

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

**“I will give you a new Spirit,”
says the Lord.**



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kapila Karunajeewa, August Sturm, Manuel & Ofelia Tapales, Alvarino Aquino, Lourdes Cabael, Rodolfo Cabael, Maria & Isaac Roden, Denise Afable, Norman Iglesias, Manolo Asuncion, Patrick Diaz, 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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace McPhee. Funeral Mass will be on Friday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.

MINISTRY FOCUS

Our parish is blessed with various prayer groups and bible study groups. If you are searching for a spiritual boost or a faith connection, we encourage you to seek your best fit and where you feel at home among friends! Just come, introduce yourself, and be uplifted. The *Cenacle Prayer Group* meets on Mondays in room C at 7pm; The *Joy of the Lord Prayer Group* meets on Mondays in room A at 7pm (contact Danny at 604.596.2097 for more info). The *Young Adults Prayer Group* meets on the fourth Friday of each month in room A at 6:30 p.m. (contact Beth at 604.596.2097 for more info). Weekly bible studies can be found on Wednesdays at 1pm in room C (contact Brendan at 778.322.2721) and on Thursdays in the Gathering Area of the church at 7:30 p.m. (contact Phil at 604.596.6389). Everyone is welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

General meeting April 4; Pancake Breakfast April 14.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **TAX RECEIPTS:** Please pick up your tax receipts for 2018 donations to the Parish and Project Advance from the Gathering Area. If you can't find your receipt, 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.
- **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** Check out what's happening at our parish. View the calendar on our parish website to keep up on meetings and events.

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.
Ready. Set. Learn. - St. Bernadette School is hosting its annual Ready. Set. Learn. evening on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. It is open to children ages 3-5 yrs of age. To register, please contact the principal before April 3 at principal@stbernadette.ca.

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 need right now are callers.** 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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting will be on Mon., March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Room D in the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome to join in helping our community!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

Executive Meeting Mar. 28 in Room D;
General Meeting (correction) Apr. 11 in Room A.



ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

St. John Paul II Academy is continuing to accept applications for Gr. 8 & 9 students for the 2019-20 school year. All student applications must be completed asap and returned to Mr. Michel DesLauriers, Principal, 15262 Pacific Ave., White Rock, BC V4B 1P7. Application Form and more information concerning financial assistance at www.sjp2academy.com or contact the school office at mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com or 604.560.8210. An Information Evening will be held on Wed. April 10th at 6:30 p.m. for all interested parents at St. John Paul II Academy.

CELEBRATE YOUR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

This Mother's Day, Archbishop Miller will be honoring couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Register your anniversary with us today at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary. Mass will be on Sunday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Richmond. Reception to follow in St. Paul Parish Centre. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others!

RETROUVAILLE SPRING PROGRAM

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact our registration team at telephone 604-530-6710 (and leave a message to be called back) or visit our website www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFO SESSIONS

Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry, along with their spouses, can learn more about the permanent diaconate this spring! The Permanent Diaconate Office is hosting information sessions this April and May in Vancouver and Langley. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://stmarkscollge.ca/news-events/events/permanent-diaconate-information-sessions/> or email deacons@rcav.org.

CHINESE CHING MING FESTIVAL

Come celebrate the Ching Ming Festival with a Mass in the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey. Friday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m. Following the Mass, there will be some light refreshments and Open House.

PARKING LOT INCIDENT

Recently, two women were seen on the property asking for money for food for their children, and selling raw honey in the back parking lot, **without our permission.** Our Knights invited them to a complementary pancake breakfast, but they declined the offer. The women and children were well clothed, appeared well nourished, and were seen leaving in a newer model vehicle. We received information that other parishes have had similar experiences. While we encourage everyone to be kind and caring citizens, we must also be wary of people who may take advantage of our generosity. We ask that if you would like to reach out to these people, **please direct them to call the Parish Office as our St Vincent de Paul Society is well equipped to provide resources for them.** For health and safety reasons, please do not purchase items not endorsed by the Parish. All Parish fundraising takes place in the Gathering Area, or just outside the church doors -- not in hidden corners of the parking lot. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

BUILDING A HEALTHY FAMILY CULTURE

The CFC-YCP Program is hosting an event centered around creating family traditions 'Building a Family Culture' on Sat., Mar. 30, 2-5 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond. Register at <https://rcav.org/event/building-a-healthy-family-culture>. For more info, contact Miguel at migjojav@gmail.com.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENTEN PRACTICES

PRAYING:

- Spend more time praying, visit <https://rcav.org/lent/> to experience a deeper lent
- Attend weekday Mass
- Come to Sunday Mass on time
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, download the Confession App at <http://www.littleiapps.com/confession/>

FASTING:

- Fast from judging others
- Fast from anger
- Fast from social media

ALMSGIVING:

- Give more
- Expect less
- Volunteer time – with less than four weeks left in Lent, consider one of the many areas in our parish that could use an extra hand, just once (Children's Liturgy, Bingo, St. Vincent de Paul). Contact the parish office for more information.

FORGIVE
as the Lord forgives