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Happy Easter

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

April 1, 2018

Do not be alarmed; you are looking for *Jesus* of Nazareth, who was crucified. *He has been raised;* he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

Mark 16:6

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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,

Easter Sunday is the most solemn feast of the Church in the yearly liturgical cycle, with all other feasts being rooted in this reality: the Lord is Risen from the tomb! The powers of sin and death are vanquished and literally "hope springs eternal" because Christ is risen from the dead. This is at the heart of the Church's faith, and this revelation is so immense that the single day of Easter Sunday is considered too small to adequately express it, so the Church celebrates the entire week as if each day is Easter Day, with the double Alleluia added to the dismissal during this Octave of Easter week.

The Holy Week solemn liturgies are always so well attended with the highlight being the Easter Vigil, celebrated last evening. Eight adults were baptized and 3 more made their profession of faith, and all received the Eucharist for the first time. I was privileged to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to each of them as well. This group has been active in the RCIA program which started last fall, and will continue with their formation as new Catholics for the next several weeks. A big "thank you" to the parish team that works so faithfully with the RCIA group each year.

And once again I would like to express my gratitude to all those active in the liturgical ministries of the parish. Holy Week is always a major commitment of time and effort for the good of the liturgy, and I very much appreciate the service of all those involved. Have a blessed week, and

Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Dion



Divine Mercy Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us in Celebrating the
Feast of Mercy
Sunday, April 8, 2:30pm
at **Star of the Sea Church.**

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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

Apr 2	Easter Monday	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
8:30am	Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS	
Apr 3	Tuesday	
9:30am	Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room	
6:30pm	CWL Mass followed by General Meeting - GS	
7:00pm	Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room	
7:00pm	Small Christian Community - GS - Library	
Apr 4	Wednesday	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS Priests at 1st Wednesday Communion Calls	
10:00am	Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall	
6:30pm	Confessions - GS	
7:00pm	Intercessory Prayer (FIRST MEETING) - GS Fireside	
7:00pm	RCIA - GS Meeting Room	
Apr 5	Thursday	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
1:00pm	GALATIANS Bible Study (4 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm	
4:00pm	Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside	
6:15pm	PREP - School	
6:30pm	1st Holy Communion Parents Meeting - GS	
7:00pm	GALATIANS Bible Study (3 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm	
Apr 6	Friday	
6:00am	Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS Priests at 1st Friday Communion Calls	
9:15am	School Mass - GS	
9:30am	Seniors & Friends Café - SOS Chambers	
6:30pm	First Friday Mass - GS	
7:00pm	Young Adults (19-35yrs) Group Spring Social	
Apr 7	Saturday	
7:30am	Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS	
8:00am	- 1:00pm Knights Flea Market - SOS Hall	
8:30am	Confessions - SOS	
10:00am	Confessions - GS	
5:00pm	1st Holy Communion Families Mass - GS	
Apr 8	Divine Mercy Sunday	
	<i>School Students taking Spring Plant Orders after 9am & 11am Mass - GS</i> 	
11:00am	Mandating Mass of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - GS	
2:30pm	Divine Mercy Celebration - SOS	

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: ACTS 10:34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2ND READING: Col 3: 1-4

GOSPEL: John 20: 1-9

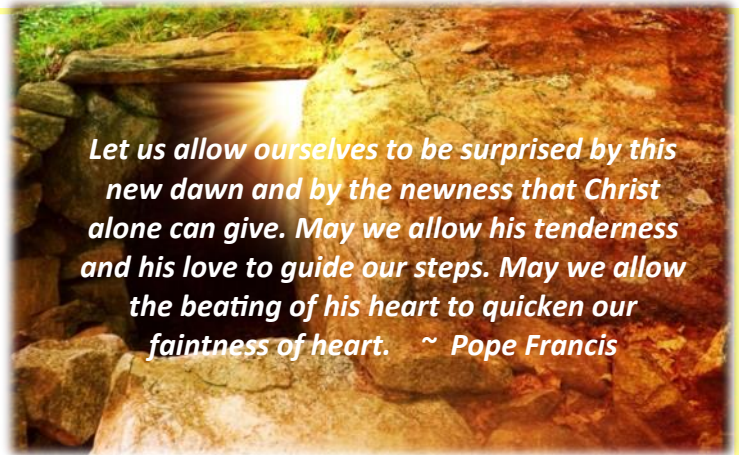
HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
Vatican Basilica Holy Saturday, 15 April 2017

The tomb was empty. "...Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb... 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him!'" (John 20: 1-2)

We can picture the women as they went on their way... They walked like people going to a cemetery, with uncertain and weary steps, like those who find it hard to believe that this is how it all ended. We see them there, before the tomb, filled with grief but equally incapable of accepting that things must always end this way.

If we try to imagine this scene, we can see in the faces of those women any number of other faces: those who, walking the streets of our cities, feel the pain of dire poverty, the sorrow born of exploitation and human trafficking; we also see the faces of those who are greeted with contempt because they are immigrants, deprived of country, house and family; we see faces whose eyes bespeak loneliness and abandonment, because their hands are creased with wrinkles; we see mothers, who weep as they see the lives of their children crushed by massive corruption that strips them of their rights and shatters their dreams, by daily acts of selfishness that crucify and then bury people's hopes, by paralyzing and barren bureaucracies that stand in the way of change.

The faces of those women mirror many other faces too, including perhaps yours and mine. Like them, we can feel driven to keep walking and not resign ourselves to the fact that things have to end this way. True, we carry within us a promise and the certainty of God's faithfulness. But our faces also bear the mark of wounds, of so many acts of infidelity, our own and those of others, of efforts made and battles lost. **In our hearts, we know that things can be different but, almost without noticing it, we can grow accustomed to living with the tomb, living with frustration.** Worse, we can even convince ourselves that this is the law of life, and blunt our consciences with forms of escape



Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. May we allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. May we allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart. ~ Pope Francis

that only serve to dampen the hope that God has entrusted to us.

So often we walk as those women did, poised between the desire of God and bleak resignation. Not only does the Master die, but our hope dies with him...

Today's Gospel tells us that at first the disciples did not understand "as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead" (v.9), but when they saw (the burial shrouds in the empty tomb) they believed! **Jesus is ALIVE!**

Life, which death destroyed on the cross, now reawakens and pulsates anew. **The heartbeat of the Risen Lord is granted us as a gift, a present, a new horizon. The beating heart of the Risen Lord is given to us, and we are asked to give it in turn as a transforming force, as the leaven of a new humanity.**

In the resurrection, Christ rolled back the stone of the tomb, but **he wants also to break down all the walls that keep us locked in our sterile pessimism, in our carefully constructed ivory towers that isolate us from life, in our compulsive need for security and in boundless ambition that can make us compromise the dignity of others.**

When the High Priest and the religious leaders, in collusion with the Romans, believed that they could calculate everything, that the final word had been spoken and that it was up to them to apply it, God suddenly breaks in, upsets all the rules and offers new possibilities.

God once more comes to meet us, to create and consolidate a new age, the age of mercy. This is the promise present from the beginning. This is God's surprise for his faithful people. **Rejoice! Hidden within your life is a seed of resurrection, an offer of life ready to be awakened.**

WELCOME

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Mendez family: Gerardo, Amindeep & Antonio

Fitzgerald family: Angela, Timothy, Meg & Lilah

Marilena Stefanescu

Mati family: Floura, Sandro & Sofia

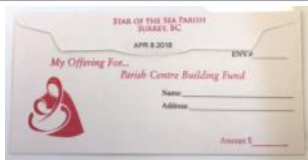
Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Julie Poskitt, Andrea Egan, 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 Soul of: Sandro Colasacco



2nd Collection NEXT WEEKEND:

April 7 & 8 for the Parish Centre Building Fund

Why Register as a Parishioner?

We encourage registration for everyone attending Mass regularly or somewhat regularly at any of our 3 churches. This helps us serve you better by providing you and your family with a parish history and enables us to verify your status when there is a need (for example: sacramental preparation, godparent eligibility, enrolment in Star of the Sea School or any private/independent/Christian elementary or high school, etc.)

You can register by filling in a Parishioner Registration Form (blue form available at all 3 churches) and dropping off your completed form at the Parish Office or in Sunday collection basket.

Sacraments

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.

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".



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

On the first Easter evening, the disciples Jesus met on the road to Emmaus urged him to stay with them — without recognizing him. But **the Eucharist helped them see**. When he blessed and broke the bread and gave it to them, *"With that, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; but he vanished from their sight"* (Lk 24:31). Today we don't see Jesus in the flesh, as the Emmaus disciples first did, but we do see him in his Eucharistic presence at Mass, know he's in the tabernacle, and look upon him in a monstrance for adoration. *"The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: By not only celebrating it, but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace"*, Blessed John Paul II wrote.

Come find the Risen Christ in the Blessed Sacrament!

Hours needing a weekly adorer:
Sunday, 4:00am-5:00am
Sunday, 12noon-1:00pm
Tuesday, 12Mdngrt-1:00am
Thursday, 2:00am-3:00am
Saturday, 1:00am-2:00am
Saturday, 2:00am-3:00am

For more information, contact:
Sandra Perrin 604-542-6057 or
Donna Sali 604-542-3070

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP for 19-35 yr-olds

NEXT GATHERING on:

FRIDAY, APRIL 6th
for our "Spring Potluck Social"
~ details TBA ~
please Email parish@starofthesea.ca
to be added to the contact list.





TECHNOLOGY LEAD NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer who is familiar with technology and related equipment to run the audio/video streaming for the New Evangelization Summit. If you are a techie (broadcast, internet, projector, audio, etc.), are detail-oriented, and available April 27-28, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible! Please contact the Parish Office for a detailed job description.

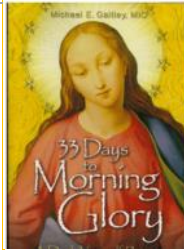
Please join our **NEW INTERCESSORY PRAYER Ministry**

Facilitator: Trudy Desjardine

Members of Star of the Sea Parish will gather together to pray for the needs and the initiatives of the parish. Come to our first meeting on **Wednesday, April 4th, 7:00pm-8:00pm**, Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room.

What is an Intercessory Prayer Group? An Intercessory Prayer Group is comprised of people who have a **charism for praying for others**. This means that, recognizing the power of God in prayer, and being in relationship with Jesus, they enjoy praying by petitioning for the needs of others. Another important element of this prayer group is listening. As they enjoy sacred silence, they listen to God and look to Him for direction. This form of prayer is a *"crucial element to the work of the New Evangelization."* It has been known to *"bear much fruit in parish life"* and is essential to the mission of the Church.

This prayer group is not a charismatic prayer group, but if you are interested in charismatic prayer, our Parish Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Wednesday 7:30pm at Star of the Sea School (next meeting Apr 11).



33 Days to Morning Glory

An extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with

four giants of Marian spirituality:

St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed Pope John Paul II.

Fr. Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp, and simple enough to put into practice.

If you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, come join a small group who will be journeying through 33 Days to Morning Glory **starting Tuesday, April 10th, 7:00pm** in Good Shepherd Church, for 5 Tuesdays ending with the Marian Consecration on Sunday, May 13th.

Facilitator: Claudia MacDougall
\$40 cost for course materials.
Only 6 spots left! Please register by contacting the Parish Office.

Thank you to all who donated towards Easter flowers for the altar!

Also, many thanks to those who responded to the call for furniture for refugee families. We have enough at this time.

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer...Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

(Proverbs 11: 24-25)



NEXT Seniors & Friends Café is Friday April 6th, 9:30am, in the Chambers at Star of the Sea Hall.



To All Ladies in the Parish: Please join us **Tuesday, April 3rd** for our General Meeting, beginning with Mass at 6:30pm, Good Shepherd Church.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLEA MARKET



on the first Saturday of each month (**April 7th**) from 8:00am - 1:00pm at Star of the Sea Hall.



Summer Vacation Bible School
for Children currently completing Kindergarten - Gr.4
Monday, July 16- Friday, July 20
9:00am - Noon
Good Shepherd Church



Students from Star of the Sea School will be on hand at Good Shepherd Church after the 9AM & 11AM Masses **NEXT SUNDAY - April 8th**

to take your Spring Plant Orders: Hanging Baskets, Herbs, Veggies, Potting Soil, Geraniums, Petunias and Marigolds. Please bring your chequebook and support our students! Funds raised go towards Outdoor Ed.

Living and Leading by Faith

Spring Institute 2018

One day courses for faith formation, ministry training and general interest ~ OPEN TO ALL.

Saturday, April 14th

10:00am to 4:00pm

Notre Dame Secondary School
2880 Venables St. Vancouver

EQUALITY & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A growing number of social issues are challenging freedom of religious belief and expression in Canada these days. What rights and responsibilities do Catholics have with respect to these issues? Come and learn how to respond to issues such as same-sex marriage, the Canada Summer Jobs program attestation, assisted suicide referral, the Knight of Columbus hall rental, Bill C-16 and Human Rights Codes and more based on the social issues you might bring to discuss.

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTEDNESS: A PARTNERSHIP IN PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, endowed with potentials and competences. How are we sharing these gifts? Are we aware of the gifts God has given us? During this course we will take an introspective look at ourselves as God has made us and the giftedness he has given us. From there we will be able to go forth more aware and better equipped to use these gifts as a means of building a strong Christian community.

For other descriptions and to register: rcav.org/oc-spring
Cost is \$40 (register by April 9)



**Gardens of Gethsemani
Open House**

**Friday, April 13th and
Saturday, April 14th**
9:00am to 6:00pm on both days

Set aside your sacred space at our Annual Spring Open House. Plan to attend, tour the cemetery via golf cart, select your space, and meet with an Advisor to make a contract. Some light refreshments will be served. Visit rcav.org

**Celebrating Spirituality with
People who have Dementia**

Co-sponsored by St. Mark's College, Carey College is offering an interactive course by Dr. Gemma Jones, with stories, presentations, demonstrations, examples, and discussions. This symposium aims to provide information about dementing illnesses to members of faith communities to help reduce misunderstandings and fear about dementia and to help them to support people with dementia to celebrate their spirituality as fully as possible and wherever possible (at church, at home, in nature, in care settings).

**Wednesday, April 4, and
Thursday, April 5**
from 9:00am - 4:30pm

For more info., contact
604-225-5920 or send an e-mail to
alzheimercafe@carey-edu.ca

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

"I realized on the Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat that God was calling me back to him and he always has been, but now I just feel free to turn and run to him." – Retreat



Testimonial. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat with us and listen carefully for him calling your name as he opens wide his arms inviting you into his embrace. He is waiting for you. Will you allow him to heal your heart? Next Retreat is May 2018. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999



**Celebrate your Milestone
Anniversary with us!**

This Mother's Day, Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will be honouring couples celebrating their: 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage.

Register your anniversary with us today at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary Mass will be on **Sunday, May 13th** at 2:00pm at St. Matthew Parish, Surrey. Reception to follow in the parish gym with exhibitors present in Jubilee Hall. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others!