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Saturday 4PM

Sunday 10:30AM

STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Welcome

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 11, 2024



"If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, [Jesus] stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "**I will; be clean.**" And immediately the leprosy left him, and **he was made clean.**

Mark 1: 40-42

MISSION STATEMENT:

***To follow Jesus Christ and to
invite others to do the same.***

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Dear Parishioners,

I am sure many of you share my wonderment at how quickly the season of Lent seems to come this year! But as our days grow a bit longer each day and the weather begins to change, we know that Lent is drawing near.

As Pope Francis is fond of saying: *"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy."* This coming Wednesday, February 14th, is the beginning of Lent; Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert inviting us once again to prepare our hearts for his Resurrection by each of us recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion and once again turning of our hearts to God.

Please note that on Ash Wednesday there will be an additional 8AM Mass at Good Shepherd Church; then the 9AM Mass which the school children will attend. There will also be Mass at Star of the Sea Church on Ash Wednesday at 9:50am which the St. John Paul II Academy students will attend. Of course, these school masses are also open to anyone who wishes to attend. The Ash Wednesday evening Mass will be at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Church; which our PREP families and RCIA members will be attending.

Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics but I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend Mass and receive ashes which are an external sign of recognizing we are all sinners seeking renewal with God. As such, one does not need to be Catholic to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.

I would like to draw your attention to our parish's Lenten Retreats coming up – one for all the women in our parish and one for all the men:

"Created, Redeemed and Called by Love" – Lenten Retreat for Women
on Friday, March 1 and Saturday March 2

This women's retreat will be led by Sr. John Mary Sullivan and Sister Maria Serra Garcia, two wonderful Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Please see insert inside this bulletin for more information.

***"Liar? Lunatic? Lord! Who is Jesus Christ
for me as a man in the 21st Century?"*** – Lenten Retreat for Men
on Saturday, March 16, 10am–4pm at Star of the Sea Church and Hall.

This men's retreat will be led by Fr. Mark Gazin, CSB. Please see insert inside bulletin for more information.

There is no cost for these retreats, but registration is required. Please look out for registration details coming out soon.

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I thank those parishioners who've answered the parish office's call to help with a few chores. Anne-marie and Janice are also very grateful for your generosity!

Fr. Augustine



This Sunday's Mass Readings:

Reading 1: [Leviticus 13:1–2, 44–46](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 11](#)

Reading 2: [1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1](#)

Psalm: [Mark 1:40–45](#)

Pope Benedict XVI—Angelus on 15 February 2009

<https://www.vatican.va>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During these Sundays the Evangelist Mark has offered for our reflection a sequence of various miraculous cures. Today he presents to us a very special one, the healing of a leper who approached Jesus and, kneeling down begs him: *"If you wish, you can make me clean"* (Mark 1: 40). Jesus, moved with pity, stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him: *"I do will it. Be made clean!"* (v. 42). And the man was instantly healed. Jesus asked him to say nothing about the event but to present himself to the priests to offer the sacrifice prescribed by the Mosaic law. However, the leper who had been healed was not able to keep quiet about it and instead proclaimed what had happened to him to all so that the Evangelist recounts the sick flocked to Jesus in even greater numbers, to the extent of forcing him to remain outside the towns to avoid being besieged by people.

Jesus said to the leper: **"Be made clean!"**. According to the ancient Jewish law (cf. Lv 13-14), leprosy was not only considered a disease but also the most serious form of ritual "impurity". It was the priests' duty to diagnose it and to declare unclean the sick person who had to be isolated from the community and live outside the populated area until his eventual and well-certified recovery. Thus, leprosy constituted **a kind of religious and civil death, and its healing a kind of resurrection.**

It is possible to see leprosy as a symbol of sin, which is the true impurity of heart that can

distance us from God. It is not in fact the physical disease of leprosy that separates us from God as the ancient norms supposed but sin, spiritual and moral evil.

This is why the Psalmist exclaims: *"Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered"* (Psalm 32: 1). Then says, addressing God: *"I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, 'I confess my faults to the Lord' and you took away the guilt of my sin"* (v 5).

The sins that we commit distance us from God and, if we do not humbly confess them, trusting in divine mercy, they will finally bring about the death of the soul.



This miracle of the healing of the leper thus has a strong symbolic value. Jesus, as Isaiah had prophesied, is the Servant of the Lord who *"has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"* (Is 53: 4). **In his Passion Jesus will become as a leper, made impure by our sins, separated from God: he will do all this out of love, to obtain for us reconciliation, forgiveness and salvation.**

In the Sacrament of Penance, the Crucified and Risen Christ purifies us through his ministers with his infinite mercy, restores us to communion with the heavenly Father and with our brothers and makes us a gift of his love, his joy and his peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the Virgin Mary whom God preserved from every stain of sin so that she may help us to avoid sin and to have frequent recourse to the Sacrament of Confession, the sacrament of forgiveness, whose value and importance for our Christian life must be rediscovered today.

Weekly Confessions at Good Shepherd Church are Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 10am.



SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN

Saturday, March 16

10:00AM—4:00PM

at Star of the Sea Church and Hall
15262 Pacific Ave, White Rock

LIAR? LUNATIC? LORD! **WHO IS JESUS CHRIST** **FOR ME AS A MAN** **IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Featured Speaker: Fr. Mark Gazin, CSB

Registration required—TBA



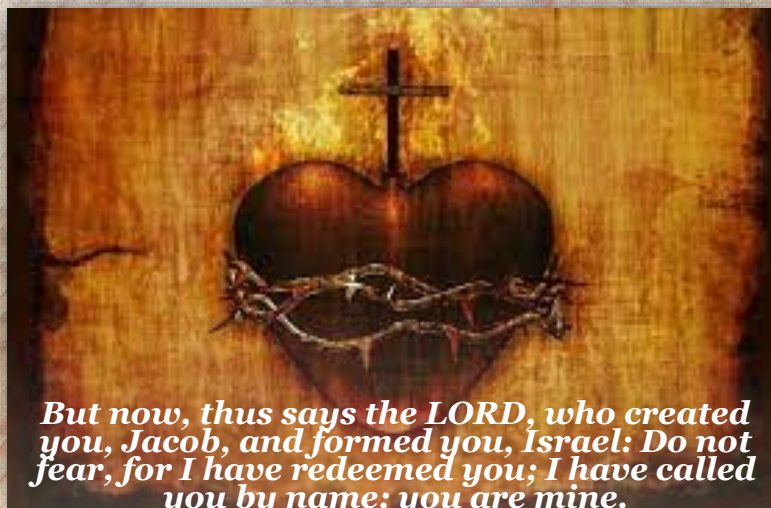


Lenten Retreat for Women

Created, Redeemed and Called by Love

Friday, March 1
starting with 6:30 Mass,
ending at 8:30pm
and

Saturday, March 2
starting with 9AM Mass,
ending at 4:00pm



Isaiah 43:1

at Good Shepherd Church

Retreat Speakers:

Sister John Mary Sullivan, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, holds a Masters in Theological Studies from the John Paul II Institute at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and is a License Marriage and Family Therapist. She earned her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy at Central Connecticut State University. Sister John Mary is currently working for the Archdiocese of Vancouver as an associate director in Ministries and Outreach and is the coordinator for Marriage and Family Ministries.

Sister Maria Serra Garcia is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, a Roman Catholic community of religious sisters founded in the United States. Before being asked to serve the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver as the Director of Parish Financial Services in 2022, Sister Maria Serra served as the Coordinator of Service and Justice for over two years. She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Southern Connecticut State University and a Post-Master Certificate in Dogmatic Theology from Holy Apostles College and Seminary. Before coming to Vancouver in 2019, Sister Maria Serra served in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the Archdiocese of Hartford, and the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Composing and singing music, sewing, making rosaries and working in the shade on sunny days, are ways Sister Maria Serra integrates the intensity of her ministry.

No Cost, but registration required.
Registration link will be available soon.

Please pray for

Margaret Benoit, Maria Lee,
Givon Santos, Rose Cruz,
Byrne Turner, Claude Vézina,
Bernie Karoway, Murray Carpenter,
Patrick Hamilton, Marilyn Wolfe,
Jason Eddleman, Delia Antunovich,
Julia Nadon, Ken Prout,
Mercedes Sandoval, Judy Nault,
Maria Kasprzyk, Jola Melone,
Brian Hickey, Jack Plain,
Danilo Sonido, Anne Law,
Otto Witteveen, Charles Lefaive,
Anna Schott, Peter Kingsland,
Fern McCann, Nancy Murchison,
Karine Tardif, Stephanie Wideski,
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Edward Drabik, Rob McLellan,
Glenn Brooks, Carmina Raponi,
Susie Bencherif, Marci Nunez,
Adria Tate, Wolf Mashohn,
Amelia Solomon, Lydia McGrann,
Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte,
Theresa Kim, Manal Ibrahim,
Dirk Post, Marian Nadelko,
Maureen McLaren

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting is on **Saturday, February 17, 10AM** in Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room

Knitted and crocheted by a dedicated group of parishioners, prayer shawls come in a variety of sizes, shapes and colours to give comfort to those suffering illness. Each prayer shawl has been blessed by a priest and has a holy medal attached. Cost is BY DONATION. Contact Rycarda rycarda@telus.net

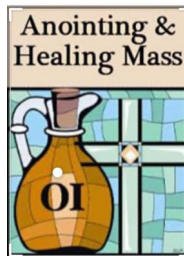


Congratulations to those whose marriage was recently blessed:

Mary Jane Kennedy and William Cook



SHROVE TUESDAY
Tuesday, February 13, 9AM MASS at **STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH**



(NOTE: **NO 9AM MASS AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH that day**)
Enjoy delicious pancake breakfast at Star of the Sea Hall following Mass. Pancake breakfast is by donation.



Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are those parishioners who have the privilege of serving, distributing and administering the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ alongside the priest celebrant at Mass. These Eucharistic Ministers are called not only to minister the Body and Blood of Christ, but to have and maintain a strong faith, a sense of awe, and an inclusiveness of others as the foundation for this ministry. Eucharistic Ministers may also be asked to bring Holy Communion to people within the parish community who are sick and/or homebound.

Come consider this important ministry—**YOU ARE INVITED** to a workshop on **Saturday, Mar 9th, 10AM-Noon** at Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room.

For more information or to register email: emhc@starofthesea.ca

Please drop off your **blessed palm branches** from last year in the collection baskets at Good Shepherd Church and Star of the Sea Church
Thank you.



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14, 2024
MASS SCHEDULE

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

8:00am

9:15am — Mass with Star of the Sea School

6:30pm

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

9:50am—Mass with JPPII Academy

St. Thérèse Widows Group

Next Meeting is on **Monday, February 12th** in the Fireside Room at Good Shepherd Church after 9AM Mass. Everyone welcome!
For more info. contact coordinators:
Marlene Johnston 604 538 5899
Mimi Bower 778 246 0029



TRUE LIFE IN GOD Prayer Group

is inviting you to pray the Holy Rosary with meditations.

visit: www.tlig.org

Meetings in Good Shepherd Church, Fireside Room on:
Tuesdays 10am-11:30am
Feb. 20 and 27 and **Fridays**
10am-11:30am Feb 23, Mar 22



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*"One day within your
courts is better than a
thousand elsewhere."*
(Psalm 84:10)



The above Psalm expresses a heart filled with true affection and adoration of **Jesus**. Come and abide in His Real Presence, where He fills you with spiritual riches. Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

Sunday, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Sunday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday, 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, 9:00am-10:00am

Monday, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Monday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Thursday, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Thursday, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Friday, 11:00am-12:00pm

Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Hours in need of a Substitute:

Fri., Feb. 16, 23 – 10:00-11:00am

Fri., Feb. 16, 23 – 11:00-12:00pm

Fri., Mar. 1, 8, 15 – 12:00-1:00pm

Sat., Mar. 2, 9, 16 – 4:00-5:00pm

To schedule a Holy Hour of
adoration or to Substitute please
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Dying To Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia, Encouraging Hope

Why has euthanasia become such a temptation for so many Canadians? How can we create and put forward a more attractive alternative vision? And, what are some concrete ways we can bring hope to our parishes and communities?

On **Tuesday, February 20th, 6:30pm** at **Good Shepherd Church**, come hear Amanda Achtman share her experience as she travels across Canada to encourage the conversation surrounding suffering, death, meaning, and hope.

Everyone is welcome.
No cost. No registration necessary.
Some light refreshments will be offered.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Amanda Achtman was born and raised in Calgary. During high school, she was a two-time winner of the Knights of Columbus Respect for Life speech contest. She worked with an MP on Parliament Hill in an effort to prevent the expansion of euthanasia on the basis of disability and mental illness. Amanda holds graduate degrees in John Paul II Studies from the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland and in Judaic Studies & Jewish-Christian at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
2024 March for Life Victoria will be
on **Thursday, May 9th**.

Join the march to send an unmistakable
statement to our province that
life is worth living!

Our Parish is in need of a coordinator with a special heart for the **PROLIFE** cause. Please prayerfully consider that **YOU** might be the one.

February 2024 Library Feature

Moral Theology and Bioethics

Your parish library can help you understand and grapple with the many moral issues we and our families face in modern society. Find bioethics in section **176**, and moral theology in section **241**.

There is no morality without freedom... Although each individual has a right to be respected in his own journey in search of the truth, there exists a prior moral obligation, and a grave one at that, to seek the truth and to adhere to it once it is known.

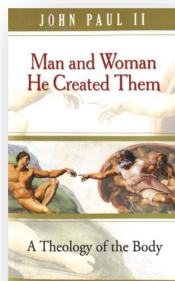
-- Pope John Paul II
in Veritatis Splendor

Catholic Social Teaching Collection (241.2 Wor 202) draws from the Old and New Testaments, the Church Fathers, Church's encyclicals and the saints to reveal the breadth of Catholic social teaching, and most importantly its metaphysical heart, God.

Christian Social Principles (241.6 Obr 2021) delves into the Church's teachings on human dignity and explains when individual liberties must trump social control and when they must not.

Our Moral Life in Christ (241.2 Fer 1997) draws from the Catechism and JP II's encyclicals *Veritatis Splendor* and *Fides et Ratio* to help us live a moral life.

Man & Woman, He Created Them: Theology of the Body (241.6 JP II 1997) John Paul II's seminal work on the bodily dimension of personhood, sexuality, marriage, and celibacy provides insight into the



modern "split" between the person and the body. He presents an integral image of the human person, one rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Church's living tradition.

The Virgin Mary and Theology of the Body (241.6 Cal 2007) shares insights on how Mary illuminates the message of the Theology of the Body in a profound way.

Why Humanae Vitae was Right (FORMED e-book) is a collection of 21 essays and articles that show how Humanae Vitae is widely neglected and misunderstood.

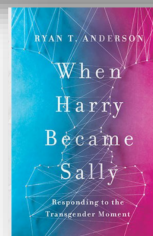
The Art of Living: the Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love (241.4 Sri 2021 & FORMED audiobook & FORMED six-part series) reveals the connection between growing in the virtues and growing in friendship and community with others.

Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues (241 Mil Hor 2018)

Gives crucial techniques to form children with the understanding they need act appropriate to their age and maturity level to meet the world's challenges. It provides kid-friendly ways to help communicate how the right way to live is rooted in the way we're made.



Integrity Restored: Helping Catholic Families Win the Battle Against Pornography (241.5 Kle 2014) presents an alarming view of the pornography epidemic that is ruining lives, marriages, families, and careers—and hindering relationships with God.



When Harry became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Movement (176 And 2018) draws from biology, psychology and philosophy to provides answers to the

many questions raised about this transgender ideology. It reveals a grim contrast between the media's sunny depiction and the realities of gender-identity struggles.

Dysconnected: The Real Story behind the Transgender Movement (176 Joh 2022 and on FORMED) This video exposes of the transgender tsunami sweeping the world and irreversibly altering hundreds of thousands of lives. It provides compelling evidence against cultural winds that push children into thinking they can change their gender.

A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide (176 All Van 2017) makes the case that it is our duty to the suicidal to try to prevent the ultimate self-harm of suicide. By asking challenging questions and appealing to cultural common ground on suicide prevention and human rights, we can change hearts and minds on assisted suicide.

Contact us at library@starofthesea.ca to join our newsletter list. Six times a year you will receive lists of new books & DVDs, spotlight topics, recommendations, links of interest and more!

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