

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Today, and for the next two Sundays, we will celebrate with our RCIA candidates the rites known as the "scrutinies" which will be accompanied with the formal presentations of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The scrutinies are meant to be a prayerful intercession for the continual conversion of the Elect, assisting them to be delivered from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them from temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. These prayers are accompanied by the prayer of exorcism, imparting new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey. The Elect are then lovingly entrusted with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer.

As a parish community we are called to support our RCIA group who are preparing to enter the Church at the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. We need to hold them up in prayer and encourage them with our friendship. And if possible, to attend the Easter Vigil Mass as a way of welcoming them into the family of the Church. That's the one Mass that we have a reception afterwards, taking the opportunity to give them a hearty congratulations as new members of our faith family, while we also enjoy some food and refreshments.

And how are we doing with our Lenten observances? As we move into the middle of the Season of Lent we might remind ourselves once again of the Gospel for Ash Wednesday with its teaching on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The 5th Sunday of Lent is Share Lent Sunday and it is customary to bring our offerings for the poor on that day, usually related to the "giving up" of something we did for Lent. The children of the parish are also encouraged to take part in this special effort, even as a modest expression of their Lenten sacrifices.

Have a good week,

Fr. Dion

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

Mar 5 Monday

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

6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 5 of 11) "WHY AND HOW DO I PRAY?" - GS

Mar 6 Tuesday

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

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

Mar 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

Mar 8 Thursday

12:00pm CWL Lenten Lunch - SOS Hall

1:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (1 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside

6:30pm PREP - School

7:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (1 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

Mar 9 Friday

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

Priests at 2nd Friday Communion Calls

6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by RCIA) - GS

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

Mar 10 Saturday

8:30am Confessions - SOS

10:00am Confessions - GS

Mar 11 3RD Sunday of LENT



To serve you better, the Parish Office now remains open through the lunch hour (Noon-1:00pm), MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

Only on Saturday when there is only 1 assistant on staff, the office will close over lunch (Noon-1:00pm).

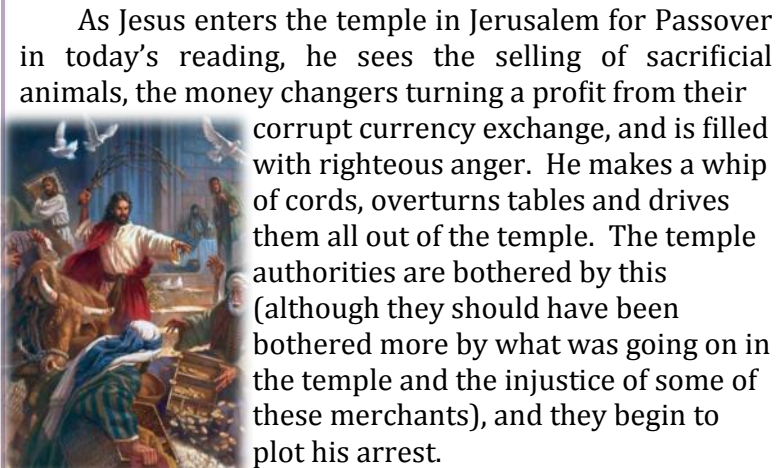
This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 19:8-11

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25



As Jesus enters the temple in Jerusalem for Passover in today's reading, he sees the selling of sacrificial animals, the money changers turning a profit from their corrupt currency exchange, and is filled with righteous anger. He makes a whip of cords, overturns tables and drives them all out of the temple. The temple authorities are bothered by this (although they should have been bothered more by what was going on in the temple and the injustice of some of these merchants), and they begin to plot his arrest.

Verse 17 then says, "His disciples remembered that it was written, *"Zeal for your house will consume me."* Zeal for God's house consumed Jesus. He was most passionate about the glory of God, that God would be known, loved and treasured among his people. However, for the Jews in the temple that day, their zeal was not for God. They had turned to another god, the god of commerce, of consumerism, the god of personal gain. Is that not the constant conflict we find ourselves in today? Will I be zealous to know him, love him, and honor him, or am I going to be zealous for my own comfort and increasing my own personal well-being? This is a great issue in the culture of the 21st century.

This is what one writer wrote about today's culture:

"The twenty-first century will be a century marked by conspicuous consumption but also a flagrant misuse of time. With religion off the agenda, our culture finds new avenues of devotion and distraction. Instead of moving us toward relationship and people, the immanent, superflat culture pushes us toward things... Millions of hours in the twenty-first century will be spent working through DVD TV series, scanning social network sites, gorging on celebrity gossip, downloading music, flipping through home magazines, and playing computer games. Things will take precedence over people. We escape into obsessions and hobbies...meaningless activities will overtake our lives. There is nothing wrong with interests and hobbies in their right place, but the twenty-first-century culture will gorge on such activities. The real issues of human existence that have sat front and center of human consciousness have in the superflat, immanent world been shoved aside. They are too heavy to be carried on the road. Instead we buzz across the surface of life, never venturing below the surface."

The Road Trip by Mark Sayer

Do you find yourself in this? Because every one of us is zealous for something. This zealousness or deep

love or passion is what sets our priorities. It fuels our actions and it determines our decisions. If it's not something we consider trivial, it could be a person or it could be money, the approval of other people, or acclaim and respect, possessions or comforts.

And Jesus is telling us there's only one place worthy for us to set that kind of zeal and passion - and it's upon God. Oh that we would be a people zealous to know and love God, where he's the object of our greatest love, our greatest pursuit!

Perhaps our zeal for Him would be awakened when we see His zeal for us? Perhaps if could see the glory of God, the greatness of God, then the unbearable lightness of the things we go after would be revealed to us. We would see just how trivial the things in our lives we give our hearts to really are.

In verse 21, Jesus teaches us that the temple (the one the people would come to and worship in) is being superseded by a greater temple... Himself. *He* is now the temple of God. Jesus is God's ultimate expression of his desire to be with us. He is the place on earth where the presence of God is made manifest and dwells in its fullness.

When Jesus was walking upon the earth, he was the very presence of God among us. He was the temple, and he is the place where we can meet with God and be accepted by God because of the sacrifice he makes for us. Through Jesus, God has removed every obstacle standing in the way of you and me knowing him, enjoying him, being in right relationship with him, living our lives open in response to him, having him as our Father.

This is what Jesus is passionate about. The passion for each one of us to know, love and be reconciled with God was the very death of Jesus Christ, and nothing we could give our zeal to has ever given that much for us! When we see the grace of God and his zeal for us, our hearts can't help but be warmed towards him. That is why our prayer lives and reading the Bible are so critical because that it is there we will encounter our God. We want to see him in his greatness, and we want to experience and taste his grace as he reveals it to us through his Spirit off the pages of the Word and works Gospel enjoyment into our hearts! When that begins to happen, God starts to arrest our zeal and he starts to take our zeal and place it where it needs to be placed. *Thanks be to God!*



TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Marivic Reyno

Analyn Palad

John Belzer

Chery Mary Fynes

Zimmerman family: Hans, Christiane, Christian & Jonas

Burgess family: William, Adela, Luciane, Isabella, Valerie, Elyssa & Joseph

Perez family: Jeremy, Denise, Samantha & Sophia



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Dominic Wight, Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant, Michelle Vandene, Fran Lizaraso Caparo, 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



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

"My Lord and My God." Jn 20:28

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, set my heart on You alone, so that I may find my joy in Your friendship, my treasure in Your love, my riches in Your grace, and my happiness in my union with You.

Center your life on the love that Jesus has for you. Come, spend a weekly hour in adoration.

Holy Hours in need are:

Sunday, 4:00-5:00am

Sunday, 12:00noon-1:00pm

Sunday, 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, Mdnght-1:00am

Thursday, 2:00-3:00am

Thursday, 5:00-6:00am

Thursday, 11:00-12:00noon

Friday, 8:00-9:00pm

Saturday, 1:00-2:00am

Saturday, 2:00-3:00am

Substitutes are needed for:

Sundays, Mar. 11, 18 & 25

- 10:00pm-11:00pm

Mondays, Mar. 5, 12 & 19

- 10:00pm-11:00pm

Wednesdays, Mar. 7 & 14

- 11:00pm-12:00Mdnght

Fridays, Mar 23&30-8:00-9:00pm

Saturday, Mar.10- 1:00-2:00pm

Saturday, Mar.10-2:00-3:00pm

For more information please call:

Donna Sali 604 542 3070



Your 2017 Income Tax receipt and Project Advance contribution

receipt were mailed on February 22nd to the mailing address we have on file for you. If you haven't received yours by now we may not have your correct mailing address. Please contact the Parish Office to update our records. Thank you!



Congratulations to those recently baptised:

Carmelo Cruz Natividad



EXPERIENCE THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS FOR YOU

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" This fascinating letter reveals the merciful love that God the Father has for us, his children. It speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation that Jesus has won for us, and it explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ's redeeming sacrifice through faith and love. Galatians is a study that will reignite your love for God as you learn of the astonishing love God has for you.

Everyone is welcome to join this 8-part video study on:

THURSDAYS starting March 8th

1:00pm OR 7:00pm

Good Shepherd Church

No cost (optional study guide \$20). Please register through the Parish Office.



STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR

presents:

A Choral Presentation reflecting on the Passion of Christ

Sunday, March 25th

3:00pm

Good Shepherd Church

Tickets available at the

Parish Office and at the door

on March 25th.

\$10/Adult or \$8/Senior



To All Ladies in the Parish: Please



join us **Tuesday, March 6th** for our General Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, Good Shepherd Church. The Mass will be offered *for the repose of the soul of Rose Grasser.*

CWL Diocesan Bursaries

are available to a daughter/granddaughter or son/grandson of a CWL member who is in good standing in the Diocese of Vancouver to provide financial help (in the amount of \$500 or \$1,000 each) to those furthering their education. Information sheet and bursary applications are available at the Parish Office. Application deadline is March 31st.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds

NEXT GATHERING: FRIDAY, MARCH 9th 7:00-9:00PM
(in the School Fine Arts Room)

Questions? Want to be added to the contact list? Email: parish@starofthesea.ca



THANK YOU

to those who placed an order for Manuka Honey Products, organic Coffee & Tea to help raise funds for the Comfort Coat Project. **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ORDERS on Sunday, Mar 18th** from Good Shepherd Church.

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 14 to March 25

COME PRAY WITH US



40 Days for Life is a focused PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in Canada and around the world. The campaign's mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity and the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life.

Since the campaign began on Feb. 14th, hundreds of hours of prayer and fasting have been offered and we at Star of the Sea Parish, want to add our voices in solidarity with many others all around the globe for an end to the killing of innocent human life through abortion and euthanasia. Pope St John-Paul II wrote, *"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world."*

We have chosen **TUESDAY, MARCH 13th** for our parish to cover 24-hours of prayer. Because many of our faithful find it difficult to travel and stand at the vigil site at BC Women's Hospital in Vancouver, we will hold our 24-hour vigil in **GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**. From midnight on March 13th to midnight on March 14th the church will be open for continual prayer and fasting. We invite all parishioners to take part. Come, let us pray together for the *Right to Life!*

A sign up sheet will be at the foyer of Good Shepherd Church for the next 2 Sundays and we encourage you to sign up for one hour. For more information, contact the Parish Office.



2018 SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN

Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government.



The Share Lent campaign Together for Peace invites us to show solidarity with our sisters and brothers who, like us, participate in building peace in the world.

So that Development and Peace and its partners can continue to be artisans of peace in the world, we appeal to your generosity.

Share Lent Sunday is March 18th.

Visit www.devp.org for more information.

No matter how much time you spend **FASTING**
No matter how much you sleep on a **HARD FLOOR** and **EAT ASHES**
and **SIGH CONTINUALLY**

If you **DO NO GOOD TO OTHERS**
You do **NOTHING GREAT.**

- Pope Francis



SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN: SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

The Spiritual Exercises are a weekend silent retreat with spiritual talks and time for personal meditation in silence. The spiritual conferences are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and the principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As experience has shown throughout the centuries, the Spiritual Exercises have proven to be an excellent means of conversion and sanctification.

**March 16, 2018 @ 4:30 pm –
March 18, 2018 @ 5:00 pm**
Westminster Abbey, Mission
COST: \$230

For more info or to register,
contact Jody 604-825-5391



Mass of Remembrance

Join us on **Sunday, March 18th**, for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray together for our loved ones that have passed away this month. Mass will be held at BOTH 12:30pm and 2:30pm in our Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.

March 4, 2018 ~ 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, will celebrate Mass on **Monday, March 19th**, at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30pm.

That evening, he will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver. Highlighting one of our **ARCHDIOCESAN PRIORITIES AND GOALS: STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES**, Cardinal Tagle will address the challenges of living the faith within family life. Family time, among today's many distractions, continues to be an almost lost reality for many.

Join us for his talk on **KEEPING FAMILIES IN FAITH: THE DOMESTIC CHURCH IN A GLOBAL VILLAGE**. The evening begins with an opening performance at 6:00pm followed by an opening address by Archbishop Miller and a talk by Cardinal Tagle.

Tickets are now on sale. Visit rcav.org/cardinal-tagle



Sacred Heart School presents THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST MOVIE

on the BIG SCREEN - **Friday, March 9th**. Showtime is 7:00pm. Following this 2-hour film, expert speaker, David Baird, PhD, cand, Catholic Pacific College will answer questions and speak about the meaning of Christ's Passion for us as Christians.



for sequences of graphic violence. Admission by donation. Please join us for this powerful depiction of our Lord's way to the Cross.

For more information contact Sacred Heart School 604-946-2611 or office@shsdelta.org or Erin Seddon - PREP Coordinator 604-946-2618 or eseddon@shsdelta.org

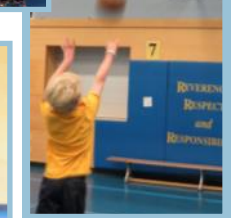
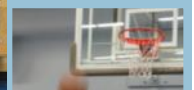
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

Easter Chocolates

We're fundraising for Outdoor Ed with Purdy's which gives 25% of sales back to our school! Pick up your Purdy's Easter Catalogue at School or at Good Shepherd Church. Online **orders are due by March 13th**. Thank you for your support!



A special **thank you** to the Knights of Columbus who sponsored our Gr. 4 - 7 basketball shooting contest. It was a special opportunity for our intermediate students. Everyone from participants to cheering observers had a lot of fun!



School will be CLOSED
March 12th - 23rd

