

# Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019

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## Experiencing God through Sacred Moments

The journey towards strengthening our faith can be disconcerting. Take Abraham, for example. He put his trust in forging a covenant with God to father his people. He demonstrated an unshakable conviction in believing God's incredible promise. Abraham and the disciples in today's readings are our examples. The gift of faith becomes their guiding light from darkness that leads them closer to God.

In today's Gospel, the apostles Peter, John and James witness a series of divine events. They experience the holiness of Jesus in his transfiguration. His appearance changes while he prays on the mountain and meets Elijah and Moses. To cap it off, God directly commands the apostles to listen to Jesus, his Son and Chosen One. These extraordinary events confirm what Jesus had revealed to his faithful followers about his death and Resurrection, and his identity as the Son of God.

These readings show the possibility of experiencing God through sacred moments. As ordinary followers, we can find God in prayer, readings and our everyday lives. As our light and salvation, Jesus will give us the courage, hope and strength to overcome our trials. Ultimately, faith will help us fulfill God's will.

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### Parish Schedule

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Mar 18 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</b> <i>Int: Patricia McCann †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 11:00 AM Fundraising Committee Meeting 1:00 PM Senior's Socials
Mar 19 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>St. Joseph, Patron of Canada and the Universal Church</b> <i>Int: Ria Makarenko</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 1:30 PM St. Theresa's Circle Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM Parish Prayer Group
Mar 20 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Dan Gibbons †</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
Mar 21 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Vima Bueno †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>10:30 AM Mass at Brookside Lodge</b>
Mar 22 Fri	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: A. Garzitto's Family</i> <b>6:30 PM</b> <i>Int: Mahussier Family</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR</b> 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross by the Legion of Mary
Mar 23 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Christine Andrews</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> <b>4:00 PM Confessions</b> 5:45-8:00 PM Youth Ministry Anxiety Talk
Mar 24 Sun	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Patricia McCann †</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-March 24** for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please support our Ministry that helps the homeless and needy in our community. Thank you for your help.

**March 18 -29 is Spring Break for Cloverdale Catholic School, the PREP & RCIA programs.**

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

**"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."**  
Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, he has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God?

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**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** 1st Communion is Saturday, April 6. Rehearsal is Wed, Apr 3 @ 6:30pm. All in PREP 1st Communion program must attend. All Confirmation PREP parents please be sure to attend to your reception duties for the event. Thank you and pls check your email for details. Keep safe and have a wonderful spring break. Call Karla for information. God bless.



Please come to our event on Mar 23, 5:45-8pm—Anxiety, Depression & the Spiritual Life with Jean Luc Padley. Open to all youth Gr. 6 & up and their families. Snacks provided.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** is off during Spring Break. Will be back on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 in the Cenacle Room.



**MEN'S FAITH STUDY** We meet on Saturday mornings, 7:45 -8:45 am in the Parish Centre. We are learning what St. Paul taught about when Jesus would "come again in glory" Email Darren Friesen for more info 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 \$7,068.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)** Next meeting is Tuesday, Apr 2 @ 7 pm. Come join us for sacrament card making. A reminder of memberships renewal. Questions? Email [preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com). God bless.

**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.

### LIVE 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.



We are a consumer-driven culture and want things customized for our own tastes. This mentality runs the risk of turning our Lenten discipline to just another personal challenge.

Keep things simple—commit to regularly practicing prayer, fasting and almsgiving and walk with the whole Church beside you.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be on **Fri, Mar 22 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

### AROUND THE PARISH

**PLANNING AHEAD, PEACE OF MIND** Come on Mar 30, Sat, 10-11:30 am to the Columbus Room in the Parish Centre for a presentation on Estate and Memorial Planning given by Deacon Ken Fung of the Catholic Cemeteries. The workshop will give you an idea on writing a will and planning a funeral and burial rites in the Catholic Church. Register by email [pbparish@telus.net](mailto:pbparish@telus.net) or online at [cccav.org/events](http://cccav.org/events).

**THIS TWILIGHT IN WHICH WE WAIT** On the Spiritual Significance of Holy Saturday a talk by Dr. David Baird, Asst. Professor of Theology at Catholic Pacific College on April 12 @ 7:30 PM in the Columbus Room of the Parish Centre. Come, reflect and be inspired and prepared for Easter Sunday.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Registration is now open! Join us for an exciting week of fun, food, faith and friends on July 22-26 from 8:45-12:00 noon. Open to all parishioners and non-parishioners entering K to Gr. 6. Register or volunteer online at [cloverdalecatholicsschool.ca/vbs](http://cloverdalecatholicsschool.ca/vbs) or at [pbparish.ca](http://pbparish.ca). For more information, email [preciousbloodvbs@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodvbs@gmail.com).



### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING MAR 18, 11 AM

Our parish is starting to embark on some exciting projects, one of which is our vestibule expansion. A few individuals have stepped up to help make these projects a reality by serving on a Parish Fundraising Committee which will meet in the Bushey Room on Mon, Mar 18. We ask that you prayerfully consider being part of this committee. Contact the Parish Office or [pbparish@telus.net](mailto:pbparish@telus.net) for information.

**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

**RECONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** on Mar 24 @ 1-4 pm at St. Joseph Church, Langley hosted by The Legion of Mary Curia—Lily of the Valley. Please bring a dish to share in the potluck. Questions: contact Linda Edmilao, 604-534-7366.

**FIAT: WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT EVENTS—Day of Recollection** 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)

**PROLIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL** Join in for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Sat, Apr 6, Mass @ 9am St. Andrew Kim Parish followed by Rosary at Surrey Memorial.

### 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://retrouvaillevancouver.com">retrouvaillevancouver.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>