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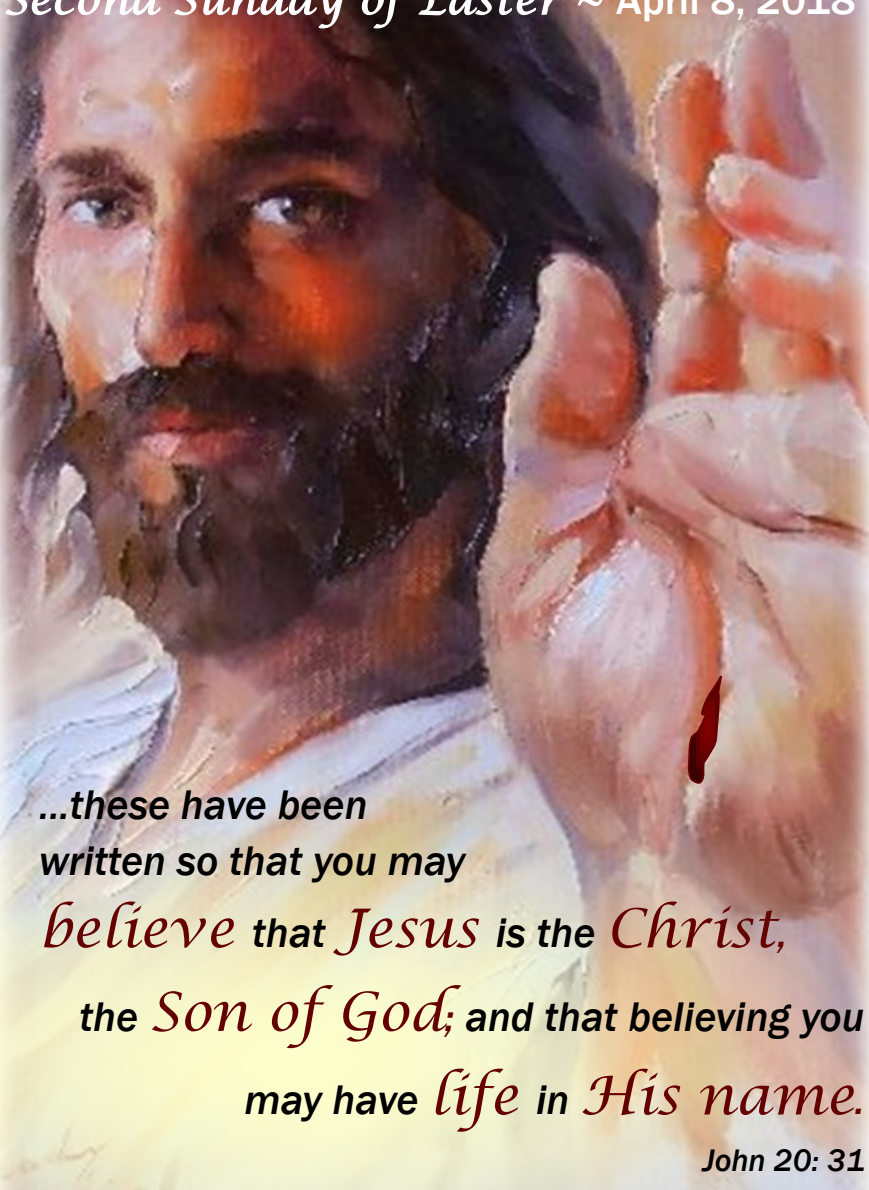


Star of the Sea Catholic Elementary

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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 8, 2018



*...these have been
 written so that you may
 believe that Jesus is the Christ,
 the Son of God; and that believing you
 may have life in His name.*

John 20: 31

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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 have happily begun the Season of Easter which is celebrated for the next five weeks, leading up to the great feasts of the Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi Sundays. And in this festive time period we will also celebrate the solemn events of the First Communion and Confirmation of our children. We have much to be joyful about, again all rooted in the Easter proclamation:

"Christ is Risen!"

The establishment of the 2nd Sunday of Easter as "**Divine Mercy Sunday**" is a gift of the Pontificate of Pope John Paul II, and is relatively new in the liturgical calendar of the Church. It gives us an opportune moment to reflect on the image of Jesus with the rays of light emanating from His heart, with the promise that God's mercy is poured out for the good of all people, and that there is no sin too big for that mercy to deal with. It may be a good time to also suggest that if anyone is still waiting to make a confession, especially if it's been some time since the last one, this is a good time to go. The heart of Jesus beckons.

Have a good week, and Happy Eastertide.

Fr. Dion

Week at a Glance Please refer to Bulletin cover for our regular weekday Mass schedule

Apr 9 Monday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 8 of 11) "*HOW CAN I MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF MY LIFE?*" -GS

Apr 10 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library
- 7:00pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (Wk 1 of 5) - GS - Fireside

Apr 11 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
Priests at 2nd Wednesday Communion Calls
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Apr 12 Thursday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary after 8am Mass - GS
- 1:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (5 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS -Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP - School
- 7:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (5 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

Apr 13 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
Priests at 2nd Friday Communion Calls

Apr 14 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 10:00am - 12:00pm Baptism Preparation Class for Parents and Godparents - GS Meeting Rm

Apr 15 Sunday

- 7:00pm Teen Music Ministry Mass - GS

YOUTH MINISTRY
leadership gathering

YOUTH
(those currently in High School)
interested in LEADERSHIP and personal growth
are asked to contact **Fr. Francesco** through the
Parish Office.

We will be using a dynamic new program:
YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body

YOU.
LIFE, LOVE, AND THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

A preview of this program can be seen
on YouTube.

This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Acts 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2ND READING: 1 John 5: 1-6

GOSPEL: John 20: 19-31

(excerpts from HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
Saint Peter's Square ~ 3 April 2016)

The Gospel is the book of God's mercy, to be read and reread, because ***everything that Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father's mercy.*** And the Gospel of mercy remains an open book, in which the signs of Christ's disciples - concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy - continue to be written (John 20:30). Therefore, ***we are all called to become living writers of the Gospel,*** heralds of the Good News to all men and women of today - this continues the great work of Jesus on Easter day, when he poured into the hearts of his fearful disciples the Father's mercy, bringing them the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and bestows joy.

At the same time, the story we hear in today's Gospel presents an evident contrast: there is the fear of the disciples, who gathered behind closed doors; and then there is the mission of Jesus, who sends them into the world to proclaim the message of forgiveness. ***This contrast may also be present in us, experienced as an interior struggle between a closed heart*** (often characterized by indifference or self-righteousness), ***and the call of love to open doors closed by sin.***

It is a call that ***frees*** us to go out of ourselves. Christ, who for love entered through doors barred by sin, death and the powers of hell, wants to enter into each one of us to break open the locked doors of our hearts. ***Jesus, who by his resurrection has overcome the fear and dread which imprison us, wishes to throw open our closed doors and send us out.*** We see before us a humanity that is often wounded and fearful, a humanity that bears the scars of pain and uncertainty. Before the anguished cry for mercy and peace, we hear Jesus' inspiring invitation: *"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you"* (Jn 20:21).

In God's mercy, all of our infirmities find healing. His mercy, in fact, does not keep a distance: it seeks to encounter all forms of poverty and to free this world of so many types of slavery. Mercy desires to reach the wounds of all, to heal them. Being apostles of mercy means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. In curing these wounds, we

profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognize him as *"Lord and God"* (Jn 20:28). This is the mission that he entrusts to us. So many people ask to be listened to and to be understood. ***The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return.***

"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21) is the greeting of Jesus to his disciples; this same peace awaits men and women of our own day. It is not a negotiated peace - meaning that it is not the absence of conflict - it is HIS peace, the peace that comes from the heart of the Risen Lord, the peace that has defeated sin, fear and death. It is a peace that does not divide but unites; it is a peace that does not abandon us but makes us feel listened to and loved; it is a peace that persists even in pain and enables hope to blossom. This peace, as on the day of Easter, is born ever anew by the forgiveness of God which calms our anxious hearts. To be bearers of his peace: this is the mission entrusted to the Church on Easter day.

In Christ, we are born to be instruments of reconciliation, to bring the Father's forgiveness to everyone, to reveal his loving face through concrete acts of mercy.

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Here's a concrete example of being "living writers of the Gospel" and "heralds of the Good News to men and women of today:

As health authorities in BC start to impose assisted suicide in palliative and hospice care facilities, and while a letter-writing campaign expressing opposition is indeed necessary action, how can we as a community of faith meet the needs of the elderly, sick and suffering? As Archbishop Miller wrote in his Feb 22nd statement, *"we must also ask ourselves where and why we are failing to provide for and accompany those who are dealing with lengthy illnesses or approaching death... if the elderly, sick and suffering in our population feel that euthanasia is their best option, it means we as a society and as individuals are letting them down..."* What would it look like if we didn't keep our distance, and actually let our Risen Lord "open our closed doors" and send us out to visit the sick, pray with them, hold their hands, comfort their family, bring His mercy and peace in powerful contrast to efforts promoting assisted suicide as a response to suffering?



OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Evans family: Jonathan, Bryanna & Georgia

Escoto family: Hazel, Arnel, Andrea, Alessandra & Angelo



Congratulations to those recently baptised:
Christina Doan

Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Toni Ward, Josie Lee, 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, Helen Mentek, Ray Davies, Joe Novak, Luka Volentier, Dan Hof and Bernadette Deeley.

Teen Music Ministry

If you...

- ◆ are in Grades 6-12 and love to sing and make music
- ◆ Want to use your talents for our teen music ministry
- ◆ Want to have some fun with other teens who share our Faith... **We want you to join us!**

Our next Mass will be on **Sunday, April 15th, 7:00pm** at Good Shepherd Church. Come for practice before Mass in the Meeting Room **5:45pm-6:45pm.**

For more info, please contact Evon Olsen at

eolsen@starofthesea.ca

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 be added to the class list.

Reconciliation

Jesus established the Sacrament of Reconciliation when he gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins (John 20:22-23). We confess our sins to a priest and receive the gift of forgiveness from God, which brings us freedom and new life. Take time to go to Confession regularly. See weekly confession times listed on the bulletin cover.

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.

Congratulations



to those Baptized and Confirmed and nourished with the Body of Christ:

- Arlan Anderson**
- Miranda Cardinal**
- Li Feng**
- Rosalinda Fu**
- Steven Gebbie**
- Annie Liu**
- Kristopher Schmuland**
- Gary Yang**



and to those received into the Catholic Church, Confirmed and nourished with the Body of Christ:

- Kari Lloyd**
- Lynne Murray**
- Andrew Yakuhin**
- Martha Rubido**

We warmly welcome all our new Catholics and their families to our community! We encourage all our parishioners to personally introduce yourselves to our new members and encourage them with your friendship and prayers.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



Let us draw near in utter sincerity and absolute confidence. Hebrews 10:22

Great was the love that caused Jesus to desire to forgive mankind and to desire to drink the bitter chalice of suffering which our sins prepared for Him. His Divine heart opened for us on the cross. Now He waits for us with kindness and love to receive us into His tender mercies.

Thank you for considering one of the following hours needing a weekly adorer, or choose any other hour of the day or night:

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

- Substitutes are needed for:
- Tuesdays, Apr. 17, 24 & May 1
- 7:00-8:00am
 - Wednesdays, Apr. 11, 18 & 25
- 5:00-6:00am

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



SAVE THE DATE
for **Vacation Bible School** for children currently completing K - Gr.4

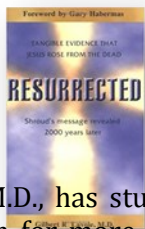
Monday, July 16- Friday, July 20
9AM-Noon, Good Shepherd Church

SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus Venture onto an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life. They'll learn to hold onto God's promises when they are lonely, they worry, they struggle, do wrong, and feel powerless.

Cost \$50. Registration forms available at all 3 churches

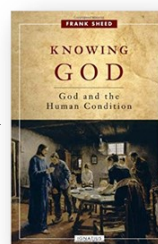
Visit the Parish Library

RESURRECTED: Tangible Evidence that Jesus rose From the Dead



Gilbert R. Lavoie, M.D., has studied the Shroud of Turin for more than 20 years. He brings together startling new scientific information that shows how the shroud points to the resurrection of Jesus.

KNOWING GOD



Atheists deny we can know God because they deny there is a God to know. But even believers who affirm God's existence sometimes don't know him. In *Knowing God*, the great Catholic writer, teacher, and publisher Frank Sheed helps readers to know that God exists, to think about who and what God is, and to know God personally. He clears away popular misunderstandings of God, and is not timid about tackling the most challenging questions the human mind can pose about God, yet he does not reduce divine mystery to dry propositions or neglect the necessity of faith.



Star of the Sea Custom Umbrellas

High-quality; made with stain & mildew-resistant, durable, quick-drying nylon fabric with slip-resistant hook handle.
\$20 each

"You can't keep the faith unless you give it away.

That's a fact. To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. When the Catholic Church calls us to a **NEW EVANGELIZATION**, that's simply a reminder to us of what has always been true. ***The good news is: you can do it - you can evangelize!***

~ Scott Hahn

To encourage you to register for the upcoming New Evangelization Summit, we will be showing talks from the 2015 summit on:

- Friday, April 13 at 7:00pm
- Friday, April 20 at 7:00pm
- and
- Sunday, April 22 after 11AM Mass

Everyone is encouraged to come to these sessions. Dessert coffee/tea will be served and a short small group discussion will follow after each of the talks. Please register for either or both of the Friday evening sessions by contacting the Parish Office by phone 604-531-5739 or email parish@starofthesea.ca.



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

LIVE FROM OTTAWA APRIL 27-28, 2018

WEBCAST TO HOST SITES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA!



George Weigel



Curtis Martin



Michael Dopp



Sr. Ann Shields



Patrick Madrid

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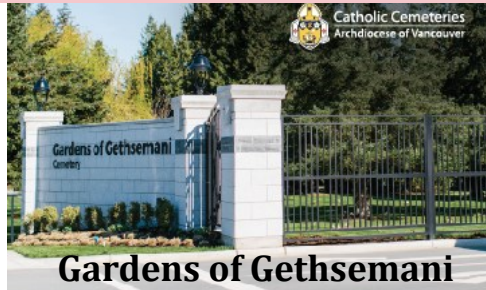
Purchase your ticket \$40
ONLINE at: www.newevangelization.ca



Books Now Available



Over Lent, our Friday Morning Men's Group introduced 3 great books to help inspire you in your walk with Our Lord. The books were so well received and sold out so quickly that more books have been ordered. These books are now available (\$5 each) at the Parish Office.



**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 rccav.org

WALK-A-THON



is 3 weeks away!

Friday, April 20th
9:00am

at Blackie's Spit at Crescent Beach.

The staff and students of our School would like to invite you to come walk with us at our annual walkathon and help us reach our fundraising goal of \$25,000 which will go towards technology upgrades.



Furniture For Refugees

We have been informed that 2 new refugee families are due to arrive in our diocese and will be in need of furniture donations.

We are looking for apartment-sized furniture **IN VERY GOOD, CLEAN CONDITION ONLY**, in particular:

- Single beds
- Dressers
- living room / dining room furniture
- Kitchenware - basic items like dishware, cutlery, pots/pans **SETS ONLY PLEASE**



Contact Mario at the Parish Office: mylanan@starofthesea.ca

Students and parents will be at all the Masses next weekend, (April 14 & 15) to collect pledges for our priests who will be walking too! Please have some cash (or cheques) on hand.

Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Spring Plant Sale

Students from Star of the Sea School were at Good Shepherd Church this weekend to take your Spring Plant Orders of Hanging Baskets, Herbs, Veggies, Potting Soil, Geraniums, Petunias and Marigolds. If you missed placing an order and would still like to, order forms are available at all 3 churches. Order forms and payments can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection baskets.

Orders due April 30th.
Plant pick up: May 11th



MANDATING ASSISTED SUICIDE



in Hospice Palliative Care

CWL, Knights of Columbus and Helpers of St. Ann & St. Joachim are hosting a community meeting on: **Wednesday May 2nd, 7PM** at Star of the Sea School Gym to inform YOU on the issue of the Fraser Health Authority imposing **ASSISTED SUICIDE in HOSPICE and PALLIATIVE CARE FACILITIES.**

Hear from two MLA's and experts in hospice/palliative care. Ask questions. And find out how your concerns and objections can be heard.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.