

Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

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We are like Blind Guides

I was once on a cave exploration trip in Alberta. Using ropes and special ladders, we went exploring a huge 300-meter-deep cave with a maze of passageways. One guide and I wanted to get to the very bottom. At one point, deep down in the cave, we stopped for a snack. My guide took off his glasses to adjust his helmet. It was complete, utter darkness and dead silence down there. Shortly after leaving our snack spot, my guide noticed he had left his glasses behind. Without his glasses, his eyesight was quite blurred. We never found the glasses. He was no longer able to guide me.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says when it comes to really knowing what is in a person's heart, we are like blind guides. We really don't see, even if we think we do. Our eyesight is blocked by our own weaknesses and faults. Jesus invites us to "first take the log out of your own eye." This is about a conversion of heart, grounded in an ongoing prayer life.

The Lord wants to free us of our burdens. We repent, he forgives us and helps us change our ways. What joy and freedom! Thus, with the psalmist, we want to declare his "steadfast love in the morning," and his "faithfulness by night."
Emmanuel Martel, Ottawa, ON



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

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."

Luke 6:43

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of his name.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Thank you: to everyone who attended the Family 1st Communion retreat and to all the students in Gr. 6 & 7 for the Saints Project display last Wednesday. Mar 6 all PREP students will sit together at Ash Wednesday Mass. All families invited. Please drop off all students at 6:30 in class as usual for attendance. Mass is @ 7 PM. See PREP bulletin for details. God bless, Karla.



Is going to **Freedom 2019** on Mar 8, Friday @ St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Coquitlam, 7-10:30 pm. Sign up with Luisa Cenedese (pb youth@telus.net). Drivers wanted! Sat, Mar 9 & Mar 23 @ 4:30 pm is Youth Mass. Greeters/ushers and readers needed! NO YOUTH NIGHT ON Mar 9. March 23 Youth Night @ 5:45 pm is open for all youth. Listen to special guest Jean-Luc Padley.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) No RCIA, Wed., Mar. 6 due to Ash Wednesday. Please attend Mass @ 7 pm



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 \$6,578.



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!

HOLY DAYS CHOIR practices begin next Thurs., Mar 7 @ 7 PM in the Church in preparation for Holy Week. Come join us.

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



Most of us have all our physical needs met. Many of us are used to a comfortable life. But God made us for greater things than just comfort.

When our bodies get too comfortable, we ignore our spirit's hunger. Let your body be uncomfortable this Lent so you can feed and strengthen your spirit.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Will be on **Fri, Mar 8 from 2-3 PM.** Spend time with the Lord this Lenten season. Listen to what He is calling you to.
"Behold the Lamb of God; Behold the One who brings peace in the storms of life."
Pope JP II's Encyclical on the Eucharist

Parish Schedule

Mar 04 Mon	9:00 AM Saint Casimir <i>Int: Natalizia Nadeau</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10 AM & 7 PM Walking With Purpose 1:00 PM Senior's Socials
Mar 05 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Nikki Mendoza</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM Funeral for Nicole Mahussier followed by Reception 7:00 PM CWL Meeting
Mar 06 Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons †</i> 7:00 PM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> (Fasting & Abstinence)	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 Ash Wednesday Liturgy for Hispanic Community migrants/farm workers in the Gym
Mar 07 Thurs	9:00 AM St. Perpetua & St. Felicity <i>Int: Clarence Mendel †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose
Mar 08 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass St. John of God <i>Int: Elsa de Marco †</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Felomena Lagrisola †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Joseph McAleese 2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
Mar 09 Sat	9:00 AM St. Frances of Rome <i>Int: Cheryl Andres</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Vicente, Clementina & Polido Carrizo †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 10:30 Jack Ramos' Baptism 4:00 PM Confessions 6:00 PM CCS Gala Night
Feb Mar 10 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Michael Hennessy †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 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.

SECOND COLLECTION next weekend March 9/10 is for St. Joseph's Society. This fund supports our retired and ill priests in the Archdiocese. Please be generous. Thank you.

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

AROUND THE PARISH

CLOVERDALE HISPANIC COMMUNITY will have a **Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes in Spanish** on Ash Wednesday, Mar 6 @ 7pm in the Parish Centre Gym. Come celebrate with us! Receive ashes on your forehead and begin a journey of conversion in faith toward the Lord. Let your Hispanic friends know about it!

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for donations made to the Church, Project Advance or payments to Preschool and Daycare have been mailed.

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

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 wwwmevanancouverbc@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): retrouvaillevanancouver.com	Natural Family Planning Services: Billings Method: David/Keely Wray-604-574-2256 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevanancouver.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