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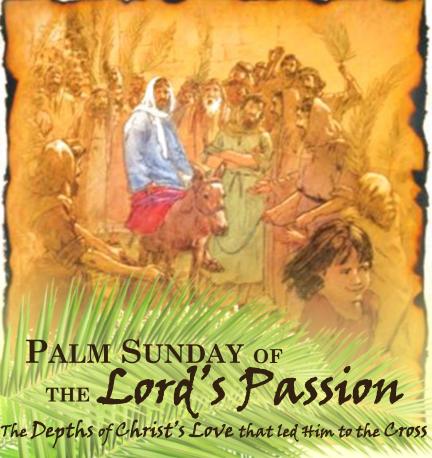
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One Parish ~ Three Churches

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street Surrey, BC V4A 9I3

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

1153 Fir Street

White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

12268 Beecher Street Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

See inside for Holy Week Mass Schedule

Pastor's Corner

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners.

This week looks different than any other week of the year, since the usual routine of parish liturgies is suspended in favor of the Solemn Liturgies of the Easter Triduum, the three days before Easter Sunday. Let me make a few reminders about these special days:

- The priests will attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday evening, so there will be no confessions on that night.
- There will be confessions on Tuesday evening at 7pm, following the 6:30 Mass.
- The only Mass in the parish on Holy Thursday is at Good Shepherd at 7pm, with Solemn Adoration to midnight with the Blessed Sacrament placed on a side altar of repose in the main body of the church, so there will be ample room for those who wish to stay and "pray with me awhile."
- Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.
- The faithful are encouraged to observe the paschal fast which is on Good Friday and continued, where possible on Holy Saturday.
- There will be a Solemn Liturgy held at 3pm in both Star of the Sea and Good Shepherd churches, also with Stations of the Cross at both places.
- The only Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm at Good Shepherd. After this Mass the congregation is invited to share in a potluck reception.

Because of these special celebrations and extended times involved in making sure they go well, let me express my gratitude to all those taking part in the various liturgical ministries. It is an expression of dedication and service to the Parish and is a sign of love for the Lord and His Church being celebrated in these most sacred of times. Thank you all.

Have a very good Holy Week.

Fr. Dion

9:00am

Mass - GS

10:30am Mass - *SOS*

11:00am Mass - GS

7:00pm Mass - *GS*

closed Good Friday to

Easter Monday.

Regular office hours

will resume on

Tues, April 3rd.

Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.

~ Pope Francis ~

| Holy Week AT A GLANCE | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| | Monday | |
| 7:30am | Come pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS | |
| 8:00am | Mass - GS | |
| 8:30am | Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS | |
| Mar 27 | Tuesday | |
| 9:00am | Mass - SOS | |
| 10:45am | - 2:00pm School Confessions - GS | |
| 6:30pm | Mass - GS | |
| Mar 28 | Wednesday | |
| 7:30am | Come pray the Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS | |
| 8:00am | Mass - GS | |
| 9:00am | Mass - SOS | |
| 10:00am | eniors Fitness - SOS Hall | |
| | No regular 6:30pm Confessions - all Priests at Chrism Mass 5:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral | |
| Mar 29 | Holy Thursday | |
| 2:00pm | Passion Play by Gr.5 students - School Gym | |
| NO PREP - public schools Spring Break | | ols Spring Break |
| 7:00pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper - <i>GS</i> followed by Adoration until midnight in the Church | |
| Mar 30 | Good Friday | Parish Office Closed |
| 8:30am | Meet Me At the Cross & March for Jesus - meet RCIA group in Good Shepherd parking lot 8AM | |
| 9:00am | Stations of the Cross - SOS | |
| 11:00am | Stations of the Cross - <i>GS</i> | |
| 3:00pm | Solemn Liturgy - SOS | |
| 3:00pm | Solemn Liturgy - GS | |
| 6:30pm | Stations of the Cross - <i>GS</i> | |
| Mar 31 | Holy Saturday | Parish Office Closed |
| | No regular 8:30am or 10:00am Confessions | |
| 12:00pm | Blessing of the Easter Food - <i>GS</i> | |
| 8:00pm | Easter Vigil - <i>GS</i> | |
| Apr 1 | EASTER SUNDAY Alleluia | |
| 8:30am | Mass - HC | Parish Office will be |
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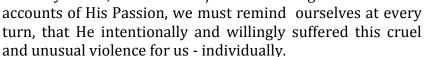
This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL: Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

2ND READING: Phil 2: 6-11 **GOSPEL**: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. Yet, as we read/hear the long



He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today's Psalm — Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced, His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* (Psalm 22:1).

Are we that much different from our Lord's tormenters? Do we come to church and even partake in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and yet in our day-to-day lives, don't we deny that He is King by refusing to obey Him, by putting ourselves above Him, holding on to our securities, our own interests, even our fears, all the while justifying our disobedience? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God. He is God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, and despite our repeated failures, our betrayal, our lip service Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist.

Let us not let the intentionality of the King allude us: look at the way He approaches the Mount of Olive on a donkey, the way He reproduces the rhythms of kings previous to Him who God has anointed, look at the timing of His arrival into the city where He knows He is going to die, look at where he intentionally goes after (the synagogue); all these things, every action, every movement, Jesus has planned way before time. If we truly understood this - we cannot help but be in awe of His great love for us, even as we deny Him. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34)

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength, that truly this is the Son of God.

[excerpts from Dr. Scott Hahn Sunday reflection]



Baptism

We are excited to welcome your child into our faith community! *ALL* Parents and Godparents are required to attend a **Baptism Preparation Class** prior to scheduling a Baptism. The next class is on **Saturday, April 14,** 10:00am at Good Shepherd Church. Please contact the Parish Office to register for the class.

Marriage

Couples wishing to marry need to meet with one of our priests a minimum of 4 months prior to the wedding date, in order to complete the proper marriage preparation course requirements before a wedding can be celebrated.

Were you Married outside the Catholic Church? Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family's mission to sharing God's love. Please make an appointment with one of our priests to discuss having your marriage convalidated, or "blessed".

Sacrament of the Sick or Anointing is administered both to the dying and to those who are gravely ill or are about to undergo a serious operation, for the recovery of health and for spiritual strength. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Why Register as a Parishioner?

We encourage registration for everyone attending Mass regularly or somewhat regularly any of our 3 churches. This helps us serve you better by providing you and your family with a parish history and enables us to verify your status if and when the need arises (i.e. sacramental preparation, enrolment in Star of the Sea School or any private/independent/ Christian elementary or high school, etc.) You can register by filling in a Parishioner Registration Form (blue form available at all 3 churches) and dropping off your completed form in the Parish Office or Sunday collection basket.

Welcome TO

OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:

Nolan family: Mairead, Jayson, Joshua & Violet

Peluso family: Deanna, Michael & Athena

Prayer Requests

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Andrea Egan, 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 Soul of: Karol Lipka (Gabriella's husband) Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Pontifical Collection on March 30th for the benefit of the Holy Land

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population. Please use the yellow "Good Friday Holy Land" donation envelope.

Good Friday ~ March 30th

MEET ME AT THE CROSS

& MARCH FOR JESUS

Gather with the churches on the Peninsula in solidarity to our witness of the **GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!** May we together, have a powerful and an effective impact on the community in which we live.

Our RCIA catechists, candidates and catechumens will be joining the march which starts at 8:30am in Softball City below the water tower. If you would like to join the RCIA group, please meet in the parking lot at Good Shepherd Church at 8AM. See you there!

HELP NEEDED in **Job Search** for Elia and Salwa Hakko (our 2nd parish-sponsored refugee family who will be reaching their 1-year anniversary in Canada in June)

Elia (father) has a Chemistry Degree and Teacher's Diploma, has worked as an optometrist, a lab tech, and has taught High School Physics and Chemistry. He has completed a Criminal Record Check and currently attends English classes 4 mornings/week. He volunteers as a tutor to a high school student.

Salwa (mother) is currently completing Food Safe Level I and attends English classes 4 mornings/week. Salwa is hoping to find work in a restaurant with Arabic-speaking employees. She volunteers with Settlement Services teaching Arabic after school to children in Aldergrove.

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know has job opportunities available.

Parish
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
Ministry

Do you love to pray for others?

Do you find yourself in extended prayers for others, and yet never grow weary of doing so?

Do you sometimes sense a need to pray for a specific person, even someone you don't know?

Then you have the GIFT of INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

An intercessor is one who takes up a "burden" that goes far beyond his or her own needs and intentions. The Intercessory Prayer Ministry is dedicated to aiding all the people and work of the parish through prayer, understanding at the same time that our best efforts in our prayers are nothing compared to the realization that God is in charge and wants us to acknowledge His hand in what we're doing.

The power of intercession is magnified when intercessors pray together. Let us come together to pray for the spiritual awakening and renewal of every single member of our parish family - the crucial first step to the evangelizing mission of our parish.

Facilitator: Trudy Desjardine We invite you to the first meeting of our Parish Intercessory Prayer Ministry on:

Wednesday, April 4th, 7pm-8pm Good Shepherd Church Fireside Rm.

There you will meet other intercessors in the parish to pray together and to present and discuss plans for the future of this ministry.



Altar Flowers for **Easter Sunday**

are gratefully accepting monetary donations for altar flowers for Easter Sunday. Your donation can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. Mark your donation "FOR EASTER FLOWERS". Thank you for helping us enhance the beauty of our place of worship!

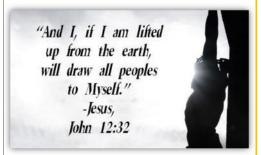


Come and Meditate

on the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in His Eucharistic Presence in the Perpetual Adoration

Chapel at Good Shepherd Church.

Good Friday is the price Jesus paid to institute the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. On the Cross, Jesus was lifted up in hatred. In Perpetual Adoration, He is lifted up in Love.



As we come to Him in unceasing praise in Perpetual Adoration, we proclaim Him King by giving Him the honour He truly deserves. We take Him off the cross of (our) shame and replace the crown of thorns with a throne of glory by surrounding Him with love day and night.

Free up just one hour for the One who has freed you.

For more information, call: Sandra Perrin 604-542-6057 or Donna Sali 604-542-3070

Divine Mercy Sunday

Please join us in Celebrating the

Feast of Mercy on Sunday, April 8, 2:30pm at Star of the Sea Church with **Eucharistic Adoration and Divine** Mercy Devotions. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us - all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His jov.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



An extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality:

St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Blessed Pope John Paul II.

Fr. Gaitley masterfully summarizes their teaching. making it easy to grasp, and simple enough to put into practice.

If you've been thinking about entrusting vourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, come join a small group who will be journeying through 33 Days to Morning Glory **starting Tuesday**, **April 10th, 7:00pm** in Good Shepherd Church, for 5 Tuesdays ending with the Marian Consecration on Sunday, May 13th.

Facilitator: Claudia MacDougall Cost is \$40. Limited to 12 participants. Please register by contacting the Parish Office.



This conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the

New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical **wisdom** and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize.

The annual NES will



be held in Ottawa and streamed to 38 host-sites - including us!

> Friday, April 27th 7:00pm-9:30pm Saturday, April 28th 9:00am – 4:30pm Star of the Sea School



Purchase your ticket \$40 **ONLINE** at:

www.newevangelization.ca

Snacks and refreshments provided; Light lunch also provided on April 28th.

Why evangelize?

Because the eternal destinies of many millions of our fellow Catholics, not to mention, many millions of countless others, are hanging in the balance. Christianity is not just an optional enrichment possibility for human life, but a message that truly is a matter of life or death, heaven or hell. If we truly love our family members, neighbors, our fellow parishioners, or those who used to be our fellow parishioners, we're not only going to pray for them to find good jobs and get healed of physical illnesses, but we're going to pray, suffer, love and witness to the One who can save, for the sake of their salvation.

[The New Evangelization: Why Bother? by Ralph Martin] Page 4



One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and the priests of the archdiocese on **Wednesday, March 28th**, 5:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. Everyone welcome.

Youth (12-20 yrs) Spring Camp: April 13 - 15th

at Deroche Retreat Centre, Deroche, BC. Presented by CFC Youth for Family and Life BC, CAMP MAGNA ("magna" is Latin for "great") is a spirit-filled weekend where youth come together to form lasting Christ-centered friendships and share ideas and experiences in a fun and wholesome environment. Participants will hear other youth testify about God's great love.

Early bird registration is \$55 until March 25 and \$60 after. Contact Kevin at 778-838-5387 or Nicole at 778-952-5620 for more info.

St. John Paul II Academy (new Catholic High School) is

continuing to accept applicants for Grade 8 for the 2018-19 school year. Application form, information about tuition and financial assistance can be found on the school website:

sjp2academy.com

email: mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca

phone: 604-683-9331

April 2 is "John Paul II Day" in Canada



In 2015, Canada's first *Pope John Paul II Day* was celebrated on April 2nd. This is a special day to recall and commemorate the

significant impact and contribution Saint Pope John Paul II had on the world and Canada. World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto was his last World Youth Day. In his final days with us here on earth, the Holy Father said to the thousands who kept prayerful vigil with him in St. Peter's Square: "I have looked for you. Now you have come to me. And I thank you."

St. John Paul II was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

Retrouvaille For Couples Weekend of April 13 - 15, 2018

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. Retrouvaille is Christian -based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

For info contact: Marc & Candice 604-530-6710 or visit www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

Living and Leading by Faith

Spring Institute 2018

One day courses for faith formation, ministry training and general interest ~ OPEN TO ALL.

Saturday, April 14th

10:00am to 4:00pm Notre Dame Secondary School 2880 Venables St. Vancouver

Courses available:

- EQUALITY & RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
- WALK WITH ME: HOW TO JOURNEY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
- CELEBRATING OUR GIFTEDNESS: A PARTNERSHIP IN PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS
- OVERVIEW OF THE LITURGY
- . BASICS OF THE FAITH II
- CHILDREN AND PRAYER
- ADULT CATECHESIS PART II

For course descriptions and to register: reav.org/oc-spring Cost is \$40 (register by April 9)



The Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary

3rd Annual Spring Gala

You are invited to join
Fr. Francesco in this fundraising
evening - Dinner, Dancing,
Live Entertainment,
Door Prizes, Silent Auction.

Friday, April 27th. Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner at 7:00pm. Italian Cultural Centre 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver.

Tickets \$100 available at the Parish Office.