

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

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## What Truly Counts

The world and all its pleasures are temporary. As tempting as these worldly realities are, we are called to conform ourselves to Christ's vision of the good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a glimpse of heaven, and it is a vision which brings both consolation and warning.

In Luke's account of the Beatitudes, we witness how Jesus heals all those gathered in body and soul while he teaches the multitudes what it means to live in friendship with God.

Jesus tells of the blessings we can expect, but he doesn't stop there. For those who remain attached to wealth, physical comforts and the good opinion of others, Jesus reminds us these things will not satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart. Our continued attachment to these things will only cause us misery in this life and the next.

In that light, it is worth considering the words of the prophet Jeremiah from today's first reading. Where do we put our faith? Is our trust in the Lord, or elsewhere? Who (or what) commands our loyalty?

Let us give thanks to God for the wisdom and transformative power of Christ. Through God's grace may we persevere in following Jesus' example, focused on a vision of what truly counts.

Cheridan Sanders, Toronto, ON.

## Parish Schedule

Feb 18 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Eladio Tria</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>11:30AM-1PM Confessions</b> FAMILY DAY—HOLIDAY; OFFICE CLOSED/ NO WWP/ NO SENIORS SOCIALS
Feb 19 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Owen McDermott †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 1:30 PM St. Theresa's Circle meeting 7:00 PM PEC Meeting 7:30 PM Parish Prayer Group
Feb 20 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: The Verrelli Family</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b> 10:00 AM Legion of Mary Meeting 10:30 AM Liturgical Committee Meeting 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA 6:30 PM Confirmation Parents & Sponsors Mtg
Feb 21 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Jorge Cabillos †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:30 AM Mass @ Brookside Manor
Feb 22 Fri	<b>9:00 AM School Mass</b> <i>Int: Tom &amp; Pat McCloskey</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR</b>
Feb 23 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Theresa Lamb</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> <i>Int: Dan Gibbons †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Confessions</b> 10:30 AM Baptismal Preparation Course <b>4:00 PM Confessions</b> 5:30 PM Coldest Night of the Year walk
Feb 24 Sun	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Mary Deguara's Intentions</i>	<b>8:30-8:55 AM Confession</b> <b>10:30-10:55 AM Confession</b> 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

**HISPANIC MINISTRY:** This weekend, we welcome Fr. Eduardo Quintero Mejia, CS of St. Ann's Parish who comes to talk about the Hispanic ministry at all the Masses.

**Cloverdale Community Contact:** Mariella Diaz 778-886-1122/[diaz.mariella@gmail.com](mailto:diaz.mariella@gmail.com)

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS 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.

**Contact DEACON RAUL ABELLA for Hospital Visits 778-512-9163**

**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

*"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."* Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** Thank you: to all 1st Communion parents for attending the meeting—please watch your emails for reception sign-up details; to Confirmation students who attended the NET retreat—it was an amazing day; to PREP families for your understanding during the snow closure last Wednesday. Feb. 20 @ 6:35 PM is the Confirmation meeting for Parents & Sponsors at the Centre. Drop off children with teachers at the school then come to the Parish Centre. Feb. 27 @ 7 pm is Saints Projects night with refreshments served.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** Our topic this week is: Sacraments of Healing & Service: Anointing of the Sick and Matrimony, presented by Julian. Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, February 20, 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. 19. For more information about this group, please contact Fr. Paul Chu or email him at [pchu@rcav.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 \$6,123.

**ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE** did not have their monthly meeting on the 12th because of the weather so it has been reset for Tues, Feb 19 @ 1:30 pm once again weather permitting. Thank you to the ladies who were there to help with the luncheon for the Anointing Mass. Your dedication is much appreciated.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** Please join us for a Ladies Bingo Wine & Cheese Pre-Lenten Social on Tues, Mar 5 @ 7 pm. We'll play some games and enjoy some social time together. Feel free to bring something sweet or savory if you wish. Wine, cheese and crackers provided!

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



**Precious Blood Youth** as the **PBwalkers** are participating in the 2019 Coldest Night of the Year Walk on Feb. 23. Visit <https://cnoy.org/register> to register or contact Luisa @ [pbprep@telus.net](mailto:pbprep@telus.net) for more information. All parishioners young and not so young are invited to walk with us to raise funds for charities serving the hungry, homeless and hurting in our community. Help be the change and join the fun.

## HOLY HOUR



Will be on **Fri, Feb 22 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.

**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.



**LIVING WITH CHRIST** is the perfect companion; 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. Subscriptions forms are available at the vestibule. Fill one up and return to the Parish Office before March 15.



## 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](mailto: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.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**VALENTINE'S PRO-LIFE DINNER & DANCE** held at St. Matthew's Parish on Sat, Feb. 23. Tickets are \$35 each. Pls help foster a culture of life. Call Vera @ 604-599-4775 for tickets. Hope to see you.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR @ St. Joseph Parish, Langley** Every Monday from 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@retouvaillle.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retouvaillle.org)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** Apr 13-14, 2019 @ the JPPII Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Register @ [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org). Questions: call Sharon & Glen 778-386-2908 or email [wmevancouverbc@gmail.com](mailto:wmevancouverbc@gmail.com).

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	<b>Vocations Office:</b> 604-443-3254/ <a href="mailto:vocations@rcav.org">vocations@rcav.org</a> <b>Domestic Abuse Help Line:</b> 604-640-7546
<b>Catholic Cemeteries:</b> 604-531-2141	<b>Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy:</b> 1-877-889-6626
<b>Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline:</b> 1-855-675-8749 / <a href="http://www.epcc.ca">www.epcc.ca</a> <b>Retrouvaillle</b> (for troubled marriages): <a href="http://retouvailllevancouver.com">retouvailllevancouver.com</a>	<b>Natural Family Planning Services:</b> <b>Billings Method:</b> David/Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 <b>Creighton Method:</b> <a href="http://fertilitycarevancouver.ca">fertilitycarevancouver.ca</a>
<b>Courage</b> (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:courage@rcav.org">courage@rcav.org</a>	<b>Encourage</b> (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): <a href="mailto:encourage@rcav.org">encourage@rcav.org</a>