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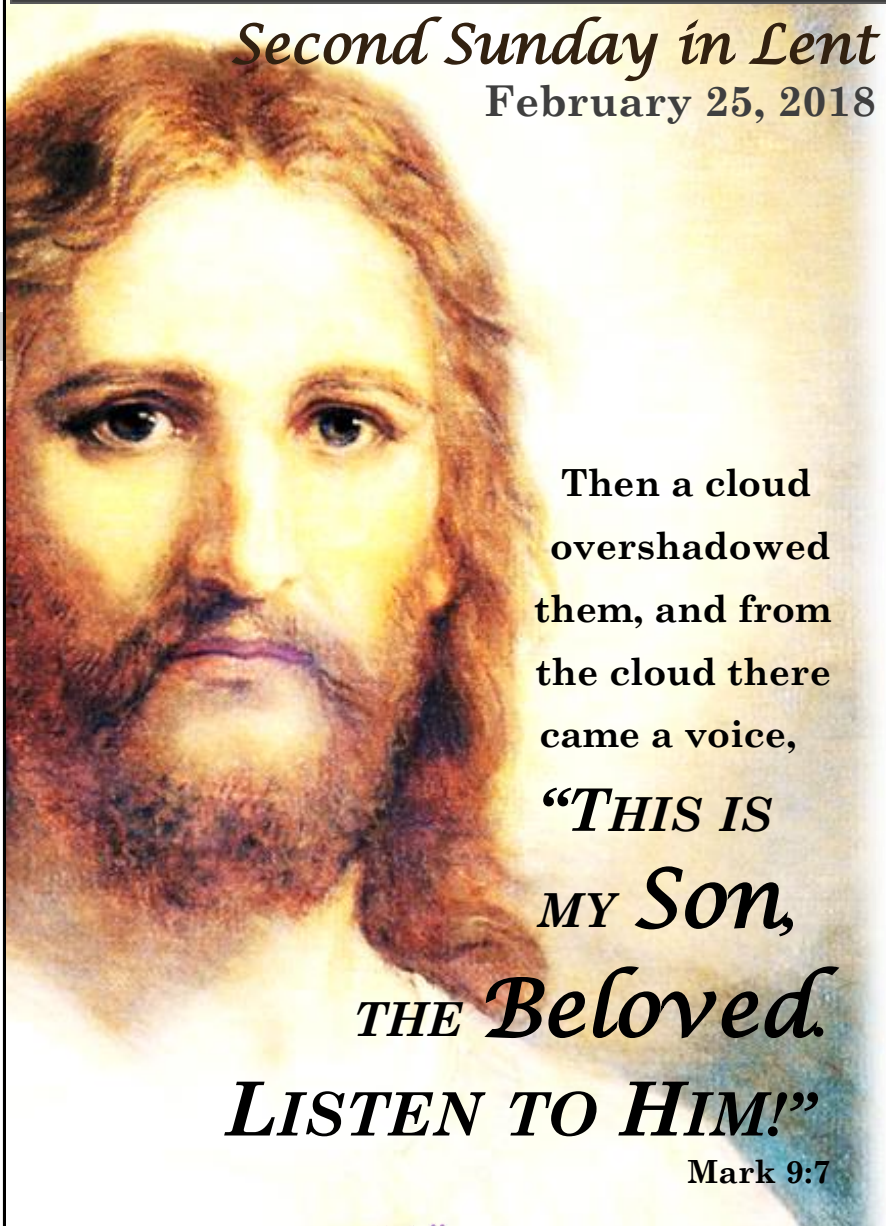
Star of the Sea Catholic Elementary

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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018



Then a cloud
 overshadowed
 them, and from
 the cloud there
 came a voice,

**“THIS IS
 MY SON,
 THE Beloved.**

LISTEN TO HIM!”

Mark 9:7

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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

February 25, 2018

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Next Saturday we are welcoming Jake and Heather Khym to our parish so that they might lead a Lenten day of retreat for us. It will begin at 9am in our school gym and close with the 5pm Mass, and since lunch is included we need to know how many will attend, so can you sign the roster sheet or call the office. There is no charge for this day, but an offering will be taken up to go towards the expenses. I hope many of you will consider coming. I'm sure it will be a good day spent in encouraging our Lenten resolves and strengthening our life of faith.

During the Lenten season we place a special emphasis on the Sacrament of Confession, since we are reminded that we need to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season, and therefore make a good confession in preparation for that. The Easter Season includes the six weeks of Lent and the six weeks following Easter Sunday, so we have a three month window to take care of this holy obligation. Be mindful that the parish schedules weekly times for confession, and a special evening with many priests helping before Holy Week, and that the priests are available upon request most any time. So please plan for your sacred moment of confession, and a handy brochure is available on the wall by the confessionals .

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Dion

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 movies 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 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.

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 116: 10, 15-19

2ND READING: Romans 8: 31-34

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-10

POPE FRANCIS ~ Saint Peter's Square Second Sunday of Lent, 16 March 2014



Today the Gospel presents the Transfiguration. It is the second stage of the Lenten journey: the first was the temptation in the desert, last Sunday; the second, the Transfiguration. Jesus *“took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart”* (Mt 17:1). The mountain in the Bible represents a place close to God and an intimate

encounter with Him, a place of prayer where one stands in the presence of the Lord. There up on the mount, Jesus is revealed to the three disciples as transfigured, luminescent and most beautiful. And then Moses and Elijah appear and converse with Him. His face is so resplendent and his robes so white that Peter, awe-struck, wishes to stay there, as if to stop time. Suddenly from on high the voice of the Father resounds proclaiming Jesus to be his most beloved Son, saying *“listen to him”* (v. 5). This word is important!

Our Father said this to these Apostles, and says it to us as well: *“listen to Jesus, because he is my beloved Son”*. This week let us keep this word in our minds and in our hearts: *“listen to Jesus”*. And the Pope is not saying this, God the Father says it to everyone: to me, to you, to everyone, all people! It is like an aid for going forward on the path of Lent.

Listen to Jesus! This invitation from the Father is very important. **We, the disciples of Jesus, are called to be people who listen to his voice and take his words seriously. To listen to Jesus, we must be close to him, to follow him, like the crowd in the Gospel who chase him through the streets of Palestine. Jesus did not have a teaching post or a fixed pulpit, he was an itinerant teacher, who proposed his teachings, teachings given to him by the Father, along the streets, covering distances**

that were not always predictable or easy. **Follow Jesus in order to listen to him.** But also let us listen to Jesus in his written Word, in the Gospel. I pose a question to you: do you read a passage of the Gospel everyday? Yes, no... half of the time ... some yes, some no. It is important! ... have a small book of the Gospel, a little one, to carry in our pocket or in our purse and read a little passage in whatever moment presents itself during the day. In any given moment of the day I take the Gospel from my pocket and I read something, a short passage. **Jesus is there and he speaks to us in the Gospel!**

Let the Gospel be with us always, because it is the Word of Jesus in order for us to be able to listen to him. From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: **ascent** and **descent**. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. **This we do in prayer.**

But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to “descend the mountain” and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers in difficulty, **we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.**

And this is curious. When we hear the Word of Jesus, when we listen to the Word of Jesus and carry it in our heart, this Word grows. Do you know how it grows? By giving it to the other! The Word of Christ grows in us when we proclaim it, when we give it to others! And this is what Christian life is. **It is a mission for the whole Church, for all the baptized, for us all: listen to Jesus and offer him to others.**

If we want to see change in the world around us, we have to first allow change to happen in ourselves. And that's why we say 'Come, Holy Spirit.

--Craig Springer, Alpha USA Executive Director



PARISH OFFICE Administration Hours: Monday to Saturday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

To serve you better, starting Monday, February 26th, the Parish Office will remain open through the lunch hour (Noon-1:00pm), **MONDAY TO FRIDAY.**

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



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

Feb 26 Monday

8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
 6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 4 of 11) "HOW CAN WE HAVE FAITH?" - GS

Feb 27 Tuesday

9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library
 7:00pm CWL Executive Meeting - GS - Meeting Room
 7:30pm Knights' General Meeting - - SOS Chambers

Feb 28 Wednesday

10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
 6:30pm Confessions - GS
 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
 7:00pm Star of the Sea School Prospective Parent Night - School Gym
 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Mar 1 Thursday

4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside
 6:30pm PREP - ALL CLASSES - Penitential Services - GS

Mar 2 Friday

6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
 Priests at 1st Friday Communion Calls
 9:15am School Mass - GS
 9:30am Seniors & Friends Café - SOS Chambers
 6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by the Youth) - GS

Mar 3 Saturday

8:00am - 1:00pm Knights' FLEA MARKET - SOS Hall
 8:30am Confessions - SOS
 9:00am - 5:00pm THE PATH OF LIFE - DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT - School Gym

10:00am Confessions - GS

*Organic Coffee, Tea & Honey Products
 ORDER DUE this weekend*

Mar 4 3RD Sunday of LENT

7:00pm Teen Mass



TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Madge & Ted McLeod

Alvarez family: Enrique, Maria & Camila

Turner family: Tom, Hye Jung, Chloe & Daniel



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Dominic Wight, 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

Please pray for the *Repose of the Soul*

of: Gina Roseanne Nicoll



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

Mar.1: Peninsula United @ St. Mark's Anglican
Mar.8: Star of the Sea Catholic @ Star of the Sea Hall
 Mar.15: St. John's Presbyterian @ St. Mark's
 Mar.22: St. Mark's Anglican @ St. Mark's

All are invited each Thursday! Lunch is by donation.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention
 for March 2018



FORMATION IN SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Perpetual Adoration Chapel



"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13

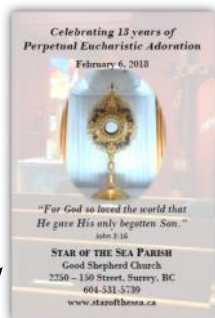
It is through Jesus alone that we can approach God, seated on his throne of grace, with confidence and find grace to help us in our time of need. Through Jesus you can approach God in prayer and worship no matter how you are feeling or what you have done. He wants to console us and to heal us! Come to Jesus in the Adoration Chapel where He waits for you.

Hours needing a weekly adorer:
 Sunday, 4:00-5:00am
 Sunday, 12:00noon-1:00pm
 Sunday, 7:00-8:00pm
 Tuesday, Mdngh-1:00am
 Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm
 Thursday, 2:00-3:00am
 Thursday, 5:00-6:00am
 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
 Fridays, Mar. 2 & 9 -4am-5am
 Fridays, Mar. 2, 9 & 16
 - 8:00pm-9:00pm

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

Have you picked up your 13th Anniversary commemorative prayer card?



Alpha

Mondays, 6:30pm
 Good Shepherd Church.
 EVERYONE WELCOME



This week's video topic:
"How Can I Have Faith?"

Every Alpha includes:



a meal



a video



open conversation in small groups



Order Organic

Manuka Honey Products, Coffee & Tea to help raise funds for the Comfort Coat Project. **ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL 3 CHURCHES.**

Orders due: March 3rd & 4th

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

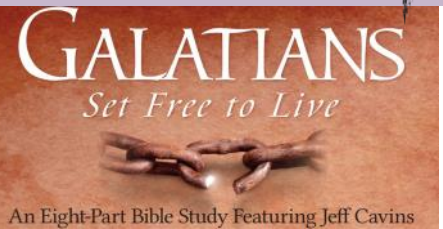
Thank you for supporting the charitable works of our Helpers of St. Anne & St. Joachim Parish Group!

NEXT Seniors & Friends

Café is on Friday, March 2nd, 9:30am, in the Knights



Chambers (enter off Star of the Sea Church Parking Lot). Come for coffee and goodies *PLUS* guest speaker from the **Seniors Come Share Society - Peers Reaching Out (PRO)** Program. PRO is designed to address the needs of older adults in S.Surrey/White Rock who may for health, financial or other reasons be isolated & withdrawn from their peers & community. PRO will help older adults by empowering & encouraging them to achieve independence & build a supportive community. Come listen and ask questions!



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.



JULY 27-30, 2018
CAMP LATONA

ALMOST SOLD OUT!

Only 2 spots left. Register TODAY by emailing:
 Jill at latonaoffice@gmail.com
 visit: camplatona.com



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!



The Spiritual Exercises are a silent retreat based on the well-proven method of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Priests of Miles Christi, devoted to the preaching of these Ignatian retreats, frequently offer them in a weekend format. Throughout the centuries, the Spiritual Exercises have shown to be an excellent means of sanctification, highly praised by Popes and saints. This is open to any men.

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 visit: rcav.org/event/mens-spiritual-exercises-retreat



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

Save the Date STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR presents:
"One Hour: See the Cross"
THE PASSION OF Jesus Sunday, March 25th 3:00pm Good Shepherd Church

THE REDEMPTORIS MATER MISSIONARY SEMINARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER



3rd Annual **SPRING GALA**
DINNER | DANCING | DOOR PRIZES | LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | SILENT AUCTION



YOU ARE INVITED to join Fr. Francesco in this fundraising evening: Friday, April 27th

Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 7:00pm.
Italian Cultural Centre - 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver
Cost: \$100 per person. Tickets available at the Parish Office.

Fr. Francesco entered the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Rome where he studied Philosophy and Theology. In 2013, when Archbishop Miller opened a new Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary for Vancouver and for Missions in Asia, Fr. Francesco was sent to Asia for a few months, and then came here to our Parish for his pastoral year. This Archdiocesan seminary will form priests who will be available to be sent anywhere the need arises. **Please support the important work of this missionary wing of the Archdiocese.**