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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

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St. Vincent De Paul Society Help Line:

604-434-3699

Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549

**UNLESS
THE GRAIN
OF WHEAT
FALLS TO
THE GROUND
AND DIES
IT REMAINS JUST
A GRAIN
OF WHEAT.
BUT
IF IT DIES
IT PRODUCES
MUCH
FRUIT.**



WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday	8:15 A.M.
First Friday, April 3 rd	
School Mass	9:15 A.M.
Exposition	10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Benediction	1:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Station of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
Evening Mass	7:30 P.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

March 29th – 5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus tells us today that the person who loves their life will lose it, but the person who is willing to set aside their own life in this world will keep it for eternal life. This teaching is found in the other Gospels as well (Matthew 16:25, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24), and is obviously an important criteria for those who want to be disciples. What is Jesus telling us here? For the Christian disciple stewardship is not an option. Being a steward simply means that we live a life that is Christ-centered not self-centered, setting aside our own desires and wants and replacing them with Jesus and His will as the governing power in our lives. Being a good steward is putting Christ first when it comes to using and sharing their gifts.

Beloved Departed

Esperanza Nasser

Passed away March 23, 2009
in Davao, Philippines
Mother of Shirley Cruz,
Grandmother of Nicolas Cruz

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Rose Southworth, Sr. Mary Claire McDonald, Elizabeth Neal, Amed, Margery Moulton, Florida Campeau, Arleen Won, Catherine Van Koeveringe, Manuel Viveiros, Nadia Olynik, Marie Fenwik, Nana Kelly, Don Jeandron, Berrin Sahin, Irene Malinowski, Ziggy Malinowski, Bozena Kwiatkowski, Anthony D'Souza, Cyril D'Souza, Eileen Hopper, Paul Magas, Ken, Alban Martin, Beatrice Panganlerum, Gina Cases, Darline Bossert, Javier Gonzalez, Eugene Stefanesco, Ruth Santos, Helen Gorrie, John Scigliano, Rosa Scigliano, Francesco Scigliano, Joseph Casey, Fidela Arriola, Enrique Gonzales, Lorena Abesamis, Anna Kramer, Paul Cunha, Jose Galvez, Hilde Mudespacher, Ike Punzalan, Sofie Metcalfe, , Ian McKee, Marie Sebastian, Don MacInnes, Grace Szakun, Eleanor McLaughlin, Olga and Steve Stefanik, Victor Voina, Antonio P. Ruiz, Ale Voina, Peter Goczy, Leon Ruiz, Blanca Ruiz, Maria Ruiz, Cecilia Young, Relly Ilagan, Hilda Columbus, Sandra P. Ruiz, Ilda Luiz, José P. Ruiz, Carmen Ruiz, Marcie Andrews, Raquel Diaz, Marta Velazquez, Carla Iacobellis, Virgilia Cabrera, Thelma Ozorio, John Kelly, Esperanza Santisteban-Nasser, Lori McFadden, Victoria Calderon, Carlino and Margarita Dalla-Vecchia, Dorothy Ferraro, Eileen Hoglund.

Prayers of the Sick Update

After Easter we will be refreshing our Prayers of the Sick Column. We have lost track of who many of these people are and weather they are still in need of prayers. If you wish to have your friend or loved one remain on the list please contact the parish office by **April 8th**. We ask that you please leave your name and if possible the medical condition of the sick. This personal information will not be published but kept for parish records only.

In Loving Memory Column for April

On the **First Sunday of February, April 3rd** we will publish our **"In Loving Memory"** column. If you wish to have someone included in this column please phone the parish office by **Wednesday, April 1st**.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:00 pm during Lent. Please feel welcome to join us as we meditate on the Lord's Passion.

Extra Evening Masses

During Lent, there will be extra Masses on **Fridays at 7:30 pm.**

Stations of the Cross – Tuesday, April 7th

Next Tuesday, the grade 7 PREP students will be enacting the Stations of the Cross in a shadow drama. It will begin at 7:30 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter lily to help decorate to Church, please bring it to the office **between Monday, April 6th and Thursday, April 8th**. We will have special dedication cards to placed on the bulletin board for those who would like to donate their lily in memory of a loved one.

Decorating for Easter

We will need volunteers to help decorate for Easter on Holy Saturday, April 11th at 11:00 am.

Altar Servers

Please **sign up in the Sacristy** if you are interested in serving over the Easter season, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and all Easter Masses.

Alms Giving

One of the three pillars of Lent. There are many areas where our alms can do much good; Development and Peace, Homeless Shelter, Agape Street Ministries to name a few. One more area that needs our attention is the Catholic education of our children. Please consider giving some of your alms to help some of our struggling parents with tuition and supplies. Please call the parish office for more information.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more volunteers to help with Project Advance. Volunteer sign up forms are available at the entrance of the church. There will be a volunteer training session in the church hall on **April 30th** at 7:30 pm.



Easter Vigil – Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to put on the reception following the Easter Vigil on Saturday, **April 11th**. This included picking up the food, setting up the church hall, serving and cleaning up afterwards. If you are an STM student needing hours this is a good opportunity to fill them. Please call the parish office if you can help.

Lenten Penitential Service

On **March 30th** at 7:00 pm we will be having a Lenten Penitential Service in our parish.

If you are unable to attend please consider attending one of the following:

St. Michaels's, Burnaby – **April 5th**

Holy Spirit, New Westminster – **April 6th**

All penitential services begin at 7:00 pm. For a full list of dates and locations please see the poster on the bulletin board.

Pennies for Heaven

We will be collecting donations after every mass during March. The money from this fund is given to the Archbishop towards education of new Priests. Please donate generously.

Religious Articles Booth

Will be open this weekend, **March 28th & 29th** following the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Masses. This is a good time to pick up First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism gifts.

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on **April 19th** at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please look for more information in next weeks bulletin.

National Catholic Mission 2009

Monday, **April 6th** and Tuesday, **April 7th** at 6:00 pm and repeated at 8:00 pm on VISIONTV "Reflections for Lent" Parts 1 & 2; the National Catholic Mission for 2009. The host of "Reflections for Lent" is the Most Reverend Paul-Andre Durocher, the much-loved Bishop who launched the first National Catholic Mission in 2000.

Solidarity Sunday

Many Parishes across Canada celebrate Solidarity Sunday on this day, the 5th Sunday in Lent. The gospel reading for today reminds us that "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit." *John 12:20-33*

Your donations to development and peace, so generously given, bear much fruit as well. Your donations, through Development and Peace, support more than 200 partners in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Please give generously today so that others may live with dignity.

Men's Retreat

Weekend Retreat for men. Please join us for a spiritually uplifting experience at the Annual Retreat for men on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 3rd to 5th** at Westminster Abbey in Mission. Fr. Lucien Larre will be our Retreat master. For information and registration, please contact Hilton Mason at 604-522-7959 or Bill Cahill 604-519-1965. Cost for the weekend is \$150.00.

Our Lady of Mercy School Fundraiser

On Friday, **April 3rd** from 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Magician David Attwood will perform his Grand Illusions Magic Show at Our Lady of Mercy School Gym. This is an exciting evening of great family entertainment. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and are available by calling Kate at 604-524-6526.

Spring into Faith Formation!

Take a pilgrimage for only \$35! Learn to pray with Sacred Scripture! Acquire skills to help you minister to adults, youth, and children alike! Join us Saturday, **April 18th** for Spring Institute, and choose from a variety of half or full-day workshops. Venue: St. Patrick's Secondary School, Vancouver. Pre-registration is required. For course descriptions and to register, visit www.rcav.org/ore and click on "Spring Institute." Or call the Office of Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office: 604-683-0281.

Youth Day 2009 –

Friday May 1st & Saturday May 2nd. Youth Day is an annual event for the youth of the archdiocese to celebrate and grow in their faith through a dynamic weekend of fun, faith, and fellowship. This year's theme is "Set Our Hope on The Living God" (1 Tim 4:10). The event begins Friday evening with icebreakers, praise & worship music and an introduction to the keynote speaker. Saturday activities include general sessions with Anne Marie Cribben & Rev. Justin Huang, music by Ben Walther, Divine Time prayer experiences, Men's & Women's sessions, MIB vs. Youth Soccer game, Mass with Archbishop Michael Miller, and a variety of activities during the social. More information and registration forms can be found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.