

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019

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Jesus The Liberator



Herein lies the heart of our gospel today. In Jesus' words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free..."

This is the Spirit that energizes each one of us. Whether we are a health professional, a teacher, a parent, an aunt or uncle... or a good friend, it starts with our feeling the Spirit's desire in our heart to "proclaim liberty" to the captive people around us.

When we see suffering, we feel compassion—whether it's a child, neighbor, or friend. Like Jesus, we genuinely want to help the blind recover sight and the oppressed go free. That is the Holy Spirit's effect upon us. But then often we feel overwhelmed by the size of the task. In trying to be "all things to all people," in doing our best to help our mothers, grandmothers, husbands, students, we face burn-out at alarming rates these days. Then we feel guilty for letting up, even a little.

Did you notice that in our reading today? Once the people knew the law, and came to their senses about just how much suffering there was, the prophet said, "Don't fall apart grieving. You don't have to wipe out all evil single-handedly—the Lord MUST be your strength, so start rejoicing!"

St. Paul gives us the blueprint for how to rejoice always. We are to realize that it takes the whole body to do God's work. Don't see yourself as just one person—which leads to arrogance, pride, and separation from others. But see yourself as a working member of the body. And see whatever small or large talents you can bring to the body as part of the healing of our whole Body of Christ.

Parish Schedule

Jan 28 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Rosemary Waversveld</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Jan 29 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Gillian Cullen</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 7:00 PM Parish Prayer Group
Jan 30 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Cesar Lozanes †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM Legion of Mary Meeting 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA
Jan 31 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Juanito dela Cruz †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM WALKING WITH PURPOSE
Feb 01 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francis Cruz †</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Marie Smith</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Filippina Signorelli 2-6:30 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Feb 02 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Betty Santamaria Imperial †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Ely & Bert Barte †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 4:00 PM Confessions 1:00 PM Couples For Christ Youth
Feb 03 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Ricarda Vella †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:00AM—1:00PM K of C Pancake Breakfast 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

SECOND COLLECTION ON FEB 2/3 FOR THE BC CATHOLIC Parishioners receive the BC Catholic, official publication of the Vancouver Archdiocese, through Parish funds. Please support this collection to help us cover the costs. Thank you for your generosity.

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, 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, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy, Rosa Santos, Buena Lipat Carandang, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien., all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Stewardship Reflection

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."
Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) A reminder that there is a 1st Communion meeting for parents on Feb 6 @ 6:30 pm and an all-day Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries at the Parish Centre for students on Feb 8. Please see class bulletin for information and permission form. God bless everyone..



Youth night for Grades 8-12 this Sat, Jan 26 after 4:30 Mass. Super Smash Bros Tournament! Dinner & fun provided. Our next youth night will be on Feb 8 open to all Grades 6 and up. It will be a fun night with dancing ... we will keep you posted. Coldest Night of the Year Walk is on Feb 23. Come and join our team.

PRECIOUS BLOOD YOUNG ADULTS group is a parish-based community of 18 to 30 year olds who seek to draw closer to Christ and his church through prayer, friendship, discussion, study and service. Email preciousbloodyoungadults@gmail.com for more info on events and to participate.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Our topic this week is: The Paschal Mystery Through Liturgy & the Sacraments... Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 to 7:45pm. All welcome to sit in.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE— Membership Drive! Please see us in the vestibule of the Church to join the CWL or renew your membership this weekend. Questions? Please email preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will have its annual Valentine's bake sale after all Masses the weekend of Feb 9/10. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off before all Masses at the bake table. Thank you for your support.



K of C SHOPPING CARD FUNDRAISER This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$5,329.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON FEB 3 Join us for our monthly breakfast of fluffy pancakes, sausage, ham & eggs by donation. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Building Fund & Vestibule Expansion Project. Come for the fellowship and be generous. See you there.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED MEMEBERS OF OUR PARISH

Filippina Signorelli, Steve Ori & Mike Makarenko



Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

WEEK 50

SUN	Daniel 6-7; Sirach 39:17-35; Revelation 12
MON	Daniel 8-9; Sirach 40:1-17; Revelation 13
TUE	Daniel 10-12; Sirach 40:18-30; Revelation 14
WED	Daniel 13-14; Sirach 41; Revelation 15
THU	Hosea 1-4; Sirach 42:1-14; Revelation 16
FRI	Hosea 5-8; Sirach 42:15-25; Revelation 17
SAT	Hosea 9-11; Sirach 43:1-12; Revelation 18



FIRST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be on **Fri, Feb 1 from 2-6:30PM** followed by Mass. The sign up sheet will be in the vestibule of the church. The Blessed Sacrament cannot remain unattended. Our goal is to have at least two committed people for each hour. Please call the parish office if you cannot make your committed time..

"Behold the Lamb of God; Behold the One who brings peace in the storms of life." Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on the Eucharist

AROUND THE PARISH

MASS OF ANOINTING FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 Slocan Street, Vancouver on Monday, Feb 11 @ 11 am. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered and refreshments will be offered in the school gym. **At Precious Blood**, a special Mass will be celebrated on Tues, Feb 12 @ 11 with refreshments following in the Columbus Room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our Parish is in need of a coordinator for the Vacation Bible School Program. This is a 5-day, 9-12 interactive program for children 4-11 years old that runs during the summer. For more information or if interested to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.



MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Are you a handyman or skilled in general maintenance and repairs? We need you! The Parish is forming a Maintenance committee and can use all the help you can give. Please contact the parish office if you would like to be part of this committee. Thank you!



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Our parish is starting to embark on some exciting projects, one of which is our vestibule expansion. We are looking for individuals to help make these projects a reality by serving on a Parish Fundraising Committee. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping our parish with these efforts. If interested to be part of this group, please contact Rosana at the parish office pbparish@telus.net.

VESTIBULE EXPANSION Please continue to pray and support this endeavour. Thank you to everyone who supported our 2018 Project Advance campaign and donated to the Building Fund. We have received the Approval in Principle (AIP) from the Archdiocese which means we are now able to move forward - get final drawings that fit our budget and begin applying for permits. We will keep raising funds through the Knights Shopping Card Program, Building Fund and 2019 Project Advance campaign. We hope and pray for your continued support.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 UPDATE:

Final numbers have come in from the Archdiocese! We have raised a total of \$64,977.16 from 201 donors or 20.2% participation. Thank you for your support.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE on Thur, Jan 31. We are invited to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary School unique. Applications for the 2019/20 school year will be available at this event.

GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI Cemetery presentation on Feb 4, Mon @ 7pm in St. Joseph's Church Langley Parish hall. Losing a loved one may be the most painful experience in life. Creating a memorial plan doesn't have to be overwhelming. Come and listen to a dedicated counselor from Gardens of Gethsemani. This event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council# 2552.

VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR BOYS Feb 8-10, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC for boys & young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

PRO-LIFE VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER/DANCE St. Matthew's Pro-Life Ministry hosts this dinner/dance and silent auction on Sat, Feb 23. Tickets are \$35/person. Contact Genevieve @ 778-956-7348.

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: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca Retrouville (for troubled marriages): retrouvillevancouver.com	Natural Family Planning Services: Billings Method: David/Keely Wray-604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancouver.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