

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

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The Sweet reward of Sacrifice

A central focus of our Lent journey is dealing with the tension of life and death. Like the disciples at the Transfiguration, we too try to reconcile death with the glory of God. We often ask what this 'rising from death' means. Occasionally we have a dramatic 'rising from death' experience when we, like Isaac in our first reading, walk away from a near-to-death experience.

More commonly though, it means rising above despair, hardships and poverties that St. Paul lists in his letter to the Romans. After weighing the troubles of life against the glory of God, Paul concludes: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." But eventually for Jesus and each one of us as baptized Christians, 'rising from death' means passing from this life to the next, to eternal joy in the nearer presence of God. It is this dying and rising again that we celebrate at every baptism, each confession, and every time we gather around the altar to receive Christ at Mass.

Like the Transfiguration, Holy Eucharist draws us into the Paschal Mystery. As we receive anew the blessed and broken body of Christ, let us resolve to live into this mystery of the mercy of God.

Beverly Illauq, Kempville, ON

Parish Schedule

Feb 26 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Harry Edwards †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Feb 27 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Keady Morrison †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession
Feb 28 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Michele Smillie</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9:45 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP
Mar 01 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Harry White †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose Bible Study 10:30 AM Mass @ Zion Manor
Mar 02 Fri	9:00AM SCHOOL MASS <i>Int: Melville Walters †</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Endrina Cara †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM MOMS & TOTS 2:- 6:30 PM First Friday Adoration 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Mar 03 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Linh Mi Diep</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Rocio Lopez (Birthday)</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 4:00 PM Confession 1:00 PM PB Youth Core Meeting
Mar 04 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Keady Morrison †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession

Daily Confession: 15 minutes before all daily Masses and 30 minutes before all Masses on Sunday including anticipated Mass on Saturday.

Baptisms every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month. Contact the Parish Office to register.

DAILY LIVING WITH CHRIST DAILY MISSALS FUNDRAISER Subscription forms available at the Parish Office and in the Church vestibule. If you subscribe **by March 15** through the Parish, \$10 goes back to the Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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PARISH WEBSITE. Check out our NEW website at pbarish.ca. Let us know what you think!



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Della Auzins, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreddie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Lourdes Costa, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Welcome New Parishioners

Ben Omega, Micheal and Leslie Demello, Antonio and Lucrezia Lo Conte, Kyle Smith and Fatima Galicia, Rosalie Caffrey, Jeremy Rondeau and Carolina Sepulveda, Dean Wellman and AC Tejon, Jeson Escoto, Sthephane Grondin and Atticia Phillips, Rene Anthony and Christina Quiaoit and Ji Do Kang and Kuyng Ae Jang.

LENTEN MISSION

"I DON'T WANT MY LIFE TO BE MINE, I WANT IT TO BE CHRIST"

Lenten meditations at our Parish by Rev. Jerald D'Souza, Dates: March 3rd and 4rd at weekend masses, and March 5th, 6th and 7th evenings at 7Pm. Come and enrich your Lenten Journey and re-evaluate your life.

Stewardship Reflection

Second Sunday of Lent

At the top of the mountain Peter, James, and John could see the glory of God present in the person of Christ. "It is good for us to be here", says Peter. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory. We can witness God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. When we use and share our gifts for God's glory our lives, the lives of others, are transfigured. Each of us has a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom. It is good for us to be **here**, and to share the gifts God gives us here and now. Not only for the sake of our eternal reward in heaven, but to do good here and now for the sake of making this a better world!

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: We are in need of a special education helper in our PREP program. Please join us if you can give a little of your time to share your faith to a child. Call Karla at the Parish office @ 604-574-4363



Thank you to all who supported our PB Walkers team at the Coldest night of the year. Though the event and cause was a success, it would have been nice to see more parish families participate. March is our month for retreats. Youth in Gr. 9 and older are invited to a retreat on Mar. 9-10 beginning with Freedom on Friday, Mar9, 7-10:30pm at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley and continuing Mar 10, 9am-6:30pm at Precious Blood Parish Centre.. Registration fee is \$5 with lunch and snacks provided. See poster on the youth bulletin board and on our website by visiting pbyouthministry.wordpress.com. For more information and to register, email pbyouth@telus.net



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Thank you for supporting our pancake breakfast. We are on our way to our goal of supplying the church with an AED machine. We welcomed 5 new members this year. Have you considered joining us? We are a Catholic Men's fraternity for men 18 and older. Look us up online www.kofc.org.



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL) We still accepting memberships any-time. Email us at preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com, or speak with Heather, Berna, Kathy, Mary Lynn, we'll help you get that arranged.



Read the Bible in One Year

Try following the suggested readings daily for 365 days, to read the complete Catholic Bible.

Sunday	Genesis 31, Psalms 21, Matthew 12:38-50
Monday	Genesis 32-33, Psalms 22, Matthew 13:1-23
Tuesday	Genesis 34-35, Psalms 23, Matthew 13:24-43
Wednesday	Genesis 36-37, Psalm. 24, Matthew 13:44-58
Thursday	Genesis 38-39, Psalm 25, Matthew 14:1-21
Friday	Genesis 40-41, Psalms 26, Matthew 14:22-36
Saturday	Genesis 42-43, Psalms 27, Matthew 15:1-20



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Friday, Mar 2 from 2—6:30 PM followed by Mass and Stations of the Cross. Pls. try to spend some time during Lent at Adoration. The signup sheet will be in the vestibule of the church. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Our goal is to have at least 2 committed people for each hour.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt.6:21, 26:40

PARISH ACTIVITIES



MEN'S FAITH STUDY for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. Contact darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information.

HOLY DAYS CHOIR PRACTICES begin Thursday Mar 1, 7pm in the church in preparation for Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday 9am Mass. Everyone welcome. Please join us!

DONATION REQUIRED FOR BABY CLOTHES (girl) size newborn and up and an approved baby car seat for young Syrian refugee mom who lives in Cloverdale. Please contact Christine Patrie 604-574-3638.

PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN 2018 We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2018 Campaign. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

ARCHDIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

THE PATH OF LIFE Lenten retreat Sat, Mar 3, 9am-5pm @ Star of the Sea School Gym 15024 24th Ave., South Surrey. Speakers are Jke & Heather Khym. Event is by donation but registration is required as snacks & light lunch is provided. To register, email parish@starofthesea.ca.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES—OUR Lady of Good Counsel Society 22nd Annual General Meeting—Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 7pm at St. Michael's Parish Centre, Burnaby, BC. We are pleased to have 2 members of the Vancouver Police Domestic Violence Unit speaking at our meeting. Bring a friend to learn about the Society and the good work we do. Call Della at 604-585-6688 for more info.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK CAMPS BASKETBALL for Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7. Tues. March 12 - Fri. March 16 - Each Day 9am-12pm, Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hcoyboysbasketball@gmail.co. Download registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or

VOLLEYBALL program is geared for girls currently in grades 4&5 who want to increase their volleyball skills and love of the game. Cost is \$80. Program runs every Saturday 9:30-11:00 April 7-June 9 @ Holy Cross Regional High School. If you are interested: email bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca to secure a spot before March 9.

CARDINAL TAGLE IN VANCOUVER: MAR 19 Archbishop of Manila celebrates Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30 pm. On the same day at 6 pm, he will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver. He will speak on Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village. For more information and tickets visit <http://rcav.org/cardinal-tagle/>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A weekend of Discovery— A Lifetime of Love! Apr 28-29, 2018/Jul 20-22, 2018/ Oct 20-22, 2018. To learn more or to register go to www.me.org, call 604-876-7298 or email wmevancouverbc@gmail.com.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE—Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides the tools you need to get your marriage back on track. For confidential information or to register for the program near Vancouver commencing the weekend of April 20-22, 2018, call 604-530-6710 and leave a number for us to call back, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626 Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancouver.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org