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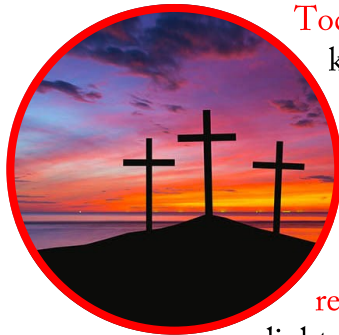
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HOLY THURSDAY



This marks the beginning of the sacred Triduum, or “three days.” In the Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 p.m., we remember and make present that Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples. Through the ritual of washing the feet (Jn 13:1) of 12 parishioners, we unite in service to one another. Through our celebration of this first Mass and Holy Eucharist (Mt 26:26), we unite ourselves to Jesus and receive his Body and Blood as if for the first time. At this Eucharist, we especially thank God for his gift of the ministerial priesthood. After the Last Supper the apostles and Jesus journey to the Garden where he asks them to pray and he experiences his agony (Mt 26:30). We too will process with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to a garden (the altar of repose). The liturgy ends in silence. It is an ancient custom to spend an hour before the reposed Blessed Sacrament tonight—Solemn Repose ends at 9:55 p.m. with Night Prayer. We are with Jesus in the Garden and pray as he goes through his agony.

GOOD FRIDAY



Today is a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence. Whenever possible, Christians are urged to keep today free of work, of social engagements, of entertainment, and to devote themselves to communal prayer and worship. Today we gather for recollections of the seven last words of Jesus at 3 p.m., the hour of Jesus’ death. To acknowledge the power of the cross in our lives today, we come forward, one-by-one, to venerate the cross with a kiss. We also pray for the needs of the world. Our hunger from this day of fasting is satisfied with Holy Communion distributed at the end of this liturgy. Catholics **aged 18 to 59 are required to fast**, reducing the amount of food eaten from normal—understood to be two light meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity—with no eating in between meals or consuming drinks that could be considered food. In addition, Catholics **aged 14 and above are required to abstain** from eating meat on this day.

HOLY SATURDAY



Tonight at 8:30 p.m. we gather for the Great Easter Vigil where we will experience Jesus rising from the dead. We gather in darkness and light the Easter fire which reminds us that Jesus is light in the darkness. He is the light of the world. We enter the church and attentively listen to the Bible describing God’s saving work. Suddenly, the church lights are lit and the Gloria is sung as we celebrate the moment of Christ’s resurrection. He lives! In the joy of the resurrection we then celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for our two catechumens who have prepared for many weeks for this night. As a Church we sing Alleluia for the first time in forty days. Do everything you can to be present on this evening and invite friends and family to join. Our Vigil ushers in an Easter joy that never ends!

Excerpted from an article by Msgr. Charles Pope from Aleteia. Full article at <https://aleteia.org/2015/03/30/a-day-by-day-guide-to-jesus-last-week/>

A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

For the complete list of Holy Week Services and Liturgies, please refer to the opposite page.

Monday	March 26	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	March 27	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penitential Service	Church
Wednesday	March 28	10:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
Friday	March 30	Good Friday – Parish Office Closed		
		Cancelled	Commuter Club	Back Next Week
Saturday	March 31	10:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Decorating for the Homeless	Great Hall
		8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass	Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun		9:00 a.m.	Neil Smith †	
Mar 25		11:00 a.m.		
		5:00 p.m.		<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Mon		8:15 a.m.	Arlene McFarlane †	
Mar 26				
Tues		8:15 a.m.	Holy Souls †	
Mar 27				
Wed		9:15 a.m.	John Marshall †	
Mar 28				

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Morning Masses will not be celebrated during the Triduum.

Thu		7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Mar 29				<i>Holy Thursday</i>
Fri		3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Mar 30				<i>Good Friday</i>
Sat		8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass	
Mar 31				<i>Holy Saturday</i>

Sun		9:00 a.m.		
Apr 1		11:00 a.m.		
		5:00 p.m.		<i>Easter Sunday</i>



Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, there will be a universal collection in support of the Christian communities and the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of

future priests.

Christians of the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this time of Lent. Please give generously and show solidarity in response to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus, and be an instrument of peace in a troubled land.



Confession Before Easter

Saturdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Sundays 4:15-4:55 p.m.

Please note the CTR Penitential Service offered this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

We Continue to Pray for

Jeanne Ainsbury, Kenneth Beesley, Carlos Bolbrugge, Timothy Buckley, Helen Bush, Kacey Caldarella, Gerald Carrol, Veronica Chan, John Choi, Elias Chong, Robert Coles, Rose Cullen, Sofia Curalli, Barry Cutler, Cecilia Donahoe, Dana Donelson, Margaret Fry, Jeannine Gillis, Eric Greenwood, Nicholas Havemann, Maria Helbig, Patrick Hickey, Patricia Keough, Benita Lameo, Young-pyo Lee, Marcos Lopes, Lawrence Marchant, Margaret McCormick, Tom McCusker, Ken McVey, Juanita Nazareth, George & Nadine O'Leary, Michael O'Brien, Ethan Price, Erich Puchinger, Natalia Pyk, Plunkett Quinn, Matt Radosevic, Gordon Ridgedale, Derek Ridsdale, Tammy Rodriguez, Leonie Roemuss, Margaret Ryan, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Milan Sikich, Linwood Trask, Maria Magdalena Velázquez, Rolly & Molly Waechter, Lucienne Watson, Amy Wheeler, Joseph Willgot, and Simon Wong



Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Ruth Battig



Parish Office Closures

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday (March 30) and Easter Monday (April 2).



2017 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for donations in 2017 are still available for pickup in the church foyer. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience.



Holy Week

at CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Join us as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter.

CTR Penitential Service

March 27 7:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass—March 28

5:00 p.m. Holy Rosary Cathedral

Holy Thursday—March 29

“Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” – John 13:8

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord’s Supper

8:30 p.m. Adoration (until 10:00 p.m.)

9:55 p.m. Night Prayer

Good Friday—March 30

*“They cried out, ‘Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!’”
– John 19:15*

11:00 a.m. Children’s Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday—March 31

The Church refrains from the celebration of the Mass today until the solemn Vigil in the evening.

10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Easter Foods

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 1

“He is not here, but has risen.” – Luke 24:5

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass

5:00 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass



Egg Decorating Session for the Homeless

Children and youth: are you interested in donating a dozen hard boiled eggs and decorating them with others on Holy Saturday from 10:30 a.m. at the Parish Grand Hall? (in front of the Gym) All eggs will be distributed to homeless youth at Covenant House and Directions Youth Centre in Downtown Vancouver. Hope to see you then. For more info, contact Melissa Lim at mglim5@gmail.com.



Catholic Women's League News

There is a Diocesan \$1000 Bursary available for the child of a CWL member. For more information, please contact Lorraine Ma at lorraine.ma@shaw.ca.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will not be in session today and April 1 because of Spring Break and Easter. We will resume on April 8.



Formation Corner

Excerpted from Loyola Press' blog, Sunday Connection. Full article at <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-b>

Throughout this week's Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the Passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will.

Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived, and was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The Roman centurion affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Love one another, as I have loved you.” – *John 15:12*

As men and women of God we are to “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness.” We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in your lives and marriages? Find out how to live this out in your marriage. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and romance in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. The next weekend in the Lower Mainland takes place on April 28-29 at the JPPI Pastoral Centre.

Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament.

Any marriage over 5 years are welcome! It is not counselling and there is no public sharing. For more information and to register please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen at 604 876-7298, at wwme.org, or at rcav.org (type ‘marriage encounter’ in the search bar).



Host Homes Needed

NET Canada is a Catholic missionary organization that “Challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church”. We currently have a team of two young men and two young women serving in Vancouver since October and who will be staying until the end of May. We are currently looking for generous people to take some of the missionaries into their home for a period of 1-2 weeks. Please contact Mickenzie Kinahan at Mickenzie@netcanada.ca or 403-715-7983 for more information and to sign up to host.



Redemptoris Mater Seminary Spring Gala

Join Fr. Giovanni and your fellow parishioners for the third annual Spring Gala of Vancouver’s Redemptoris Mater Seminary, which he attended, at the Italian Cultural Centre on **April 27**. Enjoy an evening of dinner, dancing, live entertainment, and more! Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information please contact the seminary at 604-709-8509 or speak with Fr. Giovanni after Mass.

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