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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 18, 2018

*Very truly, I tell you,
 unless a grain of wheat
 falls into the earth and dies,
 it remains just a single grain;
 but if it dies,
 it bears much fruit.*

John 12: 24

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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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

We're fast approaching the feast of Easter, and so it's appropriate that we host a penitential service this week for the parish. So for this Wednesday evening (March 21) we will have several priests hearing confessions, beginning at 7pm and lasting for usually an hour or so, or for at least as long as they are needed.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and as a reminder you should be disposing of your old palms from last year in readiness for the new ones being given out next week. And also next Sunday our Stella Maris Concert Choir will present their choral reflection on the Passion of Christ, which is so fitting for the beginning of Holy Week.

I met this past week with our Project Advance Advisory Team and the discussion was animated around the theme of supporting our youth and young adults as a worthy focus for our efforts this year. We also met with representatives of the NET Ministries of Canada that work with parishes to build a foundation for youth ministry in the local church, with the possibility that they might partner with us in building that foundation here in our parish. So we're working on the Project Advance Appeal for this year in relation to our young people and the ways we can foster the parish's efforts in our ministry to their needs. More to come on that topic, especially with Project Advance Sunday only a few weeks away.

These next two weeks are especially busy for the parish as we enter the most holy days of our year and celebrate the sacred liturgies of the Church marking the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord. We welcome large numbers of the faithful for these solemn times in the church, so please be careful with the patience and kindness we need to express to one another, and especially to be welcoming to the visitor.

Fr. Dion

*please
join us*



Chili Potluck Reception ~As we have done in the last 3 years, there will be a potluck reception following the first Mass of Easter - the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night. The reception will feature **everyone's favourite chili recipe**. Please bring some to share. Bowls and refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome!

March 18, 2018

"Share Lent Sunday"

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

Mar 19 Monday

SCHOOL CLOSED - SPRING BREAK MARCH 12 - 23

- 7:30am Pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8am Mass - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 7 of 11) "HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?" -GS

Mar 20 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library

Mar 21 Wednesday

- 7:30am Pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8am Mass - GS
- Priests at 3rd Wednesday Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
- 7:00pm No regular 6:30pm Confessions - Lenten Penitential Service beginning at 7PM - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS Meeting Room

Mar 22 Thursday

- 7:30am Pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8am Mass - GS
- 1:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (3 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS -Fireside
- NO PREP - School closed for Spring Break
- 7:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (3 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

Mar 23 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 7:30am Pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by PREP catechists) - GS
- 7:00pm Young Adults (19-35yrs) Group - School Fine Arts Room

Mar 24 Saturday

- 7:30am Pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours before the 8am Mass - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 9:00am - 3:00pm **Alpha DAY AWAY** - GS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS

Knights of Columbus Shopping Cards available after all the weekend Masses

Mar 25 PALM SUNDAY

- 3:00pm Stella Maris Concert Choir presents: "**ONE HOUR**" - a choral presentation on the Passion of Christ



This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34
RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14-15
2ND READING: Hebrews 5: 9
GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Today's Gospel reading comes at a transitional point in the Gospel of John. Up to now, Jesus has engaged in a very public ministry, working signs or miracles, teaching, engaging in controversy with the religious leadership. This is his final appearance on the public stage before his crucifixion. From now on, Jesus will engage in conversation with his disciples, his closest companions—a conversation that will take place across five chapters and is set at the Last Supper.

This week's passage begins with great symbolic power. Some Greeks, in Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover seek out Philip and tell him, *"we wish to see Jesus."* Such a request seems quite reasonable, either in the 1st century or today; if we were asking, we probably want to have evidence - direct experience of Jesus. The Greeks might have wanted the same thing - they heard about Jesus, and wanted to see for themselves what he was all about. But the Bible doesn't tell us exactly what they wanted, and we also don't know if their request was granted, because having asked the question, they seem to leave the stage and are not heard from again. Although we don't know their fate, we do know that this encounter is of great significance. At the very least, we are to consider that here at last, in this final public discourse, Jesus is addressing not only his closest companions and a larger Jewish audience, he is speaking to the whole world.

Jesus then recapitulates one of the central messages of the Gospel: *to save one's life, one must lose it.* Jesus says in verse 26: "Whoever serves me must follow me...". And for John, following Jesus ~ discipleship ~ means *being in relationship with Him.* What John is saying is: it's not enough to "see" Jesus, we must experience Him. More importantly, we must not let our expectations and assumptions preclude the possibility of a *transformative encounter.*

In this passage, both sight and hearing are mentioned and it's interesting to note that just as we don't know whether the Greeks "saw" Jesus, we do know that the sense of hearing failed some of those in attendance. They could not understand the voice from heaven. In that respect, we're probably as much like the crowd of bystanders as the Greeks who initially posed the question. We are prevented, by our own expectations and desires, our own sins as well as our blindness and deafness, from encountering Jesus. We want to experience Jesus on our own terms, in our own way. And when we do that, we put a protective veil between us that keeps us from seeing him, from hearing his voice.

But here's the Good News: In spite of our efforts to the contrary, in spite of the barriers we put up, *Jesus can break through and encounter us, not on our terms but on his. The relationship to which he calls us, the relationship he offers us, is a relationship of intimacy to lay bare our souls so they might be healed.*

At the end of today's gospel, Jesus proclaims that when he is lifted up, he will draw all people to himself. That is, his life and death, his



Holy Week/Easter Mass & Penitential Services

Holy Thursday - March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Shepherd Church 7:00pm
Adoration to midnight

Good Friday - March 30

Stations of the Cross

Star of the Sea Church 9:00am
Good Shepherd Church 12Noon & 6:30pm

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Good Shepherd Church 3:00pm
Star of the Sea Church 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - March 31

Good Shepherd Church
Blessing of Easter Food 12Noon
Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 1

Holy Cross Church 8:30am
Star of the Sea Church 10:30am
Good Shepherd Church 9:00am,
11:00am & 7:00pm

Lenten Penitential Services

Mar 20	Tues.	7:00pm	IC - Delta
Mar 21	Wed.	7:00pm	Good Shepherd
Mar 21	Wed.	7:00pm	Precious Blood
Mar 22	Thurs.	7:00pm	St. Matthew's

PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY CONFESSIONS at Good Shepherd Church and Star of the Sea Church during Holy Week.

crucifixion and resurrection, are not judgment and condemnation. They are *invitation* and *promise.*

Jesus invites us - no, Jesus *pulls us toward him,* offering us relationship and abundant life. When we strip the veils from our faces, when we allow him to heal our blindness and deafness, we encounter and experience him in the fullness of his grace and taste the life he would have us live.

As we approach Holy Week, the cross and the tomb, may we prepare ourselves to know Jesus more fully, to abide with him. May we see him face to face and help others to see him, too.

welcome
WE ARE GLAD YOU JOINED US!
OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:
Laura Santamaria

Congratulations to those recently married:

Joseph Pereira & Jennavieve Angelina Muto

Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Dominic Wight, Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant, Michelle Vandene, Fran Lizaraso Caparo, 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 Souls of: Norah Wark and Lucille Caines

NEXT SUNDAY

Stella Maris Concert Choir presents a choral presentation on the *Passion of Christ*

ONE HOUR:
SEE THE CROSS

Sunday, March 25th, 3:00pm
Good Shepherd Church
Tickets available at the door on March 25th. \$10/Adult or \$8/Senior



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Why spend time visiting Jesus in the Eucharist?

Simply because Jesus himself invites you! He says it so warmly, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened. Come to me and I will refresh you." Matthew 11:28

This Lent, will you make a commitment to set aside one hour each week for a visit with Jesus? You may choose any hour of the day or night, or choose one of the following hours in need of a weekly adorer:

- Sunday, 4:00am - 5:00am
- Sunday, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Tuesday, 12:00am - 1:00am
- Thursday, 2:00am-3:00am
- Saturday, 1:00-2:00am
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00am
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Substitutes are needed for:
Saturdays, Mar. 24 & 31 - 4:00am-5:00am
Sunday, Apr. 1 - 8:00am-9:00am

To schedule a Holy Hour of adoration, or for more information, please call:
Sandra Perrin 604-542-6057 or Donna Sali 604-542-3070

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds
NEXT GATHERING on:
FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd
meeting in the School Fine Arts Room ~ We will be participating in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that night.
Please come!
Questions? Want to be added to the contact list?
Email: parish@starofthesea.ca



WE NEED YOUR HELP in writing to express your personal objection to MAiD in Hospices

PLEASE NOTE: THAT LETTERS SHOULD ONLY GO TO OUR BC MLA'S AND TO THE FRASER HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Palliative care was initiated with the promise of loving care, addressing a dying person's mental, physical and spiritual needs and neither prolongs nor hastens the natural dying process, whereas MAiD ("medical assistance in dying") ends that natural process with a lethal injection.



Health authorities in BC are now imposing MAiD in palliative and hospice care facilities. Many hospices are saying they won't allow it. Peace Arch Hospice says it will.

Join the Knights of Columbus, CWL and Helpers of St. Anne and St. Joachim Parish Group in a letter-writing campaign to let health authorities and government officials know that requiring MAiD in a hospice setting is not acceptable.

There is a handout available with Archbishop Miller's Statement on Assisted Suicide in Hospices and information to assist you in writing your own letter. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, they are still available at all 3 churches.

NEW MINISTRY BEING FORMED!

**Parish
INTERCESSORY
PRAYER
Ministry**



Do you love to pray for others?

Do you find yourself in extended prayers for others, and yet never grow weary of doing so?

Do you sometimes wake up in the middle of the night and sense a need to pray for a specific person, even someone you don't know?

Then you have the GIFT of INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

An intercessor is one who takes up a "burden" that goes far beyond his or her own needs and intentions. The Intercessory Prayer Ministry is dedicated to aiding all the people and work of the parish through prayer, understanding at the same time that our best efforts in our prayers are nothing compared to the realization that God is in charge and wants us to acknowledge His hand in what we're doing.

The power of intercession is magnified when intercessors pray together. Let us come together to pray for the spiritual awakening and renewal of every single member of our parish family - the crucial first step to the evangelizing mission of our parish.

We invite you to the first meeting of our Parish Intercessory Prayer Ministry on:

Wednesday, April 4th, 7pm-8pm
Good Shepherd Church Fireside Rm.

There you will meet other intercessors in the parish to pray together and to present and discuss plans for the future of this ministry.



**THE
NEW EVANGELIZATION
SUMMIT** *Inspiring Catholics*

This conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize.

The annual NES will be held in Ottawa and streamed to 38 host-sites - including us!

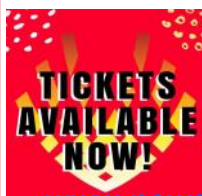
Friday, April 27th

7:00pm-9:30pm

Saturday, April 28th

9:00am - 4:30pm

Star of the Sea School



Purchase

your ticket \$40

ONLINE at:

www.newevangelization.ca

Snacks and refreshments provided; Light lunch also provided on April 28th.



Baptism

We are excited to welcome your child into our faith community! **ALL** Parents and Godparents are required to attend a **Baptism Preparation Class** prior to scheduling a Baptism. The next class is on **Saturday, April 14, 10:00am** at Good Shepherd Church. Please contact the Parish Office to register for the class.

Marriage

Couples wishing to marry need to meet with one of our priests a minimum of 4 months prior to the wedding date, in order to complete the proper marriage preparation course requirements before a wedding can be celebrated.

Were you Married outside the Catholic Church?

Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love. Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss having your marriage convalidated, or "blessed".

Sacrament of the Sick or Anointing

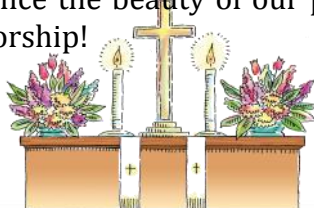
is administered both to the dying and to those who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation, for the recovery of health and for spiritual strength. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.



**Altar Flowers for
Easter Sunday**

We are gratefully accepting monetary donations for altar flowers for Easter Sunday. Your donation can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. Mark your donation "FOR EASTER FLOWERS".

Thank you for helping us enhance the beauty of our place of worship!



"The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation... every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ." ~ Pope Francis



One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and the priests of the archdiocese on **Wednesday, March 28th**, 5:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. Everyone welcome.

You are invited to watch the NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2018: **The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation** with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week across Canada:

- Part 1 : Invitation to the Lord's Supper
- Part 2 : Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice

VisionTV: Part 1 **March 26**; Part 2 **March 27** at 8:00pm ET
 Salt + Light: Part 1 **March 27**; Part 2 **March 28** at 8:00 pm ET

The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com

For more information please call the NCBC toll-free at 1-888-383-6277 or by email: info@ncbc.ca

Go on a Catholic Gap Year!

Furniture & Household Items Needed

Do you have **apartment-sized** furniture and basic household items to donate to newly-landed refugee families?



- Single beds urgently needed
 - Apartment-sized living room furniture
 - Kitchenware - basic items like dishware, cutlery, pots/pans
- SETS ONLY PLEASE**

If you have any of these items in **GOOD/CLEAN CONDITION ONLY**, please email photographs to Mario at the Parish Office: mylanan@starofthesea.ca

Kindly help us by only dropping off items at the Parish Office **AFTER** approval - this is to make sure the items are suitable for the small apartments these families are sharing.

Youth (12-20 yrs) Spring Camp: April 13 - 15th

at Deroche Retreat Centre, Deroche, BC. Presented by CFC Youth for Family and Life BC, **CAMP MAGNA** ("magna" is Latin for "great") is a spirit-filled weekend where youth come together to form lasting Christ-centered friendships and share ideas and experiences in a fun and wholesome environment. Participants will hear other youth testify about God's great love.

Early bird registration is \$55 until March 25 and \$60 after. To register online, go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/swvo6f6W708MuuPh1> or contact Kevin at 778-838-5387 or Nicole at 778-952-5620 for more info

St. John Paul II Academy (new Catholic High School)

is continuing to accept applicants for Grade 8 for the 2018-19 school year. Application form, information about tuition and financial assistance can be found on the school website: sjp2academy.com email: mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca phone: 604-683-9331



Looking for adventure? In need of a break from studies? Want to serve others? Discerning your career? Seeking answers to life?

Interested in becoming a missionary? If you answered yes to any of the above, then taking a Catholic Gap Year may just be what you're looking for! This is your chance to serve the Church and the world while exploring God's purpose for you.

TAKE A YEAR TO EXPLORE WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU
Seek and you will find (Mt 7:7)

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is now accepting applications for the \$500 Catholic Gap Year bursary. A total of 4 individuals who **apply by June 1** will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each to be applied to mission expenses. Learn more at catholicgapyear.ca