

Fouth Sunday of Lent March 11, 2018

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Becoming People of the Light



While it may seem odd, I look forward to Lent all year because it permits me the luxury of meditating on the rich tradition of lament that is often forgotten or ignored altogether. Lament is the action of truly mourning the incompleteness of our lives, our society and our world in the sight of God. There is a wealth of emotions bubbling in the reading from Chronicles as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple has effectively terminated the sacred worship space of the Jewish people. Psalm 137 reiterates the destruction and we are drawn into the devastation through the psalmist's plaintive words.

John's Gospel shows a way out of the lament and devastation: "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten son." Love is the path out of lament and devastation. Through this ultimate sacrifice on our behalf, we become people of the light forever abandoning the darkness that threatens to overshadow hope. In a few days, we will set our faces to Jerusalem, to liturgically journey with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. Today (in other parish-es), we witness the 2nd Scrutiny for Catechumens. The scrutinies are rites for spiritual self-searching. We .. support the elect ... as they journey toward the Cross. *M. Elphick, Mississauga, ON*

Parish Schedule

Mar 12 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Brian Rogers †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Mar 13 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Tom & Pat McCloskey</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession
Mar 14 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Theresa Lamb</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9:45 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP in the Parish Centre 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
Mar 15 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Philomena Rego †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession
Mar 16 Fri	9:00AM <i>Int: Macedo Family</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Martha De Groot †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2:- 3:00 PM Holy Hour 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Mar 17 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Agustin Castellanos</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Otto, Darryl & Ashley †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 4:00 PM Confession
Mar 18 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Saras Naidu †</i> 4:30 PM Spanish Mass	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession

Daily Confession: 15 minutes before all daily Masses and 30 minutes before all Masses on Sunday including anticipated Mass on Saturday.

Baptisms every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month. Contact the Parish Office to register.

Stewardship Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own son is truly the greatest! How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God doesn't ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts; that we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Delia Auzins, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret McCreddie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Fr. Tim McCarthy & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Welcome New Parishioners

Calros & Ana Defrias, Alejandro & Sheryll Martinez, Thomas & Frances McNee, Derric & Christine Bailon-Mitchell, Michael Raouf Nagib Mousa and family, Thomas & Anne Marie Schneider, Noel & Dyan Slaney, Angela Todo, Fortuna & Jose Perez-Tuells & Tyler Curl. Welcome to our Parish Family!

TAX RECEIPTS HAVE BEEN MAILED OUT

2017 Receipts for tax deductible donations have been mailed out. If you don't receive yours by the end of this week,, please call Rosana at the Parish Office. Thank you.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Thank you to all the PREP families for taking home MITE boxes for our seminarians. Thank you to our Confirmation students as greeters last week. Please read the weekly PREP emailed bulletin for updates on the Lenten activities and the sacramental programs. Reminder of the PREP students Stations of the Cross event on March 14 parents invited. Please note that PREP will be in the PARISH CENTER March 14 as well due to CCS being cleaned for break. Please drop students there at 6:30pm, Station are in the church at 7:00pm. Please call Karla for any additional information



Due to lack of interest, we had to cancel our Gr. 9 and older retreat. Children's Ministry which usually meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month is also cancelled to let families spend time together for Spring Break. We invite all youth in Gr. 6-8 for our Explorers Lenten Retreat on Mar 24, Sat, 9—6:30 pm at the Parish Centre. For more information and to register, email pbyouth@telus.net. Check us out at pbyouthministry.wordpress.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Thank you for supporting our pancake breakfast. We are on our way to our goal of supplying the church with and AED machine. We welcomed 5 new members this year. Have you considered joining us? We are a Catholic Men's fraternity for men 18 and older. Look us up online www.kofc.org. On another note, Bro. Frank Sharma, a Knight and former active member of our Parish will be doing his First Profession of vows as a Brother for the Discalced Carmelite Friars on Apr 7 at St. Edmund's Parish, 545 Mahon Ave., North Vancouver. Mass at 11 am with reception to follow.



MEN'S FAITH STUDY for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. Contact darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information.

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ORGAN REPLACEMENT FUND: \$22,688.00

March 12-23 is Spring Break for Cloverdale Catholic School. We pray for all families as they celebrate this time together. Also, NO WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY these next 2 weeks.

Read the Bible in One Year

Try following the suggested readings daily for 365 days, to read the complete Catholic Bible.



Sunday	Exodus 7-8, Psalm 35, Matthew 20:1-16
Monday	Exodus 9, Psalm 36, Matthew 20:17-34
Tuesday	Exodus 10-11, Psalm 37, Matthew 21:1-22
Wednesday	Exodus 12, Psalm 38, Matthew 21:23-46
Thursday	Exodus 13-14, Psalm 39, Matthew 22:1-22
Friday	Exodus 15, Psalm 40, Matthew 22:23-46
Saturday	Exodus 16-17, Psalm 41, Matthew 23:1-22



HOLY HOUR

On Friday, Mar 16 from 2—3 PM Pls. try to spend some time during Lent at Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Jesus waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt.6:21, 26:40

Thank you to Fr. Jerry D'Souza, Fr. John Tritschler, Fr. Rodney Nootebos and Fr. Camillus Temba for serving us in our Pastor's absence. And thank you to everyone who participated & generously supported the Parish Mission to help the Carmelites build a formation house in India. God bless you all.

PARISH ACTIVITIES and AROUND THE AREA

LAST WEEK TO SUPPORT LIVING WITH CHRIST FUNDRAISER

DAILY LIVING WITH CHRIST DAILY MISSALS FUNDRAISER Consider subscribing to daily Living with Christ Missals. Subscription forms available at the Parish Office and in the Church vestibule. If you subscribe by **March 15** through the Parish, \$10 goes back to the Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PARISH WEBSITE. Check out our NEW website at pbparish.ca. Let us know what you think!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT COLLECTION, Sun, Mar 18, During our Lenten journey, we are called to fast, pray & give alms. D&P—Caritas Canada encourages us to join in Pope Francis' call for peace on earth through dialogue. Please give generously next weekend to help D&P and their work of bridging gaps through dialogue in different warring communities to be instruments of peace.

PROJECT ADVANCE CAMPAIGN 2018 We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2018 Campaign. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life: Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations & Seminarians, along with other members of the faithful throughout the archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." The next one is on Thurs, Mar 15, at St. Nicholas Parish, Langley, 7-8 pm

PARENTING MINISTRY: Who Am I? Come to a 4-day workshop Mar 19-22, 9 am to 5 pm at Spirit of Formation House, Langley. To register contact Jane Waldock 778-997-4672 or visit rcav.org/event/who-am-i

STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR, Sun, Mar 25 @ 3pm Good Shepherd Church, 2250 150 St., Surrey. A choral presentation on music and word reflecting on Holy Week and the Passion of Christ. Tickets at the door: Adults, \$10; Seniors & Students \$8.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES IN OUR DEANERY

Wednesday, Mar 14	7 PM	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thursday, March 15	7 PM	St. Bernadette
Tuesday, March 20	7 PM	IC Delta
Wednesday, Mar 21	7 PM	Star of the Sea
Wednesday, Mar 21	7 PM	PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
Thursday, March 22	8 PM	St. Matthew's

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:13

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626 Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org