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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 15, 2009

Lord, you give us food from heaven!

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M. (Mass of Anticipation)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 A.M.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

7:00 P.M.

Vancouver Catholic Deaf Association (V.C.D.A.)

Signed Mass at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays

Sr. Glenys Symons, Pastoral Worker

604-437-6676

St. George's Melkite-Greek Catholic Mission

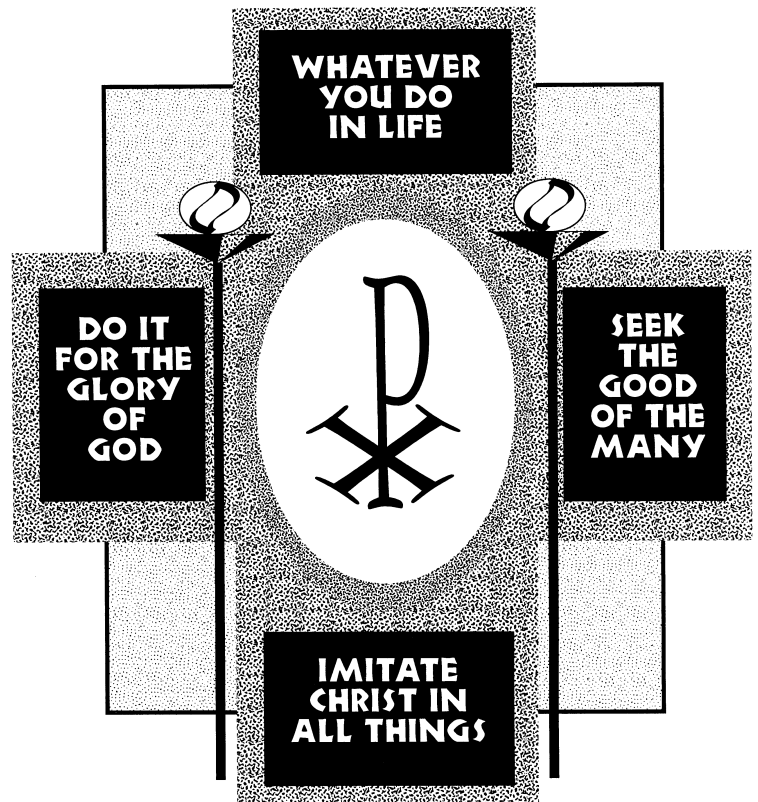
Byzantine Rite Mass at 1:00 P.M. on Sundays

Fr. Maximos Basha, Pastor 604-431-0047

St. Vincent De Paul Society Help Line:

604-434-3699

Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 8:15 A.M.

Thursday, February 19th

New Vista 2:30 P.M.

Friday, February 20th

School Mass 9:15 A.M.

Saturdays & Holidays 9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 9:30 - 10:00 am and 4:00 - 4:45 pm
(Appointments can be made through the Parish Office)

DEVOTIONS

The **Rosary** is recited at 7:40 am on weekdays and at 8:20 am on Saturdays

Liturgy of the Hours - Morning prayers will be said Monday to Saturday following morning Mass. Please join us!

Holy Hour: Thursdays (following Mass) 8:45 A.M.

Celebrating 75 Years

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. St. Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable.

Jesus reached out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned in Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Beloved Departed

Mel Parsons

Passed away January 19, 2009
In Nova Scotia

Yolanda Belaez

Friend of Alejandra Voina

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord



Renew your
spirit at the
table of
the LORD

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Manuel Viveiros, Nadia Olynik, Marie Fenwick, Nana Kelly, Don Jeandron, Berrin Sahin, Ziggy Malinowski, Bozena Kwiatkowski, Anthony D'Souza, Cyril D'Souza, Eileen Hopper, Paul Magas, Hilda Rurak, Ken, Alban Martin, Beatrice Pangan-lerum, Gina Cases, Darline Bossert, Javier Gonzalez, Eugene Stefanescu, Ruth Santos, Helen Gorrie, John Scigliano, Rosa Scigliano, Francesco Scigliano, Joseph Casey, Fidela Arriola, Tina Clelland, Enrique Gonzales, Douglas Diego, Lorena Besamis, Anna Kramer, Paul Cunha, Jose Galvez, Hilde Mudespacher, Ike Punzalan, Njoo Kian Hie, Hilda Ramlakhan, Urbano Olivares, Wayne Crandall, Sofie Metcalfe, Rodger Baziel, Ian McKee, Marie Sebastian, Don MacInnes, Tommy Foller, Gabriel Harris, Grace Szakun, Eleanor McLaughlin, Olga and Steve Stefanik, Elisa Pratt, Victor Voina, Antonio P. Ruiz, Ale Voina, Peter Gonczy, Mariana Munguia, Leon Ruiz, Cecilia Young, Relly Ilagan, Suzy Renshaw, Hilda Columbus, Sandra P. Ruiz, Ilda Luiz, José P. Ruiz, Carmen Ruiz, Marcie Andrews, Raquel Diaz, Marta Velazquez, Pasquale Puleo, Carla Iacobellis, Virgilia Cabrera, Thelma Ozorio, John Kelly, Esperanza Santisteban-Nasser, Lori McFadden, Victoria Calderon, Carlino and Margarita Dalla-Vecchia, Dorothy Ferraro, Eileen Hoglund.

Youth Events

Open Gym, Friday, February 20th. From 6:00 – 7:30 pm for grades 6 – 8 and 7:30 – 9:00 pm for sr. youth, grades 9 – 12. Please bring a tooney to cover costs of snacks.

ThinkFast Volunteers Needed

ThinkFast is a fast-a-thon, which Youth Ministry holds every year to raise money for and awareness of impoverished countries. At ThinkFast, we do a variety of games/activities that help the youth learn about the strife facing some of these countries, do charity work, reflect, and pray. We also have a lot of fun!

Young adults or youth interested in helping to organize and/or lead activities for ThinkFast are encouraged to get involved. For more information, please contact Mylene at the parish office.

Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team

The Youth Ministry Office is looking for older teens and young adults to apply for our Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team. This dynamic team of youth and young adults will lead recently confirmed youth at our 5-day post-confirmation event in August 2009. This is an amazing leadership training opportunity! Get more info and download the application form at www.youthmin.com.

2008 Tax Receipts

Please pick up your tax receipt located at the entrance of the church. This will save us money on postage. If you have any questions or concerns about your receipt please contact the parish office.

K of C Pancake Breakfast

Please join us **this** weekend after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses for the famous Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast.

St. Francis de Sales School Registration

General Registration session for all Kindergarten students and new families in grades 1 – 7. Wednesday, **February 18th** from 1:15 – 2:15 of Thursday, **February 19th** from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. New families must attend one of the sessions. For more information, please contact the school at 604-435-5311.

Communications Skills Training

Start Date: Monday, **February 16th**; Seven sessions, Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15 pm at St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce St, Vancouver. \$60 per person; \$90 per couple. For information please call Catholic Family Services at 604-443-3220.

Pre-Lenten Banquet and Dance – Mardi Gras Ukrainian Style

St. Mary's third Annual Pushchenya dinner/dance is the perfect way to kick up your heels before Lent starts. This Mardi Gras Ukrainian Style takes place on Saturday, February 21st at 3150 Ash St. Vancouver. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$20 for youth aged 20 and under. Enjoy a homemade Ukrainian buffet dinner, music by S-Bahn, free parking and door prizes. Don't wait book your tables now. For tickets, information and table reservations please call Pat at 604-433-0661 or Henriette at 604-291-0087.

'Guardian Angels' Prayer Group

Saturday, **February 28th** at 7:00 pm, 1165 Broughton St. Vancouver. A beautiful, inspirational, visual, powerful and Musical Lenten Service. All welcome, call Peter at 778-388-8141 for more information.

Lenten Day of Prayer

"My soul is thirsting for you, my God". **February 28th** from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, at the Cenacle, 5989 MacKenzie St., Vancouver. Presented by Sr. Cecilia Hudec, SC(H). Call 604-266-1611 for reservations. \$50 offering includes lunch.

Jonathan Oldengarm, International Concert Organist

Works by Mendelssohn, Karg-Elert, Vivaldi-Bach, Franck, Dielen. Giant screen. Friday **February 20th**, 8:00 pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral. By donation, info: 604-682-6774.

Domestic Abuse Services - Volunteer Training Program

OLGCS will hold a volunteer training program on **March 7th, 14th, 21st & 29th** at All Saints Parish from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information or to register, please call 604-640-7549. www.domesticabuseservices.ca

Be imitators of christ!

Raising Children Today – Pacific Institution of Family Education March 14th

Dr. Ray Guarendi, noted clinical psychologist, author, public speaker, radio host, will be speaking on the challenges of raising children today. March 14th at 8:30 am to 12:15 pm at the Pacific Academy, 10238 - 168 Street, Surrey. For event info and registration: www.pife.ca.

St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club

February 21st, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Croation Catholic Church Hall, 3105 E. 1st Avenue, Vancouver. Music by Silver Star. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Dancing at 8:00 pm. Members \$12. Non-members \$15. For more information call Barry at 604-327-5425.

Retreats

The Newman Association Retreat

The retreat will be held from **March 20th to 22nd** at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Father Martin Moser, OMI is the Retreat Master. All are welcome. For registration, contact Barbra at 604-929-5353 or Jack at 604-266-2434.

Passion Sunday Retreat

April 3rd – 6th. Taking time in a quiet setting to move into Holy Week. Presented by Cenacle Sisters, Jill Dearmer and Monica Kaufer. Please call 604-266-1611 for more information or reservations.

Employment Opportunities:

General Assignment Reporter / Photographer

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver's weekly newspaper is seeking a full-time General Assignment Reporter/ Photographer to write news and feature stories. A Bachelor's degree in Journalism; excellent public relations and interpersonal skills; superior writing, editing and oral communication skills; a valid driver's license and use of a privately owned vehicle. Applications closing date: **February 25, 2009**

For further particulars please on this position visit our website: <http://www.rcav.org/employment/index.htm>
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, 150 Robson Street Vancouver BC, V6B 2A7 Attn: Human Resources Department Or Fax: 604-683-4288, Email: humanresources@rcav.bc.ca

House Parent – Sancta Maria House

A Catholic faith-based "Home of Healing" for woman has an opening for a Support House Parent starting part time then progressing to full time. Applicant must be a mature, spirit filled Catholic, loving, compassionate, flexible, comfortable with hands on prayer, and able to work under stress, Knowledge of 12 Step Recovery, and Addictions needed. Some computer experience helpful. Duties include journeying with women in recovery, and overseeing the daily activities of the house. Closing Date: **February 16, 2009**. Please e-mail resume with cover letter to dsdobin@telus.net.

Parishioners Corner:

House for Rent in Upper Deer Lake

Three bedroom home for rent close to St. Francis de Sales. Many amenities, no smoking, no pets. \$1695 includes whole house. Call 778-320-0262.

Correction: The phone number of our new Usher Co-coordinator Tony Pires is 604-777-1766.