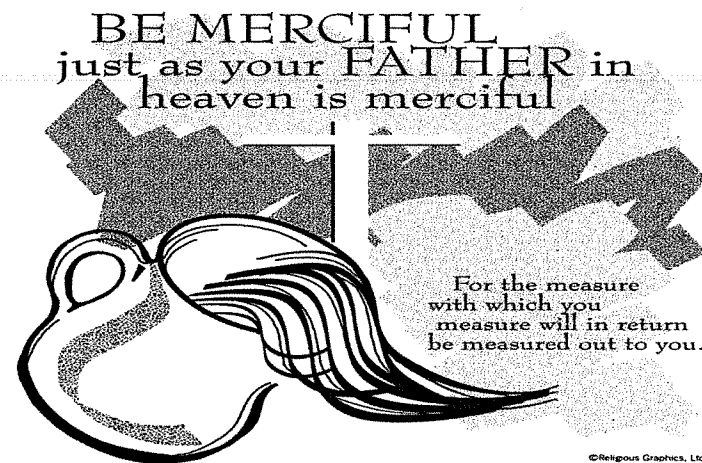


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

**O Lord, I trust
in your merciful love!**



PRAY FOR THE SICK



Lourdes Cabael, Rodolfo Cabael, Maria & Isaac Roden, Denise Afable, Jasminder Viridi, Norman Iglesias, Manolo Asuncion, Patrick Diaz, Ben Marling, Manolo Asuncion, Lilia Aranas, Virgilio Licerio Sr., Lucia Licerio, Alfredo Camales Sr., Alejandra Damayo, Limuel Palad, Donna Whitford, Sunny Castro, Felix Caoile, Barry Prime, Crystal Oteyza, Arnold Castro, Lois Wong, Liberato Moreno, Encarnacion Moreno, Maribeth Tamayo, Lindsay Williams, Carmine Cello, Crystal Schuster, Anna Aere, Leo Dy, Virginia Guzman Pedroza, Sheila Pomeroy, Ruth Mohr, Catherine Salgado, JudyLyn Marquez, Joseph Matthew, Grace Tan, Christopher Jozi, Patricia Savcor, Vicente Bautista, Chanelle Lim Yan, Lois Charlebois, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Eidrienne Montemayor, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Mary Hollman.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Agape Street Ministries, a Catholic Christian Street Outreach Ministry reaches out to women involved in prostitution in the downtown eastside, in the City Centre of Surrey, and in Chilliwack. Dedicated Agape volunteers, wear red jackets and are referred to as 'the Candy People' by the women. The volunteers give over 43,000 candy bags a year, each with the message of God's love for them. In addition, birthday bags are provided to the women, as well as small gift bags at Christmas that include basic personal items. A weekly breakfast is provided to over 30-40 women at our Vancouver location. Through encounters with Agape Street Ministries, women learn that God's love for them is unconditional, and it is through Him that freedom and true healing from addiction and sexual exploitation can be realized. For more info, visit agapestreetministry.org/ or place your donations in the bin provided in the Gathering Area of the church.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting is on Monday, Feb. 25 in the room D of the Parish Centre at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome!

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **PROJECT ADVANCE:** Donations can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca, brought to the parish office, or mailed using the brochure or pledge form. Donations accepted by cash, cheque or credit card; in one lump sum, or divided into monthly payments. Your participation counts, and *all gifts matter!* Thank you for your support!
- **FR. PAUL AWAY:** Fr. Paul will be away until March 8 visiting the medical mission in Vietnam. Please keep Fr. Paul, the parishioners who are joining him, and the mission in your prayers.
- **TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2018 donations to the Parish and Project Advance are available in the Gathering Area. If you can't find your receipt, please contact the parish office.
- **HOMEMADE APPLE PIES:** The CWL will have homemade apple pies for sale this weekend.
- **BRING BACK BLESSED PALMS:** BY NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019. Please place them in the box in the Gathering Area. The palms will be burned, and the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, on March 6. If you are unable to return the blessed palms by this date, you are asked to burn them and scatter the ashes in your garden. Remembering that they are blessed, and should not be idly discarded.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

2019-2020 Admissions - We are accepting families who wish to join our waitlists at all grade levels. You can pick up an admission form from the Gathering Area.

CLOTHING DRIVE: For every bag collected by the school, Developmental Disabilities Association will pay our school \$2. If we collect more than 150 bags, we receive \$3 per bag. Drop off at the school doors beside the gym doors on Sunday, March 3, 9am-1pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Feb. 23 & 24 Membership Drive; Mar. 10 Pancake breakfast.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

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. For some, this is their introduction to the sport so we focus on fun while learning new skills. A great opportunity to have fun, make new friends and learn the game. Cost is \$100. Program runs every Saturday 9:30-11:00 April 6-May 25 at Holy Cross High School. Email bgrandia@holycross.bc.ca to secure your spot before March 9.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING BREAK BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP

Holy Cross invites boys and girls in Grades 4 to 7 who would like to improve overall basketball skills, meet future classmates and have fun to their Spring Break Camp on Mon., March 18 to Fri., March 22 from 9am-12pm in the Holy Cross High School Gym. Please email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hcboysbasketball@gmail.com to confirm your child's spot in the camp as space is limited (first come first serve). Download and fill out a registration form at www.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and the form on the first day of the camp. Cost: \$135.00 includes t-shirt, daily prizes, and snack.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Did we forget to mention that all volunteers rotate weeks to ensure that no one is scheduled every Tuesday? The more volunteers we have, the longer the rotations can be (once every three weeks, once every six weeks, etc.) Our most important needs right now are: cooks, callers, and office help. With our new bingo machine, **callers** have it easy...see the number, call the number, touch the button on the touchscreen...it's that easy! **Cooks** typically come in just before school is out and prepare the burgers before bingo starts. Talk to Erin about whether adjustments can be made to the times if this doesn't work for you. **Office staff** are here for a full Tuesday evening and knowledge of Excel is helpful, but they do work in pairs, so you always have a friend. Please consider helping out to keep our Bingo open! Please pick up a Volunteer Info sheet and contact Bingo at bingo@stbernadette.ca if you can help. Thank you!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Join us for the annual 40 days for Life Campaign and pray for an end to abortion. Campaign begins Wednesday, March 6. Location: In front of the priests' residences, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver. For more info contact Alba Stevenson at 604-299-4123.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

Executive Meeting Feb. 28 in Room D.



ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

St. John Paul II Academy is accepting applications for Gr. 8 & 9 students for the 2019-20 school year. Applications must be completed by Thurs. Feb. 28, 2019 and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock, BC, V4B 1P7. Application Form and more information concerning financial assistance is available on the school website: www.sjp2academy.com or by contacting the school office at mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com, or 604.560.8210. An information Evening will be held on Wed. Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. for all interested parents at St. John Paul II Academy, Star of the Sea Centre, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock.

RETROUVAILLE SPRING PROGRAM

Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy, loving communication! Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry for married couples with difficulties of all kinds, including years of misery, infidelity, separation, or even divorce. It is not too late! For confidential info or to register for the weekend of April 5-7, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710, or email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org. More info is also available at www.retrouvaillevancouver.com.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Please note that this month's Holy Hour scheduled for March 13 at St. Monica's Parish, Richmond has been CANCELLED.

RESTORE THE BEAUTY

This conference is for every woman desiring to experience restoration in her life, the lives of those around her, the Church and the world. This two day event includes inspiring talks, prayerful moments of encounter with God and Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller. Experience hope and encouragement, while gaining practical tools to help you restore the beauty in your world. We are excited for our amazing speaking team: Sister Miriam James, Fr. Josh Johnson, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym. Event will be May 3 & May 4 at the Mary Pattison Chapel located on the Pacific Academy Campus in Surrey. Registration opens Feb. 25 at www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference

JOB POSTINGS

Interested in a job with the Archdiocese or Catholic Schools? Check out the job postings at <https://rcav.org/employment/> or <https://cisva.bc.ca/info/employment/>

To love your enemies, to do good
to those who hate you
This is what it means to be a
follower of CHRIST