

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Bulletin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

The Kerygma is the foundation of our faith

Jesus says today, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:16-17). This is the central message of Christian faith, what is called the 'Kerygma,' and I want us to all learn the technical word because it's going to be something we come back to. We can break it down and simplify it into four parts: 1) God created us because He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us; 2) That relationship is broken by...? sin; 3) God sends Jesus to restore that relationship; 4) We're personally invited to accept the gift of salvation.

There are three groups of people that need to hear the same message. First, during 40 Days for Life, while we were praying, a woman called out to us from across the street, "I had an abortion and I'm happy about it!" I didn't know if I should respond, but my intuition was that she was not happy about it, and, by calling out to us, she was trying to lessen her pain. And so, in my heart, I wanted to walk up to her and say something like, "God loves you. You can be forgiven," but she was in her car talking on the cell, and then drove off.

The second group of people that need to hear this message is us. We can never hear this message too much, because it's the foundation of who we are. For example, Vernon Robertson, who is speaking to us this week, tells us that many parents pray for their fallen-away children to come back to Mass—he says we shouldn't pray for this. Why? Because Mass is the fruit of hearing this message. Pray that they hear the message! The third group of people is those who are suffering. You may remember that one of the conditions for understanding suffering is God's love.

The Kerygma is really important for that woman at 40 Days for Life, and all people who suffer from guilt, because she probably doesn't know that God made her and loves her, and that Jesus came to bring her home. She may not even know she needs to hear this, because everyone in our culture acts tough and looks like they have it together, but, deep down, because our conscience is always active, we carry a burden of guilt that we try to ignore. And nothing can take away that guilt except God. Pope Benedict said, "Under a veneer of self-assuredness and self-righteousness, the man of today hides a deep knowledge of his wounds and his unworthiness before God. He is waiting for mercy." That's why so many people love Pope Francis' line, "Who am I to judge?" They're afraid of judgment, and they feel like they've been offered mercy and that's a relief!

This kerygma affects the way we love people. For example, one Catholic principal said: Whenever a kid gets in trouble at school and gets called to the office, he prays with the child first because he wants the child to know that he or she is loved, and only then does he say to them, "There are going to be consequences but I want you to tell the truth and face them head on." What is he doing? He's starting with the Kerygma!

This is what Jesus did: He didn't come to condemn. When the woman was caught in adultery, He didn't say there's nothing wrong with adultery; on the contrary, He said, "Do not sin again." Why? Because even she knows she is guilty. But first, He got the scribes and Pharisees to lay down their rocks, and then He said, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again" (Jn 8:10-11). That's the Kerygma in action. I wish we could go out to all the world and hug people who feel guilty and tell them, "God loves you, He wants to forgive your sins."

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PARISH MISSION SCHEDULE

How to Pray for your Sons, Daughters and Loved Ones
with Vernon Robertson



SUNDAY, MARCH 11	MONDAY, MARCH 12	TUESDAY, MARCH 13	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
<p>7:00 pm Talk 8:00 pm Adoration</p>	<p>NOTE: NO MORNING MASS</p> <p>5:30 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Talk 8:00 pm Adoration</p>	<p>NOTE: SPECIAL TIME FOR NOVENA MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p> <p>5:30 pm Confessions 6:30 pm NOVENA Mass 7:00 pm Talk 8:00 pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>NOTE: NO MORNING MASS</p> <p>6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Talk 8:00 pm Intercessory Prayer</p>

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Parish Registration

Our parish family warmly welcomes new parishioners. Please register at your earliest convenience by filling out a registration form located in the vestibule or by stopping by the parish office during office hours. If you are registered and moving, please advise the parish office.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:15 am
 Tuesday 7:30 pm
 Wednesday-Friday 8:15 am
 Saturday 9:00 am

Lauds

Weekday 8:00 am *except Tuesday*
 Saturday 8:45 am
 Sunday 7:45 am

Confession

Weekday 8:00 to 8:10 am *except Tuesday*
 Saturday 9:45 am & 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm
 1st Saturday each month 9:45 am to 4:30 pm and
 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm in the chapel
 (1365 West 73rd Avenue)

First Friday of each month: 8:45 am to 10:00 am in the church followed by Benediction.

First Saturday of each month: 9:30 am to 9:30 pm in the church during all-day confessions.

Please call the parish office for more information on other Sacraments and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes.

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Weekday Masses & Intentions

Day	Feast or Memorial	Missal Page	Intention
Monday, March 12	Ferial	202	Faustina Co †
Tuesday, March 13	Ferial	205	Lara Musa
Wednesday, March 14	Ferial	207	Gladys Fessenden †
Thursday, March 15	Ferial	211	Gaspere Leone †
Friday, March 16	Ferial	214	Maria Co †
Saturday, March 17	Ferial	217	Yu Yen Tup Chong †

Prayers for the Sick At Holy Mass we remember the sick including: Nita Carvajal, Nung Chum, Isobel Clancy, Nick De Vos, Teresa Gaio, Yvonne Kharoubeh, Molly Loui-Ying, Huguette Piché, Barney Rousseau, Therese Rozario, Filomena Sison, Liliana Taylor, and Theresa Yoshioka.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Kerygma

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The Kerygma is also important for us, because you can never hear the foundational message too often. What does every priest, deacon and sister do when they go on retreat? Start with the basics. I go on retreat and the first meditation the priest gives me is that God created me in love. I don't mind hearing it again because the point is to understand it more deeply! That's why Alpha and the first level of Faith Studies are important, because they're refreshers and we can go deeper.

One reason why many Catholic kids fall away from the Church is because they don't get the fundamental ideas. We teach them about the 10 Commandments, the 7 sacraments, the 4 Gospels, the 12 apostles, 73 books of the Bible, the 8 beatitudes, etc. but they have no context to put them into. They don't understand who created them and where they're going. If you ask, "What's the meaning of life?" they're stumped. But, in the past, Catholics would be taught the famous Baltimore Catechism. If we were to ask them question #6, "Why did God make you?" they'd say immediately, "To know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven." And we don't just understand this abstractedly [...] We're talking about actually encountering Jesus in a real, personal way.

We talked about this three years ago: One of the conditions for understanding suffering is knowing that God loves us. There are different levels of happiness and God's constantly trying to move us to higher levels. And we don't have to suffer forever; it's just for a short time while on earth. And God, in His wisdom, allows suffering to let us define who we are, because you only find out who you really are when you suffer. We find out who the truly patient people are when we're under pressure, who really has courage when we have fear, who's a person of principle and who's not when we're tempted to sell out. Suffering doesn't build character, it reveals it.

The fourth point of the Kerygma is that Jesus invites us to accept His offer. We can say, "No," because no one is forced. Or we can wait until we're ready. But He is hoping that we say, "Yes." This is an example of prayer that many Christians use, and it's something we could all ponder, perhaps pray in our hearts, or do it in our own words: **"Father, I believe that You know me and love me. I have not always chosen You, and have broken my relationship with You through my sins. Thank You for sending Jesus who proved Your love for me on the cross. Lord Jesus, I open the door of my heart and I invite You to be at the centre of my life – to be my Saviour and my Lord. Direct me by Your Holy Spirit and help me to live the Gospel with my whole life. Amen."**

The Kerygma makes life better! It gives meaning, helps us discipline our children, love people who feel guilty, and helps us thrive when we're suffering. The foundation of our faith is encountering the real, living Jesus and His love for us.

- excerpt from Fr. Justin's homily, March 11, 2018

Keeping Families in Faith

The Domestic Church in a Global Village



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila to visit Vancouver

Cardinal Tagle will deliver a talk on **Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village** at the **Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver on Monday, March 19 at 6:00 pm.** The evening will begin with an opening performance followed by an address by Archbishop Miller, CSB. Tickets are \$10 - \$40. Tickets are now on sale! Visit <http://rcav.org/cardinal-tagle/>.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting Pancake Breakfast

next weekend on **Sunday, March 18th after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm** Masses in the church basement.



Enjoy a hearty breakfast with your fellow parishioners. Cost is \$6 per adult, and \$14 per family.

Save the date!

Our Youth Retreat for students in Grades 8 - 12 will take place on Saturday, April 28. More details, including how to register, will be coming soon! Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis. Watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, contact Hardy Antolis, ghardyantolis@gmail.com.



Update on Preschool

We are pleased to announce that St. Anthony's Preschool will re-open in September 2018. Application forms are available at the school office, starting Monday, March 5 with a return deadline of Wednesday, March 28. Acceptance letters will be sent out by Friday, April 6. Orientation date is to be announced. For more information, or questions, please email Tilly Bara at mb391906@gmail.com.

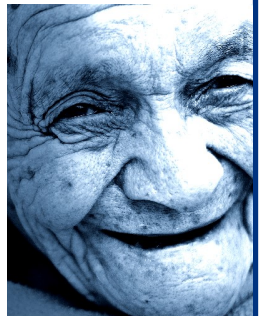
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following speakers will be featured during this interactive workshop: **Natalie Sonnen**, Executive Director of LifeCanada, **Annabelle Chong**, Executive Director of Vancouver's Life Community and **Fr. Justin Huang**. Please register in advance by calling 604.733.6266. Cost is \$45/person. Please pay at the door.



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