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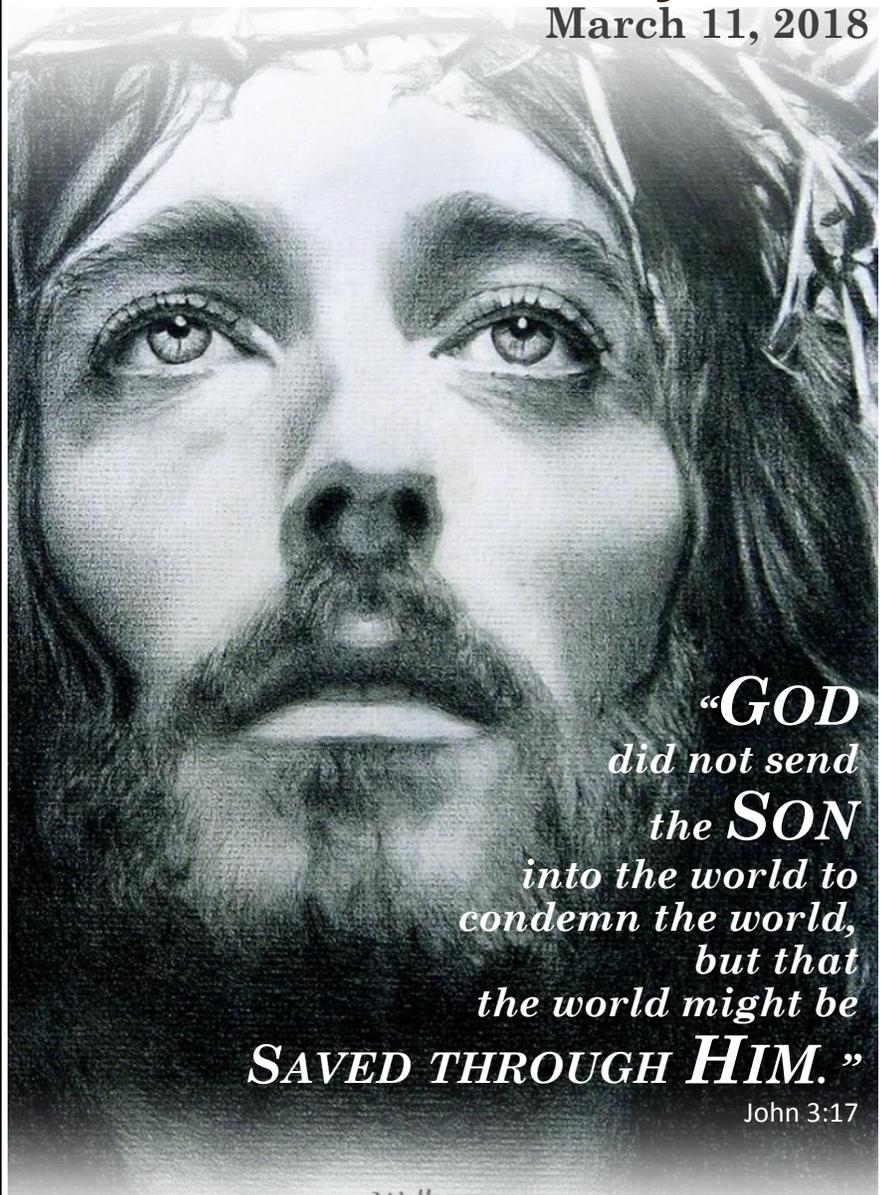
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# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



**“GOD**  
*did not send*  
**the SON**  
*into the world to*  
*condemn the world,*  
*but that*  
*the world might be*

**SAVED THROUGH HIM.”**

John 3:17

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## One Parish ~ Three Churches

### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street  
 Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday  
 6:30pm Tuesday  
 8:00am Wed. to Saturday

Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday  
 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday

Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday  
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

1153 Fir Street  
 White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekday Mass: 9:00am  
 Tues. to Saturday

Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday  
 10:30am Sunday

Confession: 8:30am-9:00am  
 Saturday

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

12268 Beecher Street  
 Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

Weekend Mass:  
 8:30am Sunday

# Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

This 4th Sunday of Lent is entitled "Laetare" Sunday, taken from the Latin word in the Opening Prayer of the Mass, meaning "Rejoice." We are approaching the great feast of Easter so the Church celebrates the Liturgy with a spirit of joyful anticipation, and on this Sunday the celebrant may wear rose colored vestments as a sign of this joyful character, which I've always been happy to do, with the reminder to all that the color is not pink!

I heard many good reports on the retreat day held last Saturday in our school gym. I would like to thank those who helped to make it all work so well with the set-up and take-down of the areas used, as well as to all those who came and enjoyed the day.

We're going to have our parish penitential service on Wednesday March 21, with the help of several priests of our Deanery area in attendance to assist us. It's just over a week away so please mark your calendar and make that a date for your Easter confession. Easter is very early this year so we have to think of these things now and be prepared. Have a joyful week,

*Fr. Dion*

**The Path of Life Lenten Retreat** ~ Two hundred parishioners and friends attended our Lenten Retreat last Saturday. Jake and Heather Khym's talks, interwoven with engaging movie clips and uplifting music spoke of the transformative power of the Cross of Jesus Christ and the Hope and Joy that only He can bring. They provided us with practical suggestions on how to live this out in our individual lives and each shared personal stories of what Jesus has done and continues to do. It was a grace-filled day indeed!



For more information about Jake & Heather's ministry, LIFE RESTORATION, visit [www.liferestoration.ca](http://www.liferestoration.ca)

## Holy Week, Easter Services

### Holy Thursday - March 29

#### **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Good Shepherd Church 7:00pm  
Adoration to midnight

### Good Friday - March 30

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Star of the Sea Church 9:00am  
Good Shepherd Church 12Noon & 6:30pm

#### **Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday**

Good Shepherd Church 3:00pm  
Star of the Sea Church 3:00pm

### Holy Saturday - March 31

Good Shepherd Church  
Blessing of Easter Food 12Noon  
Easter Vigil 8:00pm

### Easter Sunday - April 1

Holy Cross Church 8:30am  
Star of the Sea Church 10:30am  
Good Shepherd Church 9:00am,  
11:00am & 7:00pm

### Lenten Penitential Services

Mar 14	Wed.	7:00pm	OLGC
Mar 15	Thurs.	7:00pm	St. Bernadette
Mar 20	Tues.	7:00pm	IC - Delta
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Good Shepherd</b>
Mar 21	Wed.	7:00pm	Precious Blood
Mar 22	Thurs.	7:00pm	St. Matthew's

**PLEASE NOTE:** *there will be NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY CONFESSIONS at Good Shepherd Church and Star of the Sea Church during Holy Week.*

### Easter Vigil Mass followed by Chili Potluck Reception



As we have done in the last 3 years, there will be a potluck reception following the 1st Mass of Easter - the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday night. The reception will feature everyone's homemade recipe for chili. Please bring some to share! **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## ***This Sunday's Readings***

**1ST READING:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalms 137:1-6

**2ND READING:** Eph 2: 4-10

**GOSPEL:** John 3:14-21

Today's Gospel offers us the words that Jesus addressed to Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16). In hearing these words, we turn our heart's gaze to Jesus Crucified and we feel within us that God loves us, truly loves us, and He loves us so much! This is the simplest expression that epitomizes all of the Gospel, all of the faith, all of the theology: **God loves us with a free and boundless love.**

This is how God loves us and God shows this love first - through *creation*, as the Liturgy announces, in the fourth Eucharistic Prayer: "You have created all things, to fill your creatures with every blessing and lead all men to the joyful vision of your light". At the beginning of the world there is only the freely given love of the Father. St Irenaeus, a saint of the first centuries, writes: "In the beginning, therefore, did God form Adam, not as if He stood in need of man, but that He might have one upon whom to confer His benefits". God's love is like this.

The fourth Eucharistic Prayer continues: "Even when he [man] disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon him to the power of death", but with your mercy "helped all men to seek and find you". **He came with his mercy.** In creation, and in the subsequent stages of salvation history, the freely given love of God returns: **the Lord chooses his people not because they are deserving but because they are the smallest among all peoples**, as He says. And when "the fullness of time" arrived, despite the fact that man had repeatedly broken the covenant, God, rather than abandoning him, formed a new bond with him, in the blood of Jesus — the bond of a new and everlasting covenant — a bond that nothing will ever break.

St Paul reminds us: "God, who is rich in mercy out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Eph 2:4). **The Cross of Christ is the supreme proof of the mercy and love that God has for us:** Jesus loved us "to the end" (Jn 13:1), meaning not only to the last instant of his earthly life, but to the farthest limit of love.

While in creation the Father gave us proof of his immense love by giving us life, in **the passion and death of his Son He gave us the proof of proofs: He came to suffer and die for us. So great is God's mercy: He loves us, He forgives us; God forgives all and God forgives always.**

POPE FRANCIS ~ ANGELUS ~ ST. PETER'S SQUARE  
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 15 MARCH 2015

**WEEK AT A GLANCE** Please refer to Bulletin cover for our **regular weekday Mass schedule**

### **Mar 12 Monday**

**SCHOOL CLOSED - SPRING BREAK MARCH 12 - 23**

8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS

6:30pm **Alpha** (Wk 6 of 11) "**WHY AND HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE?**" - GS

### **Mar 13 Tuesday**

*Purdy's Easter Chocolates Order due*

9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library

### **Mar 14 Wednesday**

Priests at 2nd Wednesday Communion Calls

10:00am Seniors Fitness - *SOS Hall*

6:30pm Confessions - GS

7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room

CANCELLED Charismatic Prayer Group - *School closed for Spring Break* - meetings will resume April 11th

### **Mar 15 Thursday**

1:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (2 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS - Fireside

NO PREP - *School closed for Spring Break*

7:00pm GALATIANS Bible Study (2 of 8) - GS Meeting Rm

### **Mar 16 Friday**

6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside

6:30pm Mass followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS (led by Knights of Columbus) - GS

### **Mar 17 Saturday**

8:30am Confessions - *SOS*

8:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry - GS - Fireside

10:00am Confessions - GS

### **Mar 18 Sunday of LENT**

**Manuka Honey, Coffee & Tea Order Pick up at Good Shepherd Church**

Share  
Lent 2018

**TOGETHER  
FOR PEACE**

[www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**2nd Collection next weekend -  
March 17 & 18**

The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes next week. We appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.



TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Tiffany & Jeff Abaquin

Shanon Epp

Jaime Fagnilli & Isaura Gonzalez

Felipe Fagnilli

Radford family: Peter, Sarah & Madeline

Lopez family: Michael, Thea, Maria & Victor



### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Holy Hours in need of a weekly adorer are:

- Sunday, 4:00-5:00am
- Sunday, 12:00noon-1:00pm
- Tuesday, Mdnght-1:00am
- Thursday, 2:00-3:00am
- Thursday, 5:00-6:00am
- Friday, 4:00-5:00am
- Saturday, 1:00-2:00am
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00am
- Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm

Substitutes are needed for:  
 Sunday, Mar. 18 – 10:00-11:00pm  
 Mondays, Mar. 12, 19 & 26  
 - 10:00pm-11:00pm  
 Wednesday, Mar. 14  
 - 11:00pm-12:00Mdngt

There are also many hours needing a second adorer. Please contact Donna Sali 604 542 3070 to inquire.

**Stella Maris Concert Choir**  
*presents:*  
**A Choral Presentation**  
*reflecting on the Passion of Christ*

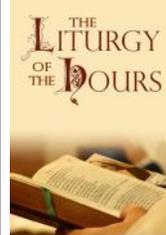
ONE HOUR: SEE THE CROSS

**Sunday, March 25th, 3:00pm**  
 Good Shepherd Church  
 Tickets available at the Parish Office and at the door on March 25th.  
 \$10/Adult or \$8/Senior



### CWL Diocesan Bursaries

(\$500 or \$1,000 each) are available to a daughter/granddaughter or son/grandson of a CWL member who is in good standing in the Diocese of Vancouver. Information sheet and bursary applications are available at the Parish Office. Application deadline is March 31st.



The Lord has commended us to "pray always". One way we can do that as community is by joining our priests in reciting the **Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours.**

The purpose of the Liturgy of Hours is to sanctify the day and all human activity. Together with the Mass, it constitutes the official public prayer of the Church not only of the clergy but of the "whole People of God". (Apostolic Constitution)

Come at **7:30am** to **Good Shepherd Church on every morning there is 8AM Mass** to join the priest(s) and some parishioners in reciting the Morning Prayer. The set of prayers takes about 12 to 15 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

### **GALATIANS ~ SET FREE TO LIVE** *Experience the Love the Father has for You*

Paul's letter to the Galatians speaks directly to the heart of Christians and addresses the most important question we can ask: "What must we do to be saved?" Galatians is a study that will reignite your love for God as you learn of the astonishing love God has for you.

- 1) Introduction
- 2) Galatians 1: An Urgent Appeal
- 3) Galatians 2: Threat of Compromise
- 4) Galatians 3:1-12: "The Righteous Shall Live by Faith"
- 5) Galatians 3:13-29: "Why the Law?"
- 6) Galatians 4: "No Longer a Slave, but a Son"
- 7) Galatians 5: A New Kind of Freedom
- 8) Galatians 6: "Let Us Not Grow Weary in Well Doing"

Everyone is welcome to join this 8-part video study on: **THURSDAYS** (started March 8th) 1:00pm OR 7:00pm in Good Shepherd Church. No cost (optional study guide \$20). Please register through the Parish Office.



CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

### Please pray for:

Dominic Wight, Catharina Noble, Mia Tennant, Michelle Vandene, Fran Lizaraso Caparo, Sophie Cosgrave (grandbaby of Susan & Deus Kearney), Pat Flickinger, Ashley Lambert, Marian Nadelko, Derek Ridsdale, Graham Shore, Regina Merkl, Margaret Barron, Joanna Boomars, Alfred Morin, Joyce Henderson, Ken Wharton, Odette Slezas, Helen Mentek, Ray Davies, Joe Novak, Luka Volentier, Dan Hof, Ashley Lambert, Edgar Druwe, Gene Nimetz, John Dunn, Jim Cullina, James Mitten, Bernadette Deeley, and Gloria Jaimes Aguilar

**Please pray for the Repose of the Souls** of: Fr. Tim McCarthy  
 Hetty Vanschie



**MANUKA HONEY PRODUCTS, ORGANIC COFFEE & TEA ORDERS**

will be ready for pick up from Good Shepherd Church on **Sunday, Mar 18th**

Thank you for supporting the Helpers of St. Anne & St. Joachim Parish Group!



## Lenten Reading Selections



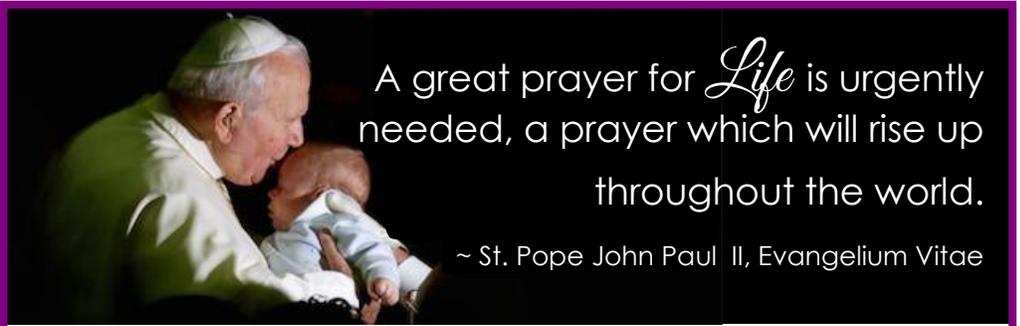
**13 POWERFUL WAYS TO PRAY** ~ In this practical book by Fr. Eamon Tobin, you'll discover 13 of the most common ways to communicate with God, and gain a deeper understanding of why prayer is essential to your life, how it comforts and transforms you, and what to do when it seems dry or difficult.

**PERFECTLY YOURSELF** by Matthew Kelly ~ This book is the guide you need if you long to be at peace with who you are, where you are, and what you are doing - finding the balance between accepting ourselves and striving to become all God dreams for us to become, not in some distant tomorrow, but here and now—today!

**WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD** ~ Father Apostoli provides an inspirational guide to conquering our faults, growing in prayer, and acquiring the virtues that enable us to walk with God and live for others.

These 3 books will be available to you (\$5.00 each) during the weekend of March 24 & 25 after Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

Thank you to all who generously donated religious books and articles, CD's and DVD's to our parish book sale. Thank you to all who helped in sorting, putting out the books and selling them. We hope the items are food for the soul. Total proceeds of the sale were \$1,334.75.



A great prayer for *Life* is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world.

~ St. Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

### COME PRAY WITH US on **TUESDAY, March 13th** 7AM - 9PM in Good Shepherd Church

Add your voice to the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN in solidarity with many others all around the globe for an end to the killing of innocent human life through abortion and euthanasia.

Because many of our faithful find it difficult to join others at the vigil site at BC Women's Hospital in Vancouver, we will hold our 24-hour prayer vigil in GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH.

From **12:00AM to 6:59AM** on March 13th, join adorers in the Adoration Chapel for prayer.

Then from 7:00AM to 5:30PM come to Good Shepherd Church for our prayer vigil. Prayer booklets will be made available at the church.

**At 5:30PM** we will gather in the church for a short video of personal testimony by a survivor of late-term abortion followed by **6:30PM** Mass being offered for Sanctity of Human Life.

Following Mass, the church will remain open until 9:00PM to continue our prayer vigil.

**9:01PM to 11:59PM**, join adorers in the Adoration Chapel for continued prayer.

Let us come together as the body of Christ for the purpose of prayer and repentance, pleading for God's favour to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of Life.

### Letter-Writing Campaign to Say "NO" to MAiD in Hospices



Palliative care was initiated with the promise of loving care, addressing a dying person's mental, physical and spiritual needs and neither prolongs nor hastens the natural dying process, whereas MAiD ("medical assistance in dying") ends that natural process with a lethal injection.

Health authorities in BC are now imposing MAiD in palliative and hospice care facilities. Many hospices are saying they won't allow it. Peace Arch Hospice says it will.

The CWL and Helpers of St. Anne and St. Joachim Parish Group are working together in a letter-writing campaign to let health authorities and government officials know that requiring MAiD in a hospice setting is not acceptable.

This weekend, representatives are handing out a copy of Archbishop Miller's Statement on Assisted Suicide in Hospices together with information on how to write your own letter. If you missed this handout, copies are available at all 3 churches, and at the Parish Office. WE NEED YOUR HELP in writing to express your personal objection to forcing access to assisted suicide in palliative and hospice care facilities.



## Rite of Election Celebration

On February 25th, 7 catechumens and 6 candidates from our parish joined many others from around the diocese for the Rite of Election Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral - the 2nd major rite in the RCIA which marks the progression of catechumens into the final period of preparation for full communion with Christ and his Church. At the celebration, the Church (in the person of the Archbishop) made its 'election' and admission of those catechumens at the next major celebration in the sacraments of initiation (to be celebrated the Easter Vigil on March 31st). Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters preparing to share in the sacraments of God's life and for our catechists, that they may always convey the beauty of God's Word to those who search for it.



## Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat

*"Oh, my soul, you are not alone.  
There's a place where fear has to  
face the God you know...Let Him  
show you how, you can lay this  
down, 'cause you're not alone."*

Lyrics from "Oh my Soul"  
by Casting Crowns

Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion? You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. Next retreat is May 2018. For confidential information and to register, call 604-525-0999

**Need a hand to prepare your tax return?** Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have a modest income and simple tax situation. Tax clinic at Peace Portal Alliance Church (King George Blvd/152 St)  
**Saturdays: Mar 10 - Apr 21**  
(except Easter weekend)  
**9:00am to 1:00pm**  
Reservations available by calling 604-531-4733

## Go on a Catholic Gap Year!



Looking for adventure?  
In need of a break from studies? Want to serve others? Discerning your career? Seeking answers to life?

Interested in becoming a missionary? If you answered yes to any of the above, then taking a Catholic Gap Year may just be what you're looking for! This is your chance to serve the Church and the world while exploring God's purpose for you.

**TAKE A YEAR TO EXPLORE WHAT GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU**

*Seek and you will find (Mt 7:7)*

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is now accepting applications for the \$500 Catholic Gap Year bursary. A total of 4 individuals who **apply by June 1** will be selected to receive an award of \$500 each to be applied to mission expenses. Learn more at [catholicgapyear.ca](http://catholicgapyear.ca)

**Congratulations**

**GRADE 7 BOYS BASKETBALL  
2ND PLACE CISVA**  
March 2018

Coaches: Mr. Mark Olsen, Mr. Brian Clendenin    Teacher: Mrs. Antonella MacGillivray