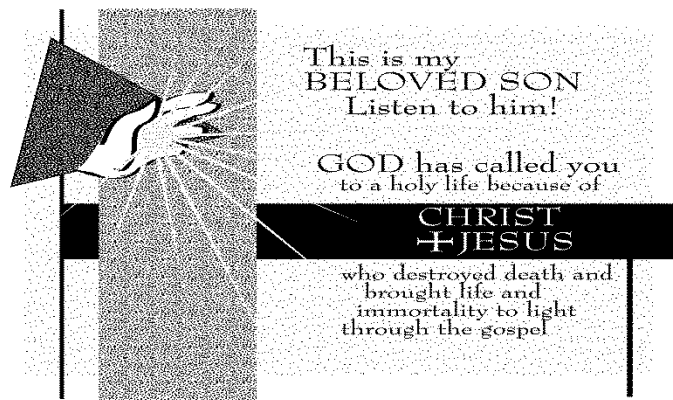


Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

The Lord is gracious and merciful.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elisa Castro, Christopher Jozi, Patricia Savcor, Robert Kreeft, Vicente Bautista, Albert Styk, Chanelle Lim Yan, Rosa Alexander, Lois Charlebois, Catherine Salgado, Maria Pascua, Joe Schiffers, Gina Debulgada, Arnold Castro, Encarnacion Moreno, Manolo Asuncion, Nestor Hipolito, William Zanon, Joe Fauht, Kay McDonald, Rosemary McNeill, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Gelina Cacal, Betty St. Pierre, Anna Aere, Eidrienne Montemayor, Veronica Sperling, Eugenia Taggar, Ben Reyes, Alexander Dobrzanski, Marguerite Andrews, Norma, Dawn Moscrop, Loretta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Rod Rolston, Raquel Satparam, Jorge Amoranto, Lenore Burlack, Mary Hollman, Ruel Capili.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BERNADETTE TOP SCHOOL IN SURREY! - St. Bernadette School was voted the Best Elementary School in Surrey by readers of the Now Newspaper. We are very proud of this honour! We ranked 52nd out of 956 schools in BC by the Fraser Institute, the top 5% in BC and makes us one of the best schools in all of Surrey. Our school is great because of our wonderful families and the partnership and support we receive from parishioners.

LIMITED SPACES LEFT FOR 2017-2018!! - We are once again seeing an increase in applications and registrations. We would like to thank all of our families for their support in increasing the enrolment and getting the word out! If you would like to attend our school, please contact the office at 604-596-1101. Financial assistance is available. We don't want finances to be part of the decision making process. We currently only have 12 spaces left in the entire school: Gr. 1 - 3 spaces; Gr. 2 - 1 space; Gr. 3 - 2 spaces; Gr. 4 - 1 space available; Gr. 7 - 5 spaces Kindergarten, Gr. 5 and Gr 6 are waiting list only. We would love to see these spaces filled by next year. If you know someone who would like to attend our school, please have them call the school.

PREP NEWS

There will be **no PREP classes on March 15 or 22. PREP will resume on March 29.** For more information please see our PREP calendar on the parish website.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2016 donations to the parish and Project Advance are available for pickup in the Gathering Area, or through the parish office during office hours. *Tax receipts will not be mailed.*
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. To register please call Parish Office at 604.596.0566

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent (March 3 – April 7) there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at St. Bernadette Parish.

SPRING FLEA MARKET & CLOTHING DRIVE



St. Bernadette Elementary School invites all parishioners to do some SPRING CLEANING while supporting a GOOD CAUSE. The school is hosting a **Spring Flea Market** on Sunday, March 26th in the Parish Hall from 8am to 2pm. Vendor Tables are just \$20 with all funds raised going to the Classroom Re-Modelling Project. Vendors keep all their profits from the day. To reserve a table, please email fundraising@stbernadette.ca. Alternatively, we hope to see you there after all masses on March 26. The St. Bernadette School Fundraising Committee will also hold a **CLOTHING DRIVE** on **March 26 9am - 1pm and March 27 8:30am - 9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm**. Acceptable items include used clothing, housewares, dishes, bedding, books, shoes, pots and pans, electronics, toys, sewing materials, etc. Please drop off all donations at our school gym. Proceeds will go to our Classroom Remodeling Project.

CWL NEWS

The CWL would like to invite parishioners who may have new and nearly new items for the Spring Flea Market to place them with the CWL table. Items may be dropped off at the marked table in the Gathering Area of the church between March 18-24.

RCIA NEWS - RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to **Bijan Rahmanifar & Yalda Rahmanifar** who signed the Book of Elect and were welcomed by Archbishop Miller at the Rite of Election on March 5th at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Congratulations also to our Candidates, **James Bennett, Genet Cherkosse, Engdasew Debabu, Nicole Singh, & Chrissie Taylor**, who received a special blessing from Archbishop Miller. Please keep our Elect and Candidates in your prayers.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Room D. We always welcome new members.

BURSARY INFORMATION

The CWL of Canada, the Vancouver CWL, and the BC Yukon CWL each have bursaries available. Please help yourself to a Bursary Information Sheet found on the table in the Gathering Area for criteria, deadlines, and other detailed information.

PUBLIC SCREENING 'OVER 18'

Did you know...Over 90% of boys and 60% of girls have seen porn before the age of 18; there are over 4.8 billion internet searches for pornography since 2015; 88% of scenes in porn films contain acts of physical aggression? A free screening of the Canadian documentary, *Over 18*, a film about the effects pornography and is having on youth and kids will be shown in the **Holy Cross High School gym on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** The goal of the project is to help parents understand the growing epidemic of hard core porn usage, educate youth on the realities of porn, and propose solutions for preventing exposure and addiction. Appropriate for ages 16+. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost: by donation. Free babysitting will be provided. Watch the trailer at over18doc.com to discover the focus of this project.

FUN CASINO NIGHT

Our Knights of Columbus council will be hosting a Fun Casino Night on Saturday, June 24th in our parish hall. We are looking for gifts and prizes for the evening. If you or your company could donate a gift, please contact John at 604-594-0081.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tuesday	March 28	Precious Blood, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 30	St. Bernadette, 7:00 p.m.
Monday	April 3	IC Delta, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 4	St. Matthew's, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 5	Good Shepherd, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 6	OLGC, 7:00 p.m.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN PRACTICES

PRAYING:

- *Spend more time to pray and meditate*
- *Attend weekday Mass*
- *Come to Sunday Mass on time*
- *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

FASTING:

- *Fast from judging others*
- *Fast from anger*
- *Fast from hostility*
- *Fast from idle gossip*

ALMSGIVING:

- *Live simply*
- *Give more*
- *Expect less*
- *Volunteer time*

SHARE LENT 2017

Women at the Heart of Change

“Get up and do not be afraid.” The message today is of how God, revealed to us, brings hope and promise. Yet, sometimes it is hard to have such hope after facing disaster. In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations. Go online to www.devp.org/en/50years to find out more! To learn about Share Lent, visit www.rcav.org/share-lent.

HELPLINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

You can make a difference in the lives of victims of abuse! Our Lady of Good Counsel Society – Domestic Abuse Services invites you to join our spring training on Fridays, March 31, April 7 & 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays, April 1, 9, & 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Vancouver. Call 604-585-6688 to register or for more information.

RETRouvaille COUPLES WEEKEND

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples through opportunities to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help, their marriages can be healed and restored. For more info on upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend on April 21-23, contact Marc and Candice Tews at 604.530.6710 or visit <http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com/>