

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

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A Really Pig Story

A reality show recently had people who keep pigs for house pets. Gigantic animals, weighing about 300 pounds each, would waddle up onto the sofa, and sort of snuggle up to the man and woman. Some kissing was also involved!

Pigs get too much bad press today, but it's nothing to how the Jews of Jesus' time felt about them. Pork was one of the foods forbidden to Jews; they despised any "foreigners" or non-Jews who ate it, for being "unclean." The Jews were the Chosen People, and they felt all non-Jews were unsaved and unloved by God.

Now picture Jesus, also a Jew, entering into this atmosphere of hostility and deep hatred. Do you think his message of "God says love your enemies" would delight the Jewish high priests? Their rage against him eventually leads to Jesus' crucifixion. But today Jesus reminds his Jewish townspeople again: "Don't just tolerate non-Jews; imitate God, who deeply loves and plans to save these Gentiles whom you so despise!"

Any one of us could be a Pharisee—no matter how open and inclusive and "on God's side" we may feel we are. The Jews felt the same, and Jesus condemned them. Make every effort to show non-pompous openness and genuine compassion to the "different" ones—in our political scene, our families, on our jobs.

As we start our Lenten journey in two weeks, remember that the Crucifixion of Jesus began here—with people's refusal to love the "weird" stranger, the outcast. Bottom line: Be Jesus toward people whose opinion isn't yours.

Parish Schedule

Feb 04 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Steph Andrews</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Feb 05 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Elsa Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Steve Ori 3:00 PM Kids for Christ Assembly 7:00 PM Parish Prayer Group
Feb 06 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons †</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
Feb 07 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Elsa Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 10:30 AM Mass @ Zion Manor
Feb 08 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass <i>Int: Elsa Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9 AM—3 PM Confirmation Retreat 2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR
Feb 09 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Agrufino Luczon †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Francesca Martin †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 2:00 PM Fraser Valley Catholic Chinese Com. 4:00 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Precious Blood Youth
Feb 10 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Ricarda Vella †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 9:00AM—5:00PM Blood Donor Clinic 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 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. Thanks for your generosity.

Cloverdale Hispanic Community Contact: Mariella Diaz @ 778-8861122 or diaz.mariella@gmail.com
DEACON RAUL ABELLA is on vacation until Feb 17. Call Parish office for Hospital visits or 778-834-1234



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., 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, 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

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous." 1 Corinthians 13:4

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered."



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) 1st Communion parents meeting for CCS & PREP on Wed, Feb 6 @ 6:30 pm in the centre. Student Confirmation Retreat & Investiture Mass for CCS & PREP students on Fri, Feb 8 @ 8:45 am check in. Please have permission form. All PREP families invited to the KofC Pancake breakfast this Sat, Feb 2 as parish youth is helping. Questions? Please contact Karla at the Parish office or email bbprep@telus.net.



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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Our topic this week is: Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation. Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 to 7:45pm. All welcome to sit in.

TUESDAY NIGHT PARISH PRAYER GROUP Join us for prayer, praise and worship on Tuesday nights @ 7 pm in the Columbus Room. In February, we will meet on Feb 12 & 19. For more information about this group, please contact Fr. Paul Chu or email him at pchu@rcav.org.

MEN'S FAITH STUDY We have resumed meeting on Saturday mornings, 7:45 – 8:45 am in the Parish Centre. Email Darren Friesen @ darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information or to participate..



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.



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Spiritual Adoption Program Month 5—Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over 454 grams now and mother can feel movements now. Before he/she was too small for her to feel. Though he/she swam with ease in his/her water world, he/she needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Read the Bible in One Year

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

WEEK 51

SUN	Hosea 12-14; Sirach 43:13-33; Revelation 19
MON	Joel; Sirach 44:1-11; Revelation 20
TUE	Amos 1-4; Sirach 44:12-23; Revelation 21
WED	Amos 5-9; Sirach 45:1-14; Revelation 22
THU	Obadiah; Sirach 45:15-26; Matthew 1:18-2:12
FRI	Jonah; Sirach 46; Matthew 2:13-23
SAT	Micah; Sirach 47:1-11; Luke 1:1-25



HOLY HOUR

Will be on **Fri, Feb 8 from 2-3 PM**. Spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Lent begins in 2 weeks and what a better way to prepare for this liturgical season than giving up the noise and just sitting quietly with Jesus.

"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

COLLECTING OLD PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY If you are looking to dispose of old palms from Easter Sundays past, please bring them to the Church or Parish Office. These old palms will be burnt to be ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring them in by February 27.

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.



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 bbparish@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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

CHANGING MINDS & SAVING LIVES: BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE PRO-LIFE AMBASSADOR Join Cameron Cote from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform on Sat, Feb 9 @ 10 am in St. Matthew's (Surrey) Gym as he explains what we can do to make abortion unthinkable in Canada.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE @ the Gardens of Gethsemani Evangelist Chapel on Feb. 24 @ 12:30pm & 2:30 pm. Come pray for family members that have passed away.

PARISH MISSION @ ST. NICHOLAS, LANGLEY Feb 25, 26 & 27 @ 8:15 am & 7 pm. Fr. McCarthy will say Mass followed by talk with the theme "Opening the Door of My Heart. All are welcome.

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 Retrouaille (for troubled marriages): retrouailllevancouver.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