

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

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What Truly Counts

Today's Gospel, taken from Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, calls us to forgive our enemies. As a person passionate about social justice, I hear this scripture calling me to also consider empathy and dialogue. Can we identify the humanity and the inherent dignity in those who do wrong to us or to others? Can we love them in a way that also works towards addressing these injustices?

To live and love this way can be difficult. It may be easier to see those who hurt ourselves or others as selfish or as intentionally harmful. Yet, that outlook fosters alienation and isolation instead of community and connection. The Gospel recognizes the challenge present here, but encourages us to persist: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them."

In this Gospel, Jesus offers guidance that seems counter-intuitive. In the same way, finding common ground with those who oppress others may also be counter-intuitive, especially when we are tempted to be angry instead of loving. However, empathy enables us to engage in dialogue, change and social justice. We can see examples of this in peace processes and efforts towards reconciliation in Canada and throughout the world. When we come to a place of understanding, it may also be a place of peace.

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Parish Schedule

Feb 25 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Pauline McKenzie</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM Walking With Purpose 1:00 PM Senior's Socials
Feb 26 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Pauline McKenzie</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9AM CCS Mobile Museum in Columbus Rm. 1:00 PM Funeral for Louise Mahussier followed by Reception
Feb 27 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Hackett, Noriega, Mollinelly & Petrollo Families</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 9AM CCS Mobile Museum in Columbus Rm 10:00 AM Legion of Mary Meeting 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA
Feb 28 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Renée LaGrange †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose 10:30 AM Mass @ Residences in Clayton
Mar 01 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass <i>Int: Benjamin Leal †</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Antony Erminia †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-6:30 PM 1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Mar 02 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Charlie Gardener †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Rudolf Toffoll †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 4:00 PM Confessions
Feb Mar 03 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Jun David †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10 AM-1 PM Pancake Breakfast 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Ash Wednesday is on March 6. Masses will be at 9 AM & 7 PM.

All Fridays of Lent we will have an extra Mass @ 6:30 PM followed by the Stations of the Cross. Parish groups are invited to volunteer to choose a Friday to lead the Stations of the Cross. Please call Rosana to make arrangements.

Contact DEACON RAUL ABELLA for Hospital Visits 778-512-9163
Cloverdale Hispanic Community Contact: Mariella Diaz 778.886.1122
or email diaz. Mariella@gmail.com



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 Mccreadie, 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, Ney Antonio Villegas 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 your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back."

Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Thank you: to the parents of our Confirmation students that attended the meeting on Feb 20. For those who didn't make it, please see your PREP email for information on the makeup meeting. Feb 27 is our Saints Projects display night with refreshments at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. Please join us. Sat Mar 2 is our First Communion Family Retreat at 2 pm. Please see you PREP bulletin.



ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited to **Freedom 2019**, the annual reconciliation event for youth on Mar 8, Friday @ St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Coquitlam, 7-10:30 pm. For more information contact Luisa at pb youth@telus.net.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Our topic this week is: The Sacrament of the Eucharist. Join us in the Cenacle Room Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 to 7:45pm. All welcome to sit in.



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



K of C SHOPPING CARD FUNDRAISER This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$6,300. Join us for our regular Pancake Breakfast on Mar 3 after 9 & 11 am Masses.



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!

KNOW YOUR FAITH

~ L E N T ~

EXAMINE YOUR LIFE. FIND WHAT
KEEPS YOU FROM SERVING GOD, AND
TAKE STEPS TO MAKE JESUS CHRIST
THE CENTRE OF YOUR LIFE.



Lent is the liturgical season stretching from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. It's a time for each Christian and for the Church as one body to grow in spiritual and physical discipline so we can better live out the gospel.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Will be on **Fri, Mar 1 from 2-6:30 PM** 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 2 committed people for each hour. Please call the Parish office if you can not make your committed time.

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

AROUND THE PARISH

CCS STUDENT PROJECT-BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER on Mar 3 after the 9 & 11 am Masses. Proceeds of the sale will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Bring some cash next week to support this effort. Thank you.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for donations made to the Church, Project Advance or payments to Preschool and Daycare have now been sent out by mail. Thank you to everyone who picked up their receipts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED We are looking for 12-15 Adult volunteers to help make this year's VBS program happen. For safety reasons, enough adult leaders are needed to make sure the children are properly supervised. 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.

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 Every Monday from Feb 25 to April 8. More details in poster in the Vestibule or contact Lennie David 604-597-8227.

ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT COME, everything is ready! Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a movement that invites us to enrich our faith with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures to bring hope to women touched by injustice. This year's service is written by WDP committee of Slovenia. Friday, Mar 1, 1pm @ St. Matthew's Parish, 16079 88th Ave, Surrey

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

RETRouvaille 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: call Sharon & Glen 778-386-2908 or email wwm Vancouverbc@gmail.com.

RESTORE THE BEAUTY: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE This conference is for every woman desiring to experience restoration in her life or of those around her including the Church and the world. Speakers are Sr. Miriam James, Fr. Josh Johnson, Michelle Benzinger & Heather Khym. Event will be on May 3 & 4 at the Mary Pattison Chapel, Surrey. Register from Feb 25 at www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-1637 or 778-251-7885,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