

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

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The Inauguration of a New Covenant

Jeremiah believed that God was fully aware of sin in human history and so God had come up with a new strategy for addressing the problem: a new covenant that would make it possible for human beings to be faithful. In this loving plan, a lasting and intimate bond between God and God's people would be formed when the law was written directly on people's hearts (minds and wills), and past sins would be forgiven and forgotten. Although the author of the letter to the Hebrews knows Jesus was Son and sinless, he insists the Son did not go through life without feeling the temptations and sufferings we all do. Faced with his imminent death, Jesus experienced his own agony. Indeed, Jesus could become the source of eternal salvation in large part because he shared our humanity.

Jesus' death is the moment in which the divine love for human beings—and the new covenant in his blood—is most powerfully revealed. It is the means by which a new and intimate communion between God and believers, facilitated by God's Holy Spirit, is inaugurated. Happily, then we ask for clean hearts and blotted-out transgressions so that our solidarity with Christ can shine forth fully for others' sake.

Christine Mader, Waverly, NS



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, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Fr. Tim McCarthy & 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, Derrick & 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!

TAX RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT

2017 Receipts for tax deductible donations have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please call Rosana at the Parish Office. Thank you.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Thank you to all the PREP families who came to our Stations of the Cross and stayed for the games in the gym. Thank you to all readers, PREP spring break no classes Mar 21 & 28. 1st Communion parent and student retreat Apr 7 & Confirmation Retreat Apr 14. Catch up class students Mass check your email regarding our Mass together. Blessings of Easter to all PREP families.



Calling youth in Gr. 6-8! Our Explorers Lenten Retreat is on Mar 24, Sat, 9—6:30 pm at the Parish Centre. For more information and to register, email pbyouth@telus.net. Check us out at pbyouthministry.wordpress.com. We are in need of Volunteers for our Youth Choir. Please consider sharing your God given talent of music with the Youth and the rest of the Parish. Anyone in Grade 5 and older is invited. Contact pbyouth@telus.net if interested.



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. On another note, Bro. Frank Sharma, a Knight and former active member of our Parish will be doing his First Profession of vows as a Brother for the Discalced Carmelite Friars on Apr 7 at St. Edmund's Parish, 545 Mahon Ave., North Vancouver. Mass at 11 am with reception to follow.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Our next meeting is Tues, Apr 3, 7 pm in the Parish Centre, we will be making sacrament cards, please join us! For more info, please email: preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN will be on Spring Break and will resume on Sun, Apr. 8. We are still in need of Presiders and Assistants. Please contact Maria at mharkison@gmail.com if you are able to assist our ministry. We wish you a prayerful Lent season and joyful Easter!

ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE Meeting on Tues, Mar 20 @ 1:30 pm @ the Parish Centre. All ladies of the Parish welcome.

Read the Bible in One Year

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



Sunday	Exodus 18-19, Ps. 42-43, Matthew 23:23-39
Monday	Exodus 20-21, Psalm 44, Matthew 24:1-22
Tuesday	Exodus 22-23, Psalm 45, Matthew 24:23-44
Wednesday	Exodus 24-25, Ps. 46, Matthew 24:45-25:13-
Thursday	Exodus 26-27, Ps. 47-48, Matthew 25:14-30
Friday	Exodus 28, Psalm 49, Matthew 25:31-46
Saturday	Exodus 29-30, Psalm 50, Matthew 26:1-25



HOLY HOUR

On Friday, Mar 23 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

PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA

March 12-23 is Spring Break for Cloverdale Catholic School. We pray for all families as they celebrate this time together. Also, NO WWP WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Mar 22.

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ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND: \$22,8538.00 Less than \$8,000 to go!

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

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.

PARENTING MINISTRY: Who Am I? Come to a 4-day workshop Mar 19-22, 9 am to 5 pm at Spirit of Formation House, Langley. To register contact Jane Waldo 778-997-4672 or visit rcav.org/event/who-am-i

CARDINAL LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE, Archbishop of Manila will be giving a public address entitled **Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village** at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver on Mar 19 from 6pm. All remaining tickets are on sale at \$10+fees. Purchase tickets through Ticketmaster.

STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR, Sun, Mar 25 @ 3pm Good Shepherd Church, 2250 150 St., Surrey. A choral presentation on music and word reflecting on Holy Week and the Passion of Christ. Tickets at the door: Adults, \$10; Seniors & Students \$8.

HELPLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING BY DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES—Our Lady of Good Counsel Society. Join us for our spring training, Fridays: April 6, 13&20 from 6:30—9:30 pm and Saturdays: April 7, 14&21 from 9 am to 3 pm at Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver. Call 604-585-6688 to register or for more information.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN OUR DEANERY

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

OUR HOLY WEEK MASS & SERVICES SCHEDULE

March 29, **Holy Thursday**, 7-10PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration in Columbus Rm

March 30, **Good Friday**, 11AM Stations of the Cross
3 PM Passion of Our Lord

March 31, **Holy Saturday** 8 PM Easter Vigil

April 1, **Easter Sunday** 9 AM & 11 AM MASSES AS USUAL

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 Retrouaille (for troubled marriages): retrouaillancouver.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

Stewardship Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus tells us that we must be willing to "hate our life in this world to keep it for eternal life." As his followers we must learn to die to self. How does any of this play a role in stewardship?...Stewardship declares that my life, and my possessions, are not mine; they are gifts given to me by our good & gracious God... Stewardship is living Christ-centred...To be a steward is not to hoard my life but to live it generously! This is the abundant life we are created for.

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