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 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday  
 Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday  
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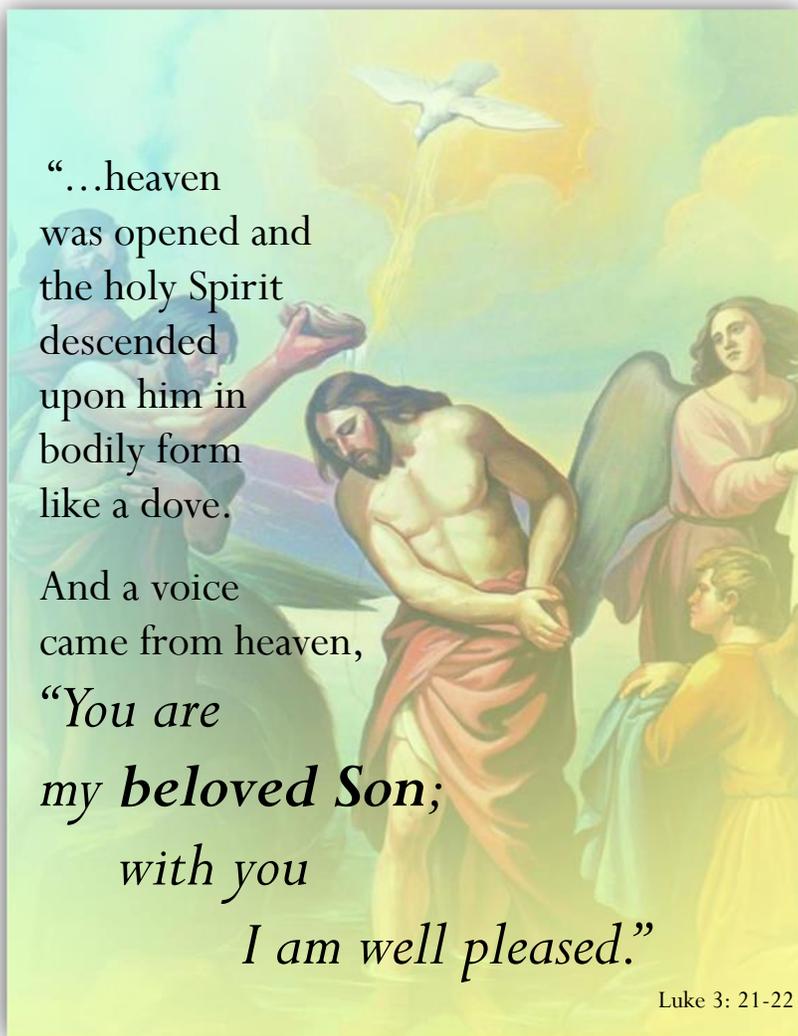
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# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - January 13, 2019



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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

I'm so happy that we've finally engaged a young woman for the role of "Youth and Young Adult Ministry Co-ordinator," in the person of Bev Anchikoski. She joins our parish team as we begin the new year, and will be working with our youth and young adults. Her salary is being paid by way of the rebate funds we receive from our Project Advance Appeal for this past year. So for all who made a contribution I thank you for your support, which now bears very practical results in the ability of the parish to serve the needs of our youth in the hiring of a co-ordinator. Welcome Bev!

Today we celebrate the "Rite of Acceptance" with our RCIA candidates who are preparing for entrance into the Catholic Church with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. In this ceremony the candidates declare their intention to the Church, and the Church in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. These individuals must have the beginnings of a spiritual life and be rooted in the fundamentals of Christian teaching, with a sense of personal conversion to Christ and the Church. They must have already begun the practice of prayer, both in private and with also the community on Sunday, and who have a Catholic sponsor who accompanies them on this journey of faith. We welcome them and we will continue to pray for them.

Have a good week,

*Fr. Dion*



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18th - 25th, 2019

The theme is "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue*" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

In a world marked by diversity in language and culture, we express our Christian faith in diverse ways. During this week we are called to celebrate this diversity and be faithful to Christ's call for the unity of his Church.

All are invited to join with brothers and sisters of various churches in prayer, song, and witness to unity as followers of Christ.

Visit [rcav.org/christian-unity](http://rcav.org/christian-unity) for a full list of churches & date of services.

## Week at a Glance

see bulletin cover for regular weekday Mass schedule

### Jan 14 Monday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 7:00pm **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY** (2of 11)- GS Meeting Rm

### Jan 15 Tuesday

- 9:00am Drop-off, Drop-in Coffee (*school parents*) - GS
- 10:00am Deanery Meeting - GS
- 4:00pm King's Banquet Soup Kitchen Dinner - SOS Hall
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS Library
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room

### Jan 16 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 9:00am Korean Bible Study - GS Fireside Room
- Priests at 3rd Wed Communion Visits
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness -SOS Hall
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS Meeting Room
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *School*

### Jan 17 Thursday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP - *School*

### Jan 18 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS Fireside
- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for the Crisis in the Church - GS
- 7:00pm "LOVE INCARNATE" Night of Adoration for Young Adults (19-40yrs) - GS

### Jan 19 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Prayer Group - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS

### Jan 20 Sunday

## This Sunday's Mass Readings

**1ST READING:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4,  
24-25, 27-28, 29-30

**2ND READING:** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Reflection by Fr. James Farfaglia 1/9/2017 [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

This Sunday, the liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. This is a time when we might ask ourselves why Jesus would allow himself to be baptized by John the Baptist and what practical applications might we make in our own lives.

There is a difference between the baptism of John the Baptist and the baptism that Jesus gives to us. From the beginning, John's baptism focused on conversion. His exhortations and appeals for personal repentance prepared the people to receive those graces which Christian baptism gives to us. While John's baptism, a ritualistic expression of conversion, penance and repentance, did not confer sanctifying grace, **Jesus' baptism, a sacrament necessary for salvation, does bestow upon the baptized sanctifying grace.**

Jesus had no need of conversion and repentance. He is the sinless one. So, why did Jesus allow himself to be baptized? There are a number of reasons that we can consider.

First of all, Jesus needs to make himself known to the Jewish people. Jesus walked the earth at a time when modern communication and the news media simply did not exist. A spiritual movement within the Jewish people was being stirred up by John the Baptist. It was very appropriate for Jesus to begin his public ministry by making his first public appearance precisely where John was baptizing. It is John the Baptist who announces to the crowds: "*Behold, the Lamb of God!*" (John 1: 36) Two of John's disciples are so moved by Jesus' appearance that they decide to become his disciples. Thus, Jesus uses the act of baptism as a means to make himself known to the people.

Secondly, the Lord's baptism is a moment of decision and identification. For thirty years he has faithfully carried out his Father's will in the ordinary circumstances of his hidden life. Now the Father is calling him to begin his public ministry. **By being baptized, Jesus, although he is sinless, identifies himself with the very people that he has come to save.**

At Calvary, Jesus takes the sin of the world upon himself. In a similar way, as he immerses himself in the

waters of the Jordan, the sinless one takes upon himself the sins of humanity. Through his baptism, Jesus announces to the world that his public ministry has begun. In his humanity, he freely chooses to complete this mission and makes a free decision: he will carry out the Father's will to its' ultimate consequence. **Through his baptism, Jesus identifies himself with all of us; i.e., sinful humanity, so that we can come to him filled with total confidence and peace.**

As we contemplate the mystery of Christ's baptism, there are a number of practical applications that we can consider: In today's culture, many people, even those who are baptized Christians, have great difficulty with their own identity. Many people wonder what their purpose is in this life. People find little or no meaning as they carry out their daily activities. A cloud of laziness hangs over many people as they also strive to find direction for their lives. This Sunday's liturgy shows us that **Jesus gives us meaning, purpose and direction.** It is through the sacrament of baptism that we become his disciples. **Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and it is precisely in Jesus that our human existence finds fulfillment.**



Moreover, the consideration of Jesus' baptism, gives us an opportunity to remember our own baptism. If you do not know the date of your own baptism, it is a good idea to go through your personal files and find out when it occurred. After all, baptism is the day that we are reborn.

**We become children of God, active members of the Church, and temples of the Holy Spirit.** Original sin is washed away; we receive sanctifying grace and the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. The reality of baptism certainly gives us great cause to celebrate!

Finally, as we contemplate the baptism of the Lord, **we are reminded of our apostolic mission as disciples of Jesus Christ.** Jesus commissions the Church to go forth and baptize all nations. The large numbers of people who have not been baptized should inspire us to always seek the salvation of souls. **The presence of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism underscores the apostolic dimension of baptism, precisely because it is the Holy Spirit who appears as tongues of fire at the moment when the Church begins its mission to baptize all nations.**



**Our newest parishioners:**

- Eduardo & Natividad Yap
- John & Kristina Deutsch
- Fritz & Ariane Climaco
- Victoria & Jose Farolan
- Alexandra & Maia Farolan

**WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?**

A Catholic parish is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. There are many reasons to register:

- ◆ A sense of belonging and identity in parish community.
- ◆ Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- ◆ In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- ◆ It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- ◆ Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- ◆ Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for needs.
- ◆ Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- ◆ In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.
- ◆ For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.

Parish Registration forms are available at all 3 churches. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection basket.

**Prayer Requests**

**Please pray for:**

Dermot Dunne, Graham Shore, Larry Ginn, Danilo Sonido, Patrick McManus, Jane Smith, Cathy Fifik, Marie-Louise Hanna, Theresa McMurtry, Bradley Antchak, Bill Lesage, Brianna Ginn, Kelsey Freisen, Jim Cullina, Nancy Murchison, Rachelle Beaver, Ray Wittrock, Janice Thorsen, Walter Butula, Mia Tennant, Sarah Philibert, Isla Ufford, Colleen Hopwood, Marie Geiger, Nikolas Fleming, Ken LaHaie, Luka Volentier, Magdalena Coombs, Charlotte Sears, Alice Anderson, Andrea Egan, Catharina Noble, Marian Nadelko, Pat Flickinger, Sophie Cosgrave, Joanna Boomars and Joyce Henderson.

**Please pray for the**

**Rest of the Souls of:**

- Bernadette Deeley
- Leslie Knapp



We are looking for a musician to help with playing for Mass - someone who can play piano, can lead the congregation in song, and can cantor the Psalm if required.

This is a wonderful ministry that can bring many blessings to both the music minister and the congregation. Please prayerfully consider if you might be called to this ministry.

Contact Trudi Stammer, our music director, at 604-531-5739 or 604-889-8558 if you are interested or require more information.



**Congratulations to those recently Baptised:**

Anthony Kielmann



**Congratulations to those whose Marriage was recently Blessed:**

Raymond Bradley Kielmann & Natalie Au

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel**



*JESUS AWAITS...* Even after Mass has ended, Jesus remains with us in the tabernacles of our churches. For this reason, the Church lovingly invites us not only to attend Mass but also to take part in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and to take time to pray before the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle. *The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.* CCC1380  
John Paul II, Dominicae cenae, 3

Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

- Sunday, 1:00am-2:00am
- Sunday, 2:00am-3:00am
- Monday, 5:00am-6:00am
- Monday, 11:00pm-Midnight
- Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am
- Tuesday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Friday, 8:00pm-9:00pm

Hours needing a substitute:

- Sundays, Jan. 27, Feb 3 - 11:00am-Noon
- Sundays, Jan. 20, 27 - 7:00-8:00pm
- Mondays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4**
  - Mdngt-1:00am
- Mondays, Jan. 14, 21, 28
  - 11:00pm-Mdngt
- Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29 - 4:00-5:00am**
- Tuesdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 - 7:00-8:00am
- Tuesdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 - 3:00-4:00pm
- Saturdays, Jan. 12, 19, 26 - 5:00-6:00pm

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

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



Join other men (of all ages) in a 6-week faith study: **Discovery** ~ that begins by speaking of God's personal love and

offers a simple but personally challenging look at the person of Jesus ~ who He is, what He has done, and the invitation He offers for relationship.

This is a discipleship small group starting **Thursday, January 24th**, 6:30pm-8:30pm, in Good Shepherd Church.

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required.

To register, call or email Mario [mylanan@starofthesea.ca](mailto:mylanan@starofthesea.ca)

## INVITATION TO WOMEN: Join the Endow Study Group

Grow in your faith as you read, ponder and discuss



**ST. JOHN PAUL II'S ENCYCLICAL "ON THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF SUFFERING"** alongside your sisters in Christ.

Meeting at Good Shepherd Church for 8 sessions on alternating Wednesdays **beginning February 6, 2019**, 9:30-11:30am (excluding Ash Wednesday and Spring Break). Childcare provided on site by our wonderful volunteer team! To participate in this study or to volunteer for childminding call/text, or email Gemma Myers

**2nd Collection NEXT WEEKEND: January 19 & 20** for the PARISH CENTRE BUILDING FUND



Drop in for a robust coffee before your workday and seek clarity and understanding in becoming *the best version of yourself*.

EVERY FRIDAY 6:00am-7:00am  
Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room

Our discussion this month is on Matthew Kelly's new book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*.

Join a dynamic, engaging group of committed men. Contact Bill if you have any questions [billdbuq@shaw.ca](mailto:billdbuq@shaw.ca)



**Thank you** from the **Prison Ministry** to all those who donated calendars and greeting cards for inmates. We, Catholic Charities Justice Services (CCSJ), believe that each person was created by God with talent, gifts and dignity. Those who visit the prisoners convey to them God's mercy and the knowledge that they are more than their worst actions and decisions. We believe that communication with their loved ones and others who can be a positive force in their lives is critical. We seek out opportunities to reach incarcerated men and women through a variety of projects like the Christmas Card Project, designed to build healthy relationships and foster positive communication with their family and friends. Thank you for your support! This card/calendar drive is now closed.

Thank you also to our youth volunteers who sorted through and organized all the donations.

## Young Adult event: Love Incarnate

In the Eucharist, we experience the fullness of God's love and mercy! After a long week of school/work, join us for a night of Adoration and small group reflection! Bev will be leading us in a reflection on humility and the question, who am I? Followed by snacks and socializing. Adoration will start at 7pm in the main church, followed by small groups around 8pm. We'll wrap the night with socializing and boardgames. All young adults (18-40yrs) welcome!

## Parents' Night: Engaging in God's Business

For parents with children aged 10-17yrs: Come meet our youth ministry leader, Bev, who will share the vision for youth ministry and also the **ministry of supporting parents**. *"As youth ministry leaders, we do not wish to take over the role of a parent to bring the youth up in the faith but rather journey and support them as they do so!"* Come to our first Parents Night on **Friday, January 25th**, 7:00pm, in the School (meeting room to be determined). This is an adult-only event, but small children and babies are welcome. Please contact Bev at [beva@starofthesea.ca](mailto:beva@starofthesea.ca) if child care is preventing you from attending.

Journey Youth Group will be happening at the same time in the gym.

## Star of the Sea School



### Prospective Parent Information Evening

is on **Wednesday, Feb. 27th** at 7:00pm. Families who are interested in applying to Star of the Sea Elementary School for the 2019/2020 school year are invited to an information evening in our school gym. Please note: waitlists start over every year and families must re-apply if they would like to be considered for placement in September 2019.



Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to:

### Open House

**Thursday, January 31st**

Join us to see what makes Holy Cross school community unique. Listen to our Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at our French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much more! Applications for the 2019/2020 school year will be available at this event.



### ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

is now accepting **GRADE 8** and **GRADE 9** applications for the 2019/2020 school year. Deadline for application is Feb. 15, 2019.

To apply, contact the school: 604-560-8210 or email: [mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com](mailto:mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com)

## Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations

Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, along with other members of the faithful throughout the Archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the ***"Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest."*** This month's Holy Hour will take place on: **Friday, Jan. 18th**, 6:00-7:00pm St. Joseph's Parish, 20676 Fraser Hwy, Langley

### Creation Care: *Have we gone too far or not far enough?*

What is our Catholic responsibility to care for creation, and how does that affect our daily life and spiritual journey? How can caring for creation enliven our faith and relationships?

Presenter: Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE  
John Paul II Pastoral Centre  
Friday, January 18, 7:00-8:30pm  
Visit: [rcav.org/event/creation-care](http://rcav.org/event/creation-care)

### Talking About the Really Tough Topics - Addressing the Clerical Sexual Abuse

We live in a world where the news is overwhelming - political polarity/animosity, stories of violence, human suffering, sexual harassment and assault. With the recent and past clerical sex abuse scandal with the Church, many people are asking "How do I talk about this?" This workshop will provide tips to help navigate through these difficult times/topics. Learn how to have those difficult conversations, while keeping the faith. **Saturday, Jan. 19**, 10:00am-4:00pm, Notre Dame High School, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 includes lunch. Register at [rcav.org/event/winter-institute/](http://rcav.org/event/winter-institute/)



## Madonna House Morning of Recollection

Come and let us reflect on ***'Our Lady, the air we breathe'*** with Madonna House.

Come join us for a talk and a time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship, sharing, and mid-day prayer.

**Saturday, January 19**

9:30am - 12noon

St. John the Apostle Parish Hall  
5457 Trafalgar St, Vancouver

Contact Madonna House for more info 604-267-1757



Join us on **Sunday, January 27th**, for our monthly **Mass of Remembrance** as we pray for family members who have passed away this month. Masses are at 12:30pm and 2:30pm in the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani

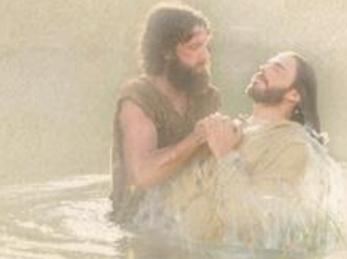


### Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of **February 8 - 10**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

What then shall we say? Shall we persist in sin that grace may abound? Of course not! How can we who died to sin yet live in it? Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

Romans 6:1-4



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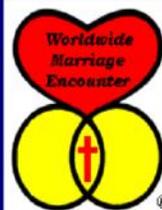
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