

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

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I Am What I Am

Well, today St. Paul tells us about his weaknesses and his ugly past. He persecuted Christians, he refused God's call to him, he did everything he could to stop the gospel of Jesus from being preached. But then, a major conversion happened.

Now Paul says, "I am not fit to preach, I am the last one who should be an apostle—but, by the grace of God, "I am what I am." Paul knows who he is in the light of day, but he presses forward believing that God has his back now.

Simon Peter has a similar story. Peter "is who he is", a rough guy and an expert fisherman. He knows the best time to fish, and he's just spent all night at it, with no results. Now it's morning, and Jesus tells him, "Go back and drop your nets again—put out into deep water." No fisherman would agree to do this—it's against all reason. Peter says, "We tried that. But because YOU tell me to, I will do it." He is trusting something beyond his own experience of fishing, and beyond the evidence of his own eyes.

Do we have what Peter and Paul have? They look deeply at themselves and admit to God exactly who they are, in both their best and their worst qualities. Both of them trust God's call and God's directing of their lives. They listen for God's voice, then they step forward in faith. They don't let the sin of fear or timidity hold them back from being who they are.

Please think about this invitation God is giving you to sink your line into deeper waters—to say, "I am what I am, and I am going to give whoever I am to this cause." God wants us to come just as we are. So don't let guilt over past sins or lack of self-confidence ruin your trust in God's power and love for you. Have faith, as Peter did, that God knows just who you are, and can work with that.

Parish Schedule

Feb 11 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Diana & Gary Westgeest</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM WALKING WITH PURPOSE 1:00 PM Senior Socials
Feb 12 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francesco Advincula †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:00 AM Mass of Anointing of the Sick 1:00 PM CCS First Reconciliation for Gr. 2 7:00 PM PEC Meeting 7:30 PM Parish Prayer Group
Feb 13 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francesca Martin †</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 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Coordinators Mtg. 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
Feb 14 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francesca Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM WALKING WITH PURPOSE
Feb 15 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass <i>Int: Marget Demars</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR 6:00 PM CFC Youth
Feb 16 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Laura Nikic</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Otto, Darryl & Ashley †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 4:00 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Precious Blood Youth Dance Party
Feb 17 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Joel Felix Daniels †</i> 4:00 PM Spanish Mass	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 ON FEBRUARY 17 FOR ALTAR FLOWERS—Flowers beautify our church especially on special liturgical celebrations like Easter and Pentecost. This fund ensures that we have the ability to make beautiful flower arrangements possible for these special days. Thank you 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 Gas-ka, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Re-jeanne 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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" Isaiah 6:8
Everyday, in little and big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Our topic this week is: Sacraments of Healing & Service: Reconciliation & Holy Orders, presented by Fr. Paul. Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 to 7:45pm. All welcome to sit in.

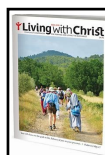
TUESDAY NIGHT PARISH PRAYER GROUP Join us for prayer, praise and worship on Tuesday Feb 12 & 19. For more information about this group, please contact Fr. Paul Chu or email him at pchu@rcav.org.

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

K of C SHOPPING CARD FUNDRAISER This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$5,822.

ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE will be hosting a luncheon on Tues, Feb. 12 for those attending the Mass for the Sick. Please join us. We will also have our **monthly meeting after the luncheon and not on the 19th.**

SENIORS SOCIALS will not be playing cards on Feb 18 due to BC Family Day.



LIVING WITH CHRIST is the perfect companion; whether or not you attend Mass daily, it gives you daily Bible readings and everything you need to support your prayer life. Consider subscribing to Living With Christ through Precious Blood Parish while helping us fundraise for our Building Fund. For more information or to subscribe, call the Parish Office.



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. Wondering what you can do for Valentine's Day? Next weekend, Feb 16 & 17, Vera will be selling tickets after all Masses to the **annual Pro-Life Dinner & Dance** held at St. Matthew's Parish on Sat, Feb. 23. Tickets are \$35 each. More details on the Poster at the Pro-Life board in the Vestibule. Call Vera @ 604-599-4775 if you would like to make arrangements to purchase your tickets at another time. Pls help foster a culture of life.

Read the Bible in One Year

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

WEEK 52

SUN	Nahum; Sirach 47:12-25; Luke 1:26-56
MON	Habakkuk; Sirach 48:1-11; Luke 1:57-80
TUE	Zephaniah; Sirach 48:12-25; Luke 2:1-21
WED	Haggai; Sirach 49; Luke 2:22-52
THU	Zechariah 1-5; Sirach 50:1-13; John 1:1-18
FRI	Zechariah 6-10; Sir. 50:14-29; Colossians 1:15-23
SAT	Zechariah 11-14; Sir. 51:1-12; Philippians 2:5-11
SUN	Malachi; Sirach 51:13-30; John 3:16-21



HOLY HOUR

Will be on **Fri, Feb 15 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

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for donations made to the Church, Project Advance or payments to Preschool and Daycare are now available for pick up at the Parish Office. Due to the Privacy Policy of the government, we are no longer allowed to have the receipts in a public space like the vestibule. If you wish to have your receipt mailed instead, please call Rosana 604-574-4363.

MASS OF ANOINTING FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK a special Mass will be celebrated on Tues, Feb 12 @ 11 with refreshments following in the Columbus Room sponsored by the St. Theresa's Circle

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED We are looking for 12-15 Adult volunteers to help make this year's VBS program happen. We have Program Heads who are willing to organize as long as enough adult leaders step up. Please let the Parish office know if you are able and willing to volunteer.



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 ppparish@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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR @ St. Joseph Parish, Langley Feb 25 to April 8. More details in poster in the Vestibule or contact Lennie David 604-597-8227.

PARISH MISSION @ St. Nicholas Parish, 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.

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.

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY is accepting applications for Gr. 8 & 9 students for 2019-20 school year. Applications must be completed by Thurs, Feb 28 and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock BC V4B 1P7

RETOUVAILLE VANCOUVER SPRING PROGRAM for marriages in crisis will begin April 5-7. For confidential information or to register, call Marc and Candice @ 604-530-6710 or email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Apr 13-14, 2019 @ the JP II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Register @ www.rcav.org. Questions: wwwmevanco-verbc@gmail.com or Sharon & Glen 778-386-2908.

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 Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancouver.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