



## THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019



### THIS WEEK

Monday The Annunciation of the Lord

#### Weekday Masses during Lent (Spring Break: Mar 18-29)

Monday to Friday: **8:00am** & 7:30pm

Friday: Stations of the Cross & Mass at 7:30pm

Saturday: Mass at 9:00am

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lisa Rodriguez, Percival Toca, Myrna Moffat, Catherine Jenkins, Pol Garcia, Roberto De Guzman, Diane Chyanan, Tessley Chen, Yvonne Clucas, Belle Allan, Sat Lee Yong, Linda Fiore, Jaime Pestano, Peter Murtagh, Mair Reynolds, Norman Ngan. *(Please notify the office of any changes)*

### INFANT BAPTISM COURSE

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - next session: **Tuesday, Apr. 2, 9 & 16 @ 7:00 pm. Adults only.** Please call the Sisters at 604-275-2844.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Mission Appeal</b>	<b>TODAY</b>
<b>Knights Exec. Meeting</b>	<b>Mon., Mar. 25, after Mass</b>
<b>St. Martin's Guild</b>	<b>Thurs., Mar. 28, after Mass</b>
Food Bank Drive	Next Weekend
CWL General Meeting	Mon., Apr. 1, after Mass
Parish Council Meeting	Tues., Apr. 2, after Mass
Next Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, April 7
Marian Prayer	Mondays, 7:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Tuesdays, 7:30pm
PREP	Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Craft Circle	Thursdays, 9am-Noon
RCIA	Thursdays, 7:30pm
Seniors Line Dancing	Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Bingo	Thursdays, 6:00pm
Divine Mercy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7:00pm
Legion of Mary	Fri. after 7:30pm Mass & Sun. 10:00am
Junior Legion of Mary	Sundays, 1:15pm

### LENTEN TALKS WITH FR. GEORGE

**We Are All Called To Be Saints!** Join Fr. George on Tuesdays in the parish centre after 7:30pm Mass. Each evening will last a little over an hour with time for Q&A.

### FOOD BANK DRIVE - NEXT WEEKEND

Please bring food items and place them in the box marked "Food Bank" located at the entrance of the church. Your generosity will be much appreciated by those in need in our community.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

This year's Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on March 6 at 7:00am and will go until Palm Sunday on April 14 at 7:00 pm. **St. Paul Parish's date is Sunday, March 31, from 7:00am to 7:00pm.** The vigil will be at West 32nd Avenue and Willow Street in Vancouver in front of the Priests' Residence. Please sign up for your hour on the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church or call Caroline Macken at 604-272-1155.



### MASS of REMEMBRANCE - MARCH 31

Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray for our family members who have passed away this month. Masses are at 12:30pm and 2:30pm in the Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani.

### COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

Couples for Christ cordially invites married Christian couples to a celebration of love at a Christian Life Program on **Saturday, April 6, 1:00pm in St. Paul Parish Centre.** Rekindle your love and be on fire with the Holy Spirit with this integrated course on living a Christ-centered life as married couples and as Christians. Reception follows right after with refreshments and warm company. Please call Eymard or Henryeta Ferrer at 604-722-9790 for more information.

### BIBLE STUDY CORNER

*Mar 30/Apr 1 - Bible Timeline: 21. The Church – Part 1  
Gospel of Matthew: 21. Matthew 24–25 – Jesus Predicts the End of an Era*

#### Reflections on Sunday's Readings: *Luke 13:6-9*

Our Lord stresses that we need to produce plenty of fruit (cf. Lk 8:11-15) in keeping with the graces we have received (cf. Lk 12:48). But he also tells us that God waits patiently for this fruit to appear; he does not want the death of the sinner; he wants him to be converted and to live (Ezek 33:11) and, as St Peter teaches, he is "forbearing towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet 3:9). But God's clemency should not lead us to neglect our duties and become lazy and, comfort-seeking, living sterile lives. He is merciful, but he is also just and he will punish failure to respond to his grace.

For more info: Chito 604-808-4129 or Beth 604-231-9190

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569



...FOR INFO ON THE  
NEXT LIFE NITE

## ST. PAUL YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY (SPYAC)

Info: Mary @ 778-858-5167

## SPIRIT PRE-TEEN MINISTRY

Info: [shintaro.tachihara@gmail.com](mailto:shintaro.tachihara@gmail.com)

## CONCERT at HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL

Friday, March 29, 8:00 to 9:30pm

A delightful evening of works by Handel, Bach, Marcello, Bedard, Rheinberger, Franck, Rachmaninoff, and Sokola, performed by the VSO's Principal Oboist and one of Vancouver's most eminent organists. Performance projected on a giant screen at the front of the Cathedral.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Our mandate for a Perpetual Adoration Chapel is that Jesus is never left alone. With that in mind please follow these guidelines: Do not leave until you see someone sign up for the next hour. A drop-in is not that person. If in doubt check the sign-in sheet and see if your replacement has signed in. In cases where a drop-in adorer is left alone in the chapel he/ she must stay until someone comes.

**Jesus Must Never Be Left Alone!!** Check the schedule in the blue folder on the wall and phone the person who is supposed to come. If that fails, phone the person in the next hour and ask if they can come early. If all else fails, remember who you are with and use the special time with Him fruitfully and prayerfully. It is a gift!

## PERMANENT DIACONATE INFO SESSIONS

Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon? Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry, along with their spouses, can learn more about the permanent diaconate this spring! The Permanent Diaconate Office is hosting information sessions this April and May in Vancouver and Langley. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://stmarkscollege.ca/> or email [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org)

## VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of **April 5-7**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more information call 604-826-8715.

## PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

There will be no PREP classes March 27 due to Spring Break. Classes resume on April 3.

**Parents of First Communion candidates will meet in the gym on April 3 from 6:45 - 7:45pm.**

If you have any questions, please contact Clay Imoo (PREP Director) at [clayimoo@shaw.ca](mailto:clayimoo@shaw.ca)

## MARCH FOR LIFE - VICTORIA - MAY 9

LIFE is God's precious gift. Every person has inherent dignity and the right to life from conception to its natural end. Parishioners are invited to join in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual March For Life, **Thursday, May 9, in Victoria**. The Knights of Columbus has organized bus transportation from St. Paul Parish. Cost for bus: \$20/person (\$10 each way); cost for ferry: \$30/person (\$15 each way). Seniors 65 and over are free on the ferry. To reserve your seats, please see the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Call Edgar Ursua at 604-270-4260 or Caroline Macken at 604-272-1155 for more info.

## THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee, of St. Paul Parish, is seeking men and women to join us in greeting all who worship at weekend Masses. We try to cover all the Masses except Sunday evening when the young people do it. Unfortunately, over the years, we have lost members due to ill health, moves, or family dynamics. To be a Greeter all that is required is a willingness to reach out with a smile and a simple "Good Morning" as people enter. We try to be aware of anyone looking for envelopes, registration forms, or washrooms. It may be someone in crisis or one who is an inactive Catholic trying to re-connect and a friendly greeting may be helpful. With some new members, we should each be able to do one or two Saturdays or Sundays a month to ensure our parish continues to be a Welcoming Community. If you can help, please call Kathleen McDonagh at 604-277-9900 or email [pkmcdonagh@telus.net](mailto:pkmcdonagh@telus.net)



## Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7) We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**