

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

When he calls on me,
I will answer him.



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, 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.



PROJECT ADVANCE
Live gratefully, give generously.

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!!

Thank you also to our many generous sponsors, our dedicated volunteers, our Gala Committee members, and everyone who helped to make this event a success!

We are working on getting the tally finalized!

Good luck to everyone in the raffle draw!
Draw date is Sunday, February 18th

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **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.
- **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 **this** weekend, Sunday, Feb. 18.
- **SENIORS LUNCH: THE GOLDEN BEES,** our parish seniors, get together once a month for a potluck lunch, socializing, and card games. New friends 55+ are welcome! Thursday, March 8 at noon in Room A. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.
- **APPLE PIES:** The CWL will have homemade apple pies for sale next weekend after all masses.



THE WINNERS ARE...

A number of baskets that were on display the week before our gala event have not been picked up. Check your tickets to see if you've won! The numbers are: **6018176, 0618223, 0618232, 0618360, 0618620, 0618882, 0619296, 0653629, 0653884, 0653931.** Thank you to the various parish groups for assembling these 24 baskets!! Well done!!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry are having their Spring Retreat along with St. Clare's and Our Lady of Assumption on March 9th to the 11th at Alexandra Neighbourhood House for youth in Grade 8 to 12. Please send an email at stbernadetteyouthmin@gmail.com if you wish to receive an application form and have any questions regarding the retreat. There is limited space

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mercedes Banting. Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette Parish.

BINGO – CALLERS STILL NEEDED

We are great need of additional callers, who would share the Tuesday evening shift with another caller. A brief training session will allow you to become familiar with the bingo machine so you can call the numbers. Please consider volunteering one Tuesday evening a month (or less if additional volunteers step up). Help yourself to an information sheet in the Gathering Area for more details on all the volunteer positions. Contact the Bingo office at 604-596-1833 if you can help.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 26 in the Gathering Area of the church at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome! 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.



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 a first introduction to the sport for some, our focus is on fun while learning new skills. This is a great opportunity to make new friends & learn the game. Cost is \$80. 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 hcboysbasketball@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.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and form on the first day of the camp. Cost: \$125.00 includes t-shirt, daily prizes and snack.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a pastoral visit at Surrey Memorial Hospital for prayer, blessings and Communion, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at 778.574.5785 or email rabella@rcav.org.

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.

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 MARCH 18

In 2018, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Share Lent theme is "Together for Peace". 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.

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.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN PRACTICES

PRAYING:

- Spend more time praying and meditating
- 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 social media

ALMSGIVING:

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