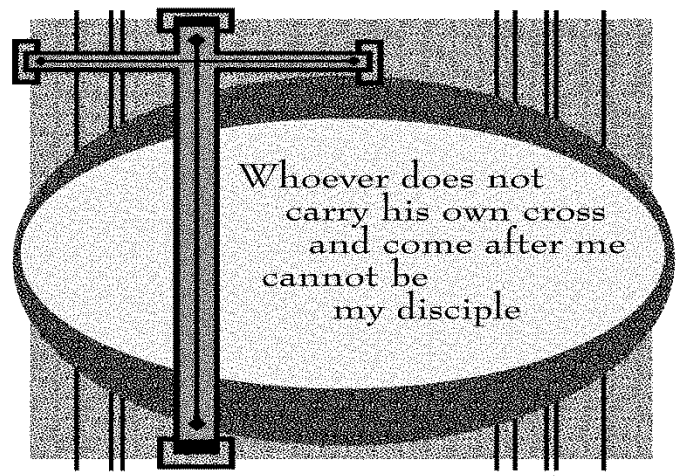


Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosa Alexander, Helene Fournier, Lois Charlebois, Catherine Salgado, Maria Pascua, Alice Jorolan, Joe Schifferns, Gina Debulgada, Gerlinde Pfenninger, Arnold Castro, Encarnacion Moreno, Manolo Asuncion, Nestor Hipolito, William Zanon, Joe Fauht, Kay McDonald, Rosemary McNeill, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Erna Bagonghasa, Alejandra Damayo, Gelina Cacal, Betty St. Pierre, Anna Aere, Eidrienne Montemayor, Veronica Sperling, Eugenia Taggar, Ben Reyes, Alexander Dobrzanski, Macelinda Damayo, Marguerite Andrews, Norma, Dawn Moscrop, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Deborah Coleman, Rod Rolston, Raquel Satparam, Jorge Amoranto, Lenore Burlack, Mary Hollman, Ruel Capili.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back! - We are excited to open our doors to a new school year on Tuesday. Many improvements were made to the school over the summer and we thank the parish for its support and generosity. We have seen great growth in our numbers and our reputation for being a great school is far reaching! We invite you to stop by at anytime and we look forward to seeing many of you at our first Mass of the year on Friday September 9th.

Thank You to the KofC - We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous support of our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast being held in the morning on the first day of school. It is a wonderful tradition to kick off another school year.

PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program is designed for students enrolled in non-Catholic schools to provide them religious instruction and prepare them for the sacraments. We welcome all children from Kindergarten to Grade 7. The PREP office will be open beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7th. We are accepting registrations for **classes that will begin on Sept. 21st**. Applications are available in the Gathering Area, at stbernadetteprep@telus.net, or from the parish office.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **PROJECT ADVANCE 2016:** Thank you to those of you who have already contributed! To date, we have received pledges totaling \$91,875.00 from 293 parishioners. If you haven't donated yet, please make your donation at www.projectadvance.ca, or you may drop your pledge form in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!
- **BINGO:** St. Bee's Bingo has been cancelled until further notice. A meeting for all Bingo volunteers will be held on Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. to help determine how we will proceed.
- **40 HOURS DEVOTION** will be held at our parish on **September 7, 8 & 9**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and closing each evening with night prayers and Benediction at 9:30 p.m. **Sign-up sheets** for each day of Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament are on the table in the Gathering Area. Parish groups that hold their regular meetings on any of these evenings should consider coming as a group before the Blessed Sacrament to spend some time in quiet prayer before and after their meeting.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help! We will be able to begin our program on Sept. 11th at the 11:30am mass. We are still accepting additional volunteers. If you are still interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the parish office.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Next Sunday, Sept. 11th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving pancake breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses. Everyone is welcome!
- **GOLDEN BEES:** All parishioners 55 and better are invited to the Golden Bees potluck luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 15 at noon in Room A. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share! New friends and new members are always welcome!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS...cont.

- **BADMINTON DROP-IN:** Note the change to Saturday during September to November. All are welcome to play **Saturdays 4-6pm** and Wednesdays 7-9pm. Youth and kids are free, adults may purchase a 10 session pass for \$35 or pay \$4.00 per drop-in. Call Leslie at 604.720.5351 for more info.

THANK YOU!

Lois Charlebois would like to thank all parishioners for all the cards and prayers! Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated and truly helpful as she continues to recover.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us as Dr. Sean Innerst takes us through the Pillar II series, the Catechism treatment of the sacraments of the Christian Faith. We will discover how entering into the sacramental life of the Church bring us "the divine blessing, fully revealed and communicated." We gather on Wednesdays at 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more info or to join us, call Ella at 604-597-7475.

R C I A

A wonderful parish process for people who want to find out more about the Catholic faith, or want to explore what the Church teaches and believes. It is ideal for those who have never been baptized, or have been baptized in other denominations, or are already Catholic but are not yet confirmed. RCIA sessions are every **Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gathering Area beginning **September 7th**. For more information, or to register, please contact Emily at 604.572.1086.

HOLY DOORS

In this year of Mercy, a special invitation is extended to all to come through the Holy Door of Holy Rosary Cathedral and be enriched with the blessings and graces that await you. A pilgrimage is being organized from St. Bernadette Parish on Sat. Sept. 17th to arrive at the Cathedral by 10:00 a.m. Depending on numbers we may carpool or take transit. Contact Mirella at 604.592.0454 to sign up, or for more information.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Furniture: We have a surplus of used furniture items. If you know of someone in need, please leave a message at 604-785-4334 for details on our inventory.
Wanted: utility trailer, minimum size 5'x8'. If you, or someone you know, could offer a utility trailer for free or at a reasonable price to our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please leave a message at 604-785-4334.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Couples For Christ (CFC) invites you to be a part of the ministry to strengthen your faith and putting God in the middle of your marriage. CFC also focuses on building strong family ties through our vibrant family ministries. Please join our Christian Life Program (CLP) on Friday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m. in Room A in our Parish Centre. Snacks will be provided. Please contact John or Brenda at 604.502.0586.

PRO-LIFE WALK FOR LIFE

If you are unable to join in the walk but would like to make a pledge, our parishioner, Elaine, will be participating and is happy to accept your pledge. Please see her in the Gathering Area after mass. The Annual Walk for Life is on Sat., Sept. 17th beginning at Cloverdale Catholic Elementary School. Registration at 10:00 a.m., walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. Children are always welcome! NOTE: tax receipts for \$20 or more available, cheques will need to be made payable to Signal Hill.

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

The fifth annual Archbishop's Dinner takes place on October 27th at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. An evening with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB celebrating the Year of Mercy, and supporting our expanding efforts to serve the poor and marginalized in the community. Reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person; order forms available at the parish office or pay by credit card online at www.rcag.org/dinner2016.

THE SERRA CLUB

You are invited to attend our meeting on Thursday September 8, at I.C. Parish, Delta at 7:30pm in the library. Membership is not required. Come and ask questions, investigate our ministry, the Vocations arm of the Catholic Church. This may be the ministry you are looking for. For more info contact Mike Scanlan, 604-591-2040 or scanlanm@outlook.com.

FOLK SONGS IN CONCERT

A benefit concert on Sat. Sept. 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Don Bosco Youth Centre at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Tickets are \$10 per person, and are available at the parish office. Doors open at 7pm. There will also be a 50/50 draw and concession.

