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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 15, 2018

*"Why are you
 frightened, and
 why do
 doubts
 arise in
 your
 hearts?
 ... see
 that it
 is I...
 for a spirit
 does not
 have flesh
 and bones
 as you see
 that I have."*

Luke 24:38-39

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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,

Last week the Archbishop's Office issued the list for the clergy assignments for this year, and both of our assistants are being moved to other parishes. The moves take effect on July 12th, so we'll bid farewell to Fr. DePaul, who is going to St. Matthew's in north Surrey, and to Fr. Francesco, who is going to All Saints in Coquitlam. We'll be having a farewell reception in our school gym, with a chance to visit with our two assistants before they depart - date and details to be arranged.

Our two new priests are Fr. Ajin George and Fr. Francis Mallya, and we'll welcome them in mid-July when they move into the rectory and begin their ministry in our parish.

I've been reviewing the applications for space in our school for next year and a surprising situation has presented itself in that we still have space for children in kindergarten. In past years we were oversubscribed for these spaces, but this year not so. If by chance there are families with a child going to "kindy" next year, and maybe thought that there was no space in our school for them, please reconsider and come to the school for an application form. We would be happy to receive your request.

I attended the special Mass for the opening of the Project Advance Appeal for this year, with the Archbishop giving an encouraging message to all the parish representatives and a very hearty vote of appreciation to the whole diocesan family who have supported this fund raising effort for so many years. This Appeal has done such great good for the health and well-being of the work of the Church at the diocesan level and most especially for the benefit of the local parishes and their needs. So we're getting our materials and letter ready for the mail, and in a few weeks we'll launch our Project Advance Appeal for Star of the Sea. The video is a good one, and we'll be viewing it shortly, so give some thought to this annual appeal and be prepared to make a gift. We're counting on your support.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Dion

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

Apr 16 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 9 of 11) "HOW DO I RESIST EVIL?" -GS

Apr 17 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room
- 10:00am Priests at Deanery Meeting - St. Matthew's
- 7:00pm Intercessory Prayer - GS Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS Library
- 7:00pm 33 Days to Morning Glory (Wk 2 of 5) - GS Fireside

Apr 18 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- Priests at 3rd 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 19 Thursday

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

Apr 20 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 7:00pm **Come watch the New Evangelization Summit 2015 Videos - GS Meeting Rm**
- 7:00pm Young Adults (19-35yrs) Group - School Fine Arts Room

Apr 21 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 9:30am Day of Recollection and Training Workshop for Ushers and Greeters Ministries - GS Meeting Rm
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 5:00pm Family Mass - GS

Apr 22 Sunday

- 12:00pm **Watch the New Evangelization Summit 2015 Videos after 11AM Mass - GS**
- 7:00pm Teen Music Ministry Mass - GS



This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 4:2,4,7-9

2ND READING: 1 John 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

THE FOLLOWING IS TAKEN FROM POPE FRANCIS' MORNING MEDITATION IN THE CHAPEL OF THE DOMUS SANCTAE MARTHAE 24 APR 2014

Notice the contrast between what the Apostles felt after the Lord's Resurrection: on the one hand, they were filled with joy at the thought that he had risen, while on the other hand, they were fearful at seeing him among them once again and of entering once more into contact with the mystery.

In today's Gospel passage which took place on the evening of the Resurrection, the two disciples from Emmaus spoke about their encounter with Jesus on the road, and how he had also appeared to Peter. They were all happy because the Lord had risen - they were sure that the Lord had risen as they had seen him. Then, *"While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you..."* However, instead of peace, the Gospel describes the Apostles as *"startled and terrified"* They didn't know what to do, and *"thought they were seeing a ghost"*. But Jesus sought most of all to reassure them: look, I am not a ghost, touch me, look at my wounds!

Verse 41 explains well what the disciples felt at that moment: *"While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering"* The disciples could not believe because they were ***afraid of joy***. Jesus leads them to joy: the joy of the Resurrection, the joy of his presence among them. However, the disciples preferred to think that Jesus was an idea, a spirit, but not a reality. Therefore, Jesus makes them understand that he was real by telling them to "touch me and see" and asking them for something to eat. This fear of joy is a Christian illness. We are afraid of joy and we tell ourselves that it is better to think: yes, God exists but he is out there somewhere...Jesus is risen, he is out there... but let's keep a little distance... we are afraid of Jesus' closeness because this brings us joy.

We are afraid of joy and Jesus by his Resurrection gives us joy: the joy of being Christians, the joy of following him closely, the joy of taking the road of the beatitudes, the joy of being with him. Instead, many times we are either startled when this joy comes to meet us or we are full of fear: either we believe we are seeing a ghost, or we think that Jesus is a way of acting (merely a lifestyle choice or moral standing). Rather, we should ask ourselves: Do I speak with Jesus? Do I tell him: Jesus, I believe you are alive, that you are risen, that you are close to me that you will not abandon me? This dialogue with Jesus can only come from a relationship with him; it marks the Christian life and is enlivened by the knowledge that Jesus is always with us...in our problems, our struggles and our good works.

May the Lord do for us all what he did for the disciples who were afraid...May he open our minds and make us understand that he is a living reality, that he has a body, that he is with us and that he accompanies us, that he has conquered: Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to be afraid of joy.

Eternal Father, we ask you,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
and the intercession of
Mary Immaculate,
Star of the New Evangelization,
to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon
Star of the Sea Parish.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,
renew and transform us,
and make fruitful
the work of evangelization.

Root us deeply in the heart of your Son
so that we may radiate him more fully,
sharing with others the Good News of
salvation in Christ, who alone
is the fulfillment of all human desiring.

Transform our parish community.

Make of us shining lights,
beacons of hope that reach those
who are far from you,
drawing them back to your fold.

Consecrate us in your truth
and accomplish your plans in us
according to your holy will.

Amen

You are invited to PREVIEW the New Evangelization Summit at Good Shepherd Church:

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

where we will be televising talks from the 2015 summit. Dessert coffee/tea will be served and a short small group discussion will follow after each of the talks.



THE
NEW EVANGELIZATION
SUMMIT *Inspiring Catholics*

Friday, April 27th

7:00pm-9:30pm

Saturday, April 28th

9:00am - 4:30pm

Star of the Sea School Gym

Purchase your ticket online at

www.newevangelization.ca

\$40 (\$30 for students, full time missionaries, religious and priests)

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



OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Miranda Cardinal
Maria & Raffaele Peluso
Yeom family: Peter, Anna, Justin & Raphael



Congratulations to those recently baptised:
Asher Jin

Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Rolf May, 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, Joe Novak, Luka Volentier, Dan Hof and Bernadette Deeley.

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls

of: Ray Davies, Leslie Ellery, Edda Klarich, Alice Boyes and Nora Coquillo



Next Family Mass is Saturday, April 21st
at Good Shepherd Church, 5:00pm



Consider participating in one of these areas—it's wonderful to witness families worshipping together:

- Readers
- Singers
- Gift Bearers

If you would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Olsen at eolsen@starofthesea.ca

SHIPWRECKED:

Rescued by Jesus
Vacation Bible School
for children currently completing Kindergarten - Gr.4
Monday, July 16- Friday, July 20
9AM-Noon, Good Shepherd Church

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



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

We walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Cor 5:7

Unlike Thomas, who did not believe until he saw Jesus' wounds, you come to Him in faith, in the Blessed Sacrament. Each time you visit Jesus in the Chapel, you are saying to Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28) And, with each Holy Hour that you make, Jesus is saying to you: *Blessed are you, because you have not seen and yet, have believed!*

The following hours are in need of someone to be with the Lord each week. Will you answer His call:

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

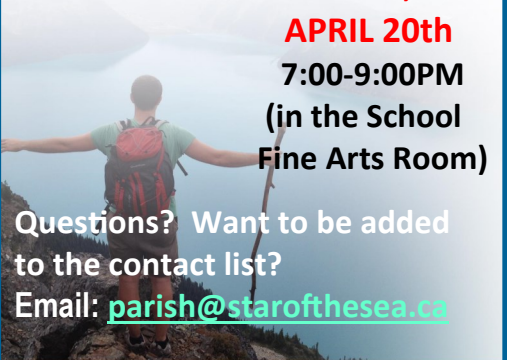
Substitutes are needed for:
Tuesdays, Apr. 17, 24 & May 1 - 7:00-8:00am
Wednesdays, Apr. 11, 18 & 25 - 5:00-6:00am

Choose any hour of the day or night as your own personal hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament each week. 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: **FRIDAY, APRIL 20th**
7:00-9:00PM
(in the School Fine Arts Room)

Questions? Want to be added to the contact list?
Email: parish@starofthesea.ca



Attention: YOUTH
(those in High School)
interested in **LEADERSHIP** and **PERSONAL GROWTH**
Please contact **Fr. Francesco** through the Parish Office 604.531.5739
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
(Preview it on YouTube)



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
April 22



On Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church will be marking the 55th annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** – a time when the whole Church is united in praying that more men will answer God’s call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world.



The 2nd collection next weekend (April 21 & 22) is for the WORK OF VOCATIONS. This Diocesan collection supports seminarians studying to become priests for the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Thank you for your generosity.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER *Ministry*



Members of Star of the Sea Parish gather together to pray for the needs and the initiatives of the parish. Come join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 17th**, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room.

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.

Facilitator: Trudy Desjardine

Archdiocese of Vancouver
For more information or to donate online
projectadvance.ca

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

Live gratefully,
give generously.
One Faith. One Church. One Family.



Project Advance 2017 Highlights:

The total amount raised in the Archdiocese was \$7,325,667, the third year in a row over \$7M.

- Participation rate 25.5%
- \$3M Archdiocesan Goal
- Over \$3.9M rebated to parishes
- Balance was paid expenses
- Since 1980: \$189 million raised, \$101 million rebated to the parishes.

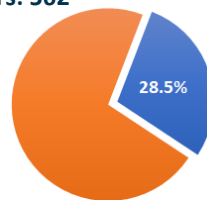
Over the years in our parish, Project Advance has contributed to projects such as the school gym, the school's "Blue Wing" and Good Shepherd Church.



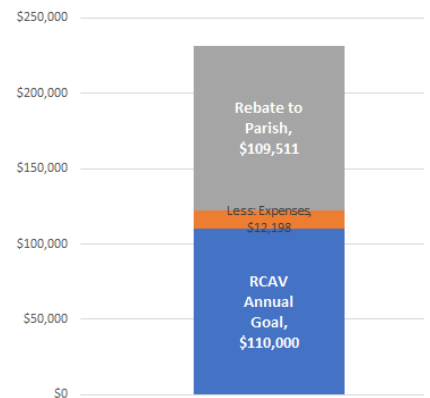
Excerpts from Archbishop Millers message: *“A significant portion of your funds over the decades has gone to support the construction and renovation of our regional secondary high schools and the acquisition of land for new parishes. These capital expenditures provide the necessary structures that support our mission of evangelization. Beyond funding our mission-based infrastructure, you have helped develop and sustain many life-giving ministries. These enable the Church to provide services that benefit Catholics and countless others in our corner of the Vineyard.”*

In our parish, 28.5% of our 1,974 registered families raised \$231,709.

2017 Registered Families: 1,974
Donors: 562



2017 Parish Goal: \$265,000
Total Collected: \$231,709



After expenses of \$12,198 and contributing our Annual Goal of \$110,000, the parish received our rebate of \$109,511. This rebate was allocated to:

1/3 for improved lighting in Good Shepherd church, 1/3 for our capital reserve fund, and 1/3 for the new parish center building fund.



Star of the Sea School is one of 40 Catholic elementary schools governed under the CISVA (Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese) cisva.bc.ca Each CISVA elementary school in turn has a committee, called the **Parish Education Committee (PEC)**, made up of the Pastor (who is the Archbishop's Representative) and 7 Lay Members of the parish (8 members total), which governs the singular parish school on behalf of the CISVA Board of Directors.

The Bishops of BC: *"the whole parish community has a family interest in Catholic Schools since all the baptized are responsible for seeing that the specific mission and distinctive characteristics of Catholic Schools are maintained and improved."*

There are three vacancies for the PEC for a 2-year term commencing July 1, 2018.

PEC elections will be held after Masses on the **weekend of May 26th & May 27th**. There will be an Advance Poll at the Parish Office on **Thursday, May 24th** from 3:00–3:30 pm for those who will be away on election weekend.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE are Catholics who have reached the age of 19, residing within parish boundaries and are registered members of the parish. It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that his/her name is placed on the Voter's List. A person may vote in only one parish. Also eligible to vote are non-Catholic spouses of all Catholics eligible to vote.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE as a member of a PEC are practicing Catholics, approved by the Pastor, who are eligible to vote

in that parish and have reached the age of 21 with the following exceptions:

- Teachers and Principal of the school;
- Past employees of the school until three full calendar years have passed since the termination of employment;
- Employees of the parish and/or school;
- Spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters of persons covered above;
- All other Teachers/Principals employed by CISVA.

THOSE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE are eligible to nominate.

Nomination forms will be available at the Parish office and School office. Forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Nominating Committee **by May 16th** (2:30pm at School office) and (4:30pm at the Parish office).

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration currently being accepted at Star of the Sea School. We encourage all our Parish families to consider a Catholic education for their Kindergarten age student and joining our school community.



Why Choose Catholic Education?

Parents have many options in selecting an educational institution for their child; and particularly in South Surrey/White Rock, many of our options are quite excellent. All elementary schools offer classes in English, math, science, and social studies. Star of the Sea Elementary School not only provides superior curriculum in these areas, but we do so by integrating faith into every subject, where Jesus Christ is at

the centre. Catholic education fosters a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the family of the Church; it draws upon scripture, the sacraments and prayer to help us respond to the universal call to holiness and it calls us to witness that God is love, and therefore recognizes the inherent dignity of every human person, especially the marginalized and most vulnerable. That is the Catholic school difference.

Our goal at Star of the Sea is to provide your child with on-going

faith formation, to develop each students' God-given gifts, and to prepare them for success in higher education and the global marketplace. We do this through a challenging curriculum, the support of our parents, and in a nurturing environment.

We would be happy to welcome your child to experience the comprehensive education of mind, heart, and spirit.

Contact Star of the Sea Elementary School at 604-531-6316.