas Parish
20675-87 Ave, Langley
Starting **Monday, Jan 29th** (until March 12th)

For further information, call:
Lennie: 604-954-7296
Karen: 778-298-6716
Eric: 778-251-7508

Winter Institute 2018

One day courses for ministry training, faith formation and general interest open to all.

Saturday, January 27th

10:00am to 4:00pm

Holy Cross Secondary School
16193 - 88th Avenue, Surrey

Writing & Sharing Your

Testimony (Presenters: Mark Suezo & Shannelle Bautista)

Half-Day, 10:00am - 12:30pm

One of the most effective tools of evangelization is a personal testimony; everyone has a story of how the Lord has worked in their life. Come and discover your own testimony and learn why it is so important to be a witness in this way. Sharing your testimony can be one of the most effective tools in ministry.

The Message of the Missionary

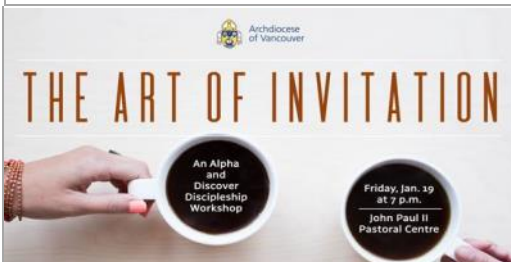
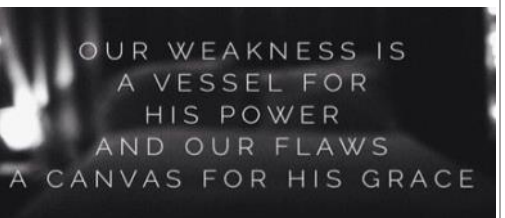
Presenters: Amber Zolc

Half-Day, 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Evangelization is a buzz word we hear a lot in the Church these days. Yet, there is a mystery around it. Who is called to evangelize? Why do we evangelize? How do we evangelize? Let's demystify this topic of evangelization and understand more about the who, the why and the how of it all.

Course cost (50%) will be covered by the parish.

For full list of courses and for more info, visit rcav.org/oc-winter-institute



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