

Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

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The Sweet reward of Sacrifice

Our Lenten journey is well underway. Is the enthusiasm with which we welcomed As Wednesday, at the start of a season of inner growth, flourishing? Or has it dimmed? Lent is a time to deepen our relationship with God. Has our progress been a source of delight to God? If not, it's never too late to begin! Today's first reading reviews the Ten Commandments. God has expectations of us. Jesus later summarized the lot into two all-encompassing commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Are our relationships with others life-giving? John's Gospel today sees Jesus in the temple as Passover approaches. He is outraged that his "Father's house" is being used as a trading centre. He cleanses it and restores it to a prayerful state. Are we striving for wholeness or are our souls in need of spring cleaning?

We might ask ourselves today: what cobwebs might we wipe away before we celebrate Easter? Does pride distance us from God or others? Are we self-centred, unforgiving or un-giving? Do we judge, criticize or fail to recognize the needs of others? In the silence of our hearts, do we hear God whispering, "Come back to me"? We are temples of the Spirit, called to holiness and the joy of eternal life. How blessed are we!

Barbara d'Artois, Pierrefonds, QC

Parish Schedule

Mar 05 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i> 7:00 PM	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Senior Socials 7:00 PM Mass & Lenten Mission
Mar 06 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Vicente & Clementina Ahumado †</i> 7:00 PM	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 7:30 PM Mass & Lenten Mission 6:30 PM CWL Meeting
Mar 07 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Edie Borkowski †</i> 7:00 PM	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 7:00 PM Mass & Lenten Mission
Mar 08 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Deacon Guy Delionnet †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose Bible Study
Mar 09 Fri	9:00 AM SCHOOL MASS <i>Int: Betty & Iris</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Philip Montes †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM MOMS & TOTS 2:- 3:00 PM Holy Hour 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Mar 10 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Merly Cruz</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Brenda Curran</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 4:00 PM Confession 9 AM-6:30 PM PB Youth Retreat (Gr. 9+)
Mar 11 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Neil Schoonderwoerd †</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.

Stewardship Reflection

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"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything ..." - Ex. 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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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, Delia 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

Calros & Ana Defrias, Alejandro & Sheryll Martinez, Thomas & Frances McNee, Derric & Christine Bailon-Mitchell, Michael Raouf Nagib Mousa and family, Thomas & Anne Marie Schneider, Noel & Dyan Slaney, Angela Todo, Fortuna & Jose Perez-Tuells & Tyler Curl. Welcome to our Parish Family!

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 4th at weekend masses, and March 5, 6 and 7, Mass at 7PM followed by talk. Come and enrich your Lenten Journey and re-evaluate your life.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Thank you to all the PREP families for taking home MITE boxes for our seminarians. Thank you to our Confirmation students as greeters last week. Please read the weekly PREP emailed bulletin for updates on the Lenten activities and the sacramental programs. Reminder of the PREP students Stations of the Cross event on March 14 parents invited. Please note that PREP will be in the PARISH CENTER March 14 as well due to CCS being cleaned for break. Please drop students there at 6:30pm, Station are in the church at 7:00pm. Please call Karla for any additional information



Thank you to all who supported our PB Walkers team at the Coldest night of the year. We achieved 94% of our \$1000 goal with 7 walkers. **Please consider walking with us next year. Save the date: Feb. 23, 2019** will be another **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK**. 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 and 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.

K OF C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER To order Gift cards, call Earl @ 604-576-6306.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND: \$22,285.00



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL) My prayers that all are taking time to reflect on prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. For our meeting this month, Tue, Mar 6, we will have a brief business discussion from 6:30-6:50 in the Parish Ctr & then we encourage you to attend the Parish Lenten Mission being shared by Fr. Jerry D'Souza @ 7pm. preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com

Read the Bible in One Year

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



Sunday	Genesis 44-45, Psalms 28, Matthew 15:21-39
Monday	Genesis 46-47, Psalms 29, Matthew 16
Tuesday	Genesis 48-49:27, Psalms 30, Matthew 17
Wednesday	Gen. 49:28-50:26, Ps. 31, Matthew 18:1-20
Thursday	Exodus 1-2, Psalm 32, Matthew 18:21-35
Friday	Exodus 3-4, Psalm 33, Matthew 19:1-15
Saturday	Exodus 5-6, Psalm 34, Matthew 19:16-30



HOLY HOUR

On Friday, Mar 9 from 2—3 PM Pls. try to spend some time during Lent at Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Jesus waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

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

Father Paul will be on vacation from Mar 4-12. Please keep him in your prayers as he visits his family in Hongkong. Our Parish thanks Fr. Jerry D'Souza, Fr. John Tritschler, Fr. Rodney Nootebos and Fr. Camillus Temba for serving us in our Pastor's absence. God bless you all.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Fri, Mar 9, 7pm following the 6:30 Mass sponsored by the Serra Club Fraser Valley West. All are invited to pray for Vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood and Religious Life. Come join the Serra Club for this Lenten observance. Serrans will be on hand to answer and questions regarding vocations.



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.

DAILY LIVING WITH CHRIST DAILY MISSALS FUNDRAISER Consider subscribing to daily Living with Christ Missals. 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.

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

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE AROUND OUR AREA

Friday, March 9	7 PM	St. Nicholas Parish, Langley FREEDOM (For High School Youth)
Wednesday, Mar 14	7 PM	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thursday, March 15	7 PM	St. Bernadette
Tuesday, March 20	7 PM	IC Delta
Wednesday, Mar 21	7 PM	Star of the Sea
Wednesday, Mar 21	7 PM	PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
Thursday, March 22	8 PM	St. Matthew's

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

Jeremiah 29:13

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: fertilitycarevancover.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