

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Peter D'Mello, Joseph Matthew, Evelyn Garvida, Hardy Sullivan, Caridad Pablo, Bernard Espiritu III, Grace Tan, Ben Armonio, Elisa Castro, Christopher Jozi, Patricia Savcor, Robert Kreeft, Vicente Bautista, Chanelle Lim Yan, Lois Charlebois, Nestor Hipolito, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Eidrienne Montemayor, Dawn Moscrop, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Lenore Burlack, Mary Hollman.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU to all the parishioners who sponsored Fr. Paul and Fr. Jimmy in our annual Walkathon event. With your support our priests raised \$1,403 in pledges, for a grand total of \$8,025 for our school! Pictures from the event are on the school's Facebook page.

LIMITED SPACES LEFT FOR 2017-2018!! - We are once again seeing an increase in applications and registrations. If you would like to attend our school, please contact the office at 604-596-1101. Financial assistance is available. We currently only have only a few spaces left in Gr. 1 & Gr. 7; all other grades are waiting list only. If you know someone who would like to attend our school, please have them call us.

FUN FAIR: We would like to extend an invitation to all families to join us for our year end Fun Fair on Friday June 2, 5:30-8:30pm. For more info, please contact fundraising@stbernadette.ca.

PREP NEWS

Our Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m.; rehearsal on Wed., May 31 at 6:30 p.m. Registration for 2017/18 is now underway. Applications are available online, or from the parish office. Please note the early registration discount.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!



Thank you to all of our volunteers who are so dedicated! We are still looking a number of volunteers. Bingo takes place on Tuesday evenings and volunteers rotate weeks. All training is provided. To find out shift times, you may reach Erin in the Bingo office at 604-596-1833 or call the parish office at 604-596-0566.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



PROJECT ADVANCE
Live gratefully, give generously.

- **The 2017 Project Advance** campaign is underway. Our Archdiocesan goal remains \$58,000. Once this goal is reached, all donations are returned to our Parish Building Fund for our parish projects, displayed in the Gathering Area. To make your donation, you may give online at www.projectadvance.ca, or with one of the volunteers in the Gathering Area after weekend masses (May 21 & 28), or you may mail your donation using the brochure or pledge form. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or credit card; and can be made in one lump sum, or divided into convenient monthly payments. Your participation counts, and *all gifts matter!* Thank you for your continued support!
- **FR. JIMMY AWAY:** Fr. Jimmy will be away on vacation until June 2. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **FASHION SHOW:** The CWL Annual Fashion Show will be held on Thursday, May 25, in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Join us for refreshments, door prizes, & 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$10 per person, and are available after weekend mass or at the parish office.
- **CROWNING OF MARY:** Everyone is invited to join in the Procession and Crowning of Mary next Sunday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m. Please bring flowers for Mary. This parish event is a tradition to honor Our Lady in the month of May.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus invite everyone for pancake breakfast after Sunday morning Masses next weekend. Breakfast will be served **after 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses only.**
- **FUN CASINO NIGHT:** Our Knights are hosting a Fun Casino Night on Sat., June 24th in the Parish Centre. Proceeds will benefit Signal Hill, and local initiatives. Tickets are \$25 each, and include \$5,000 play money and free snacks. The evening also features raffle draws, pot lucky, prizes and a cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available after all weekend masses, or at the Parish Office. Call John at 604-594-0081 for more information.

ORDINATIONS

Join us as we welcome three more permanent deacons on Friday, May 26 at 7 p.m. Richard Chau, Patrick Dwan, and Tony Gray have gone through the archdiocese's four-year permanent diaconate program of preparation for service to the local Church and will be ordained permanent deacons at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.

On Saturday, June 3rd Juan Lucca, Giovanni Schiesari, and Francesco Voltaggio will be ordained priests by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. All are welcome to celebrate this most joyous event from 12-2 p.m. Visit vocationsvancouver.ca for more info.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 29 (moved from May 22) at 7:00 p.m. in Room D in the Parish Centre. Drop in and join us if you're interested in learning more about what we do and how we help our community!

BURSARY INFORMATION

- Our Knights of Columbus Council 8629 is offering two \$500 bursaries to **current Grade 7 Students** who plan to go to a Catholic high school in the fall. Application forms and guidelines are in the Gathering Area on the Knights of Columbus table. **Deadline for submission is Monday, June 5th.**

- The BC Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation is offering 30 bursaries valued at \$500 each. The Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger Bursary is available to all Catholic students in BC who are enrolling in the *second or subsequent year* of post-secondary at any legally recognized institute of higher learning. Any interested and qualified student must write to the State Bursary Chairman to request a bursary application form. A complete list of Terms of Reference are available on the table in the Gathering Area, or from the parish office. Deadline for applications is June 30, 2017.

NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The second formal information evening regarding a new Catholic high school, the South Surrey Catholic Academy, will be held at Star of the Sea School this Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners and parents of children currently attending elementary school from Kindergarten to grade 6 are invited. Topics will include the unveiling of the official name, introduction of the newly hired Principal Michel DesLauriers, timelines, tuitions, early admissions, and a Q&A period. **Please RSVP** at scaacademy.ca so we know how many seats to prepare. Flyers are available in the Gathering Area.

KNOW MORE ABOUT TEENS IN DISTRESS

Let's Talk! 13 Reasons Why Parents Should Know More About Teens in Distress. With the rising popularity of the series *13 Reasons Why*, issues around suicide prevention, self-harm, and bullying have been on people's minds. Clinical Counsellor PJ Lewis will address what you should know and how to talk to your teens. Join us Wednesday, May 24, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford. For more info please contact adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca. Event is open to all parents, care givers, teachers, and concerned community members.

YOUR BRAIN ON TWITTER

Video games, online gaming, social media and all things electronic are here to stay with both positive and negative outcomes. How do we help children (and adults) cope with the ever-increasing culture of distraction? This presentation will explore what happens to our brains with the constant bombardment of distractions and provides concrete ideas on what parents and teachers can do to counteract negative outcomes. Presented by Emi Garzitto on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception, Delta.

WHITECAPS FC FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Cheer on the 'Caps for their afternoon match followed by a worship session and a message of faith delivered by Whitecaps FC Forward Fredy Montero. Saturday, June 3, at 2:30 p.m. at BC Place. Discounted tickets at www.whitecapsfc.com/faithnight. Use promo code "faithnight". Contact Kurtis Briggs at 604-669-9283 ext. 2288 for more info.

HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED

Would you like to get your marriage blessed so you can receive the sacraments? We can help you! On September 16, 2017, Archbishop Miller, CSB, will celebrate the blessing of marriages at St. Clare's Parish, Coquitlam for a large number of civilly married couples. To learn more, attend an upcoming info session: May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby, or May 31 at 6:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. For more info, contact Deacon Greg 604-771-2975 or Jimmy 778-378-5389.

LOST STATUE

Thank you!! The statue has been found and the Legion of Mary is grateful for its return!

The SPIRIT
of TRUTH
is always with us

