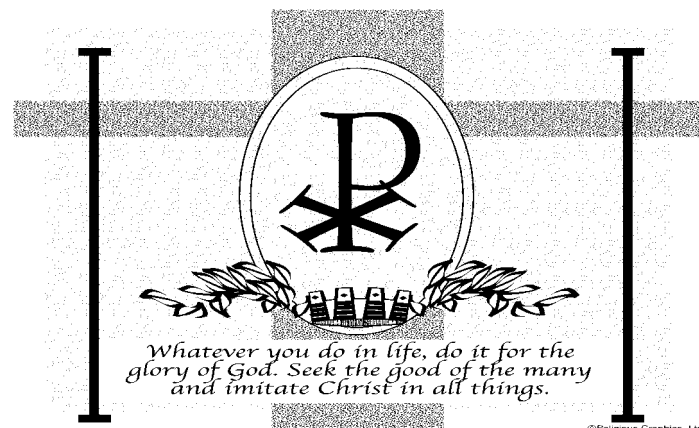


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Be my protector, O God!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carmine Cello, Crystal Schuster, Anna Aere, Roger Pasag, Leo Dy, Virginia Guzman Pedroza, Sheila Pomeroy, Ruth Mohr, Catherine Salgado, JudyLyn Marquez, Joseph Matthew, 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.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2017 campaign. Your gift allows our parish to meet its special needs and allows us to continue supporting one another and give thanks to the good Lord for the many blessings of faith, family, and treasure that we have been given.

In 2017, our pledges totaled \$112,341.00 from 323 parishioners.

2018 donations by cash, cheque or credit card can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca, brought to the parish office, or mailed. Donations 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!

Many Nations, One Church, One Family

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Gala event this weekend!!

If you have not had a chance to participate in this year's parish fundraiser,

RAFFLE TICKETS are available for a few more days for only \$2 each.

Visit the Gathering Area after mass, or see us at the parish office.

**Win CASH prizes!! First prize is \$1000!!
Draw date is Sunday, February 18th**

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **CONFESSION:** Please note that confession time on **Saturday, Feb. 17 will be from 9:30-10:00am** instead of 10:00-10:45am.
- **2017 TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2017 donations are available for pick up from the Gathering Area. Please do not disturb the order of the receipts so everyone can find their name easily. If your receipt is missing, please contact the parish office.
- **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Masses for Ash Wednesday will be at 9AM and 7PM. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.
- **LENT:** Each Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus invite everyone for pancake breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses **next** weekend, Sunday, Feb. 18.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank You - Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Open House. It was once again a huge success and we enjoyed seeing so many parishioners, alumni and new families come through the school.

Family Bingo Night - Our annual Family Bingo Night is this Friday, February 16. It is also Chinese New Year, so come dressed in Red! Doors open at 6pm, games start at 6:30pm. Admission is \$5 and includes a drink and popcorn. Bingo cards are free! Come join us!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

With the cold, wet weather, our Street Ministry continues to need socks (new or good, clean used pairs), warm blankets (clean, no quilts please), and sleeping bags. These items can be left in the SSVP box in the Gathering Room.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 25, for our monthly Mass of Remembrance at BOTH 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in our Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.

HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Crusader Volleyball program is geared for girls currently in grades 4&5 who want to increase their volleyball skills and love of the game. As this may be a first introduction to the sport for you, there will be a large focus on fun while learning new skills. This is a great opportunity to have fun, make new friends and learn the game. Cost is \$80. Program runs every Saturday 9:30-11:00 April 7-June 9 at Holy Cross Regional High School. Email bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca before March 9 to secure a spot.

HOLY CROSS SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7 are invited Mar. 12-16, 9am-12pm each day to improve overall basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun. Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hboysbasketball@gmail.com to confirm your child's spot in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. Download and fill out a registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or www.hboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and form on the first day of the camp. Cost: \$125.00 includes t-shirt, daily prizes and snack.

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

St. John Paul II Academy is now accepting applicants for Gr. 8 for the 2018-19 school year. As there are a limited number of spaces available, all student applications must be completed by Fri. Feb. 23, 2018 and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver, BC, V5Z 0G3. Application Forms and more info is available on the school website at www.sjp2academy.com. Email or call with any questions: mdeSLauriers@cisva.bc.ca 604.683.9331.

SHARE LENT ON APRIL 7

In 2018, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Share Lent theme is "Together for Peace". After 10 years of campaigning, we celebrate the just-announced appointment of an ombudsman to oversee the responsible social behaviour of the extractive mining industries at home and abroad and are thankful for the over \$1-million D&P response to the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar. In a world rife with religious, ethnic, and political conflicts, D&P is working to heed the words of St. Francis and be "instruments of God's peace and of bringing hope where there is despair". Please generously support your D&P campaign this approaching Lenten season.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

The next CWL Executive meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Room D of the Parish Centre.



HAPPY NEW YEAR – YEAR OF THE DOG

As is customary in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, dispensation from the Lenten discipline of abstinence is granted to Asian Catholics and their guests celebrating the festival of the Lunar New Year on Friday, February 16. Please still keep in mind the spirit of prayer and charity that we seek to practise during the Lenten season.

This is an appropriate occasion to keep in your prayers current discussions between the Holy See and the People's Republic of China as they work to improve the relationship between them and improve the situation for Chinese Catholics.

VOCATION LIVE-IN

On the weekend of February 16 - 18, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or 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.

INTENSIVE PRAYER

The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade of prayer warriors of the Office of the Filipino Ministry gather in different parishes for Intensive Prayer with Scriptural Rosaries during a 3-hour Eucharistic Adoration. This month's will be on Feb.24 from 1-4pm at St. Bernadette Parish, for the intentions of families especially in the parish. Everyone is invited to join us! Prayers are in English. Petitions and thanksgiving boxes are provided and will be brought to the Blessed Sacrament before the start of Adoration.

HOLY HOUR 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." March 15 at St. Nicholas Parish in Langley from 7 - 8 p.m.

PRAYER FROM LAST WEEK'S HOMILY

Slow me down, Lord.
Slow me down!

Ease my pounding heart;
quiet my racing mind;
soothe my frayed nerves;
relax my tired muscles.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations,
of keeping in touch with myself
of listening to the voice of God,
and drawing from it new light,
new strength, and new courage.

Slow me down, Lord.
Slow me down!