

# First Sunday in Lent March 10, 2019

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## Solidly Grounded

When we were re-landscaping our yard a few years ago, we decided to get rid of a juniper tree, thinking it would be a simple process. Wrong! We dug, we chopped, we pulled. Nothing! It was so firmly rooted we ended up pulling it out with a truck.

I think of that juniper today when reflecting on Jesus' temptations in the desert. No matter what the devil said or offered, Jesus remained firmly rooted in God's word. The lure of comfort and wealth and power was no match for what Jesus knew to be ultimately true as revealed in Scripture.

Many people view Lent negatively—as a time of deprivation and denial. Today's Gospel reminds us instead that Lent is a time to become more solidly grounded in our faith. Making more time for prayer and Scripture, fasting from things in our lives that keep us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God, giving of ourselves in service to others: far from depriving us, these are the tools we can use to ensure that we are firmly rooted in the things of God.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be strengthened to follow in the footsteps of the One who unflinchingly stood up to evil and ultimately triumphed over it.

Teresa Whalen Lux, Regina, SK

## Parish Schedule

Mar 11 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Raymund Aquino</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10 AM & 7 PM Walking With Purpose 1:00 PM Senior's Socials
Mar 12 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Lourdes Defenio †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 6:30 PM PEC Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Prayer Group
Mar 13 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Bernadette Leclair</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 6:30 PM PREP & RCIA 7:30 PM K of C Meeting
Mar 14 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Dan Gibbons †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:00 AM Walking with Purpose
Mar 15 Fri	<b>9:00 AM School Mass</b> Int: <i>Garzitto Family †</i> <b>6:30 PM</b> Int: <i>Benjamin McKinnon</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR</b> 6:00 PM CFC Youth Assembly 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross by Youth Ministry
Mar 16 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Macedo Family</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> Int: <i>Otto, Darryl &amp; Ashley †</i>	8:45 AM MEN'S FAITH STUDY <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Confessions</b> <b>4:00 PM Confessions</b>
Mar 17 Sun	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Margarite Barker †</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

## LENT is upon us! Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday

Thank you to the following groups for leading the prayers:  
Mar 8-CWL/ Mar 15-Youth Ministry/ Mar 22-Legion of Mary/ Mar 29-Serra Club/  
Apr 5-Knights of Columbus/ Apr 12-Tuesday Night Prayer Group

**SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for St. Joseph's Society. This fund supports our retired, semi-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



**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 Holman, 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

**"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."**  
Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers 2 challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is left over? Second, do you recognize that everything you have been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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Sat, Mar 9 & Mar 23 @ 4:30 pm is Youth Mass. Greeters/ushers and readers needed! March 23 Youth Night @ 5:45 pm welcomes special guest Jean Luc Padley for an event on Anxiety, Depression & the Spiritual Life. This event is for all youth and families.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** Wed., Mar. 13 topic is The Christian Call to Holiness, presented by Fr. Paul. Everyone welcome to join us, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Cenacle Room.



**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](mailto:darrenxfriesen@gmail.com).



**K of C SHOPPING CARD FUNDRAISER** This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$6,819.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** Thank you ladies for joining us for a fun evening of BINGO this past week! Our next meeting is Tuesday, Apr 2 @ 7 pm. We'll be making cards. Hope you can join us. Questions? Email [preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com).

**HOLY DAYS CHOIR** practices Thursdays @ 7 PM in the Church in preparation for Holy Week. Come join us.



## Spiritual Adoption Program

At the beginning of this month, your spiritually adopted baby uses four senses. The baby can open/close it's eyes, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He/she now recognizes his/her own mother's voice. His/her grip is even stronger now than it will be after his/her birth. The hair on his/her head is growing longer and the downy covering on the rest of his/her body is disappearing. The baby will receive antibodies from his/her mother providing him/her immunity to a wide variety of diseases. At the end of this month his/her weight can be up to 1.8 kg.

## KNOW YOUR FAITH

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



The earliest references to a period of fasting before Easter come from the 2nd century, but there was no set standard for the entire Church.

By the end of the 4th century, Lent lasted 6 weeks. Lent has had it's current shape in the West since at least the 9th century.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be on **Fri, Mar 15 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

## AROUND THE PARISH

**HOLY SATURDAY TALK BY DR. DAVID BAIRD** Save the date April 12 @ 7:30 PM. Dr. Baird is an Asst. Professor at Catholic Pacific College and a graduate of the University of Oxford in Philosophy & Theology and completed his masters at the University of St. Andrews.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS NEEDED** Still looking for Adult volunteers to help this year's VBS program. **SAVE THE DATE!** This year's VBS will be on July 22—26, 8:45 am to 12 noon. More information to be released soon.



**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 [pbarish@telus.net](mailto:pbarish@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

**FIAT: WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT EVENTS—Day of Reflection** Sat, Mar 23, 12-3:30 pm at FSE Convent, 2811 Venables St., Vancouver. Event is open to single, Catholic women ages 18-35 who are discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Email [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org) for more information.

**VOCATION LIVE IN** for boys on April 5-7 at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC for young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life. For more info call 604-826-8715.

**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](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org)

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

**PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSIONS** for men ages 35-60 interested in the ordained ministry, along with their spouses are being offered in April & May in Vancouver & Langley. To learn more about this program or to register, email [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org)

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-1637 or 778-251-7885,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>Retrouvaille</b> (for troubled marriages): <a href="http://retrouvaillevancover.com">retrouvaillevancover.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://fertilitycarevancover.ca">fertilitycarevancover.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>