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**Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time**
January 24, 2010

Follow me, says the Lord,
and you will have the light of life!

THE SPIRIT OF
THE LORD IS
UPON ME

because he has anointed me.

He has sent me to
bring glad tidings to

the poor, to
proclaim liberty

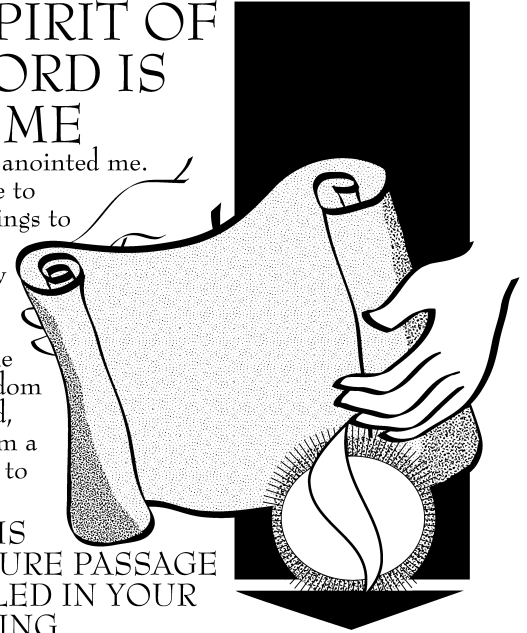
to captives,
recovery of

sight to the
blind and freedom

to the oppressed,
and to proclaim a

year acceptable to
the Lord.

TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE
IS FULFILLED IN YOUR
HEARING.



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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.

De Sales Ministry for the Deaf

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

Sr. Glenys Symons, Pastoral Worker

604-517-6680

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.

Friday, January 29th

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.**

"For all other Mass Times, Confession Times and News & Events visit RCAV.ORG"

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24th

Feast of St. Francis de Sales

There exists in our Parish community a diversity of unique gifts. God has provided us with these gifts in order to advance His Kingdom. Our sisters and brothers in other Christian denominations have also been blessed with unique gifts that are being used for the same purpose. This week, the *Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* comes to a close. We pray that throughout the year all Christians would be good stewards of their relationships, seeking to understand each other, being always patient and humble, and listening to one another, so that the Body of Christ may be truly united.

Baptisms in Our Parish

We welcome and congratulate *Nico Giovanni Piva, Matthew David Francis LaBreche, Arianna Raquel Estela Fernanda Cordeiro and Leah Riley Boetzkes* who will be baptized in our parish this weekend.

In Loving Memory Column for February

On the **First Sunday of February, February 7th** 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, January 27th**.

2009 Tax Receipts will be printed soon. If you have moved or any of your contact information has changed, please contact the parish office with the new information *as soon as possible*. This will help us with our accuracy and efficiency. Thanks

Let's Cruise to Alaska together!

Information evening on **January 25th** at 7:00 pm in the SFDS Church Basement. All Welcome - including Singles. Door Prizes to win. Contact Marilyn at 604-430-1865.

CWL Membership Drive

CWL representatives will be available after all Mass's **January 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st**. We are asking members to renew their memberships and are inviting all ladies of the parish to join us. The annual membership fee is \$20 and can be paid by cash or cheque. Cheques are preferable and can be made payable to St. Francis de Sales Parish CWL. Please do not put dues into the collection basket. For more information, contact our membership coordinator Ruth Baillet at 604 -520-3121.

Special Collection in Support of the Catholic Press (*BC Catholic*)

February 7th, is the Special Collection in Support of the Catholic Press. Your contribution to this collection helps parishes to send The B.C. Catholic to about 20,000 homes every week. Thank you for your generous support.

Gym Roof Fundraiser

We have raised a little over \$17,200.00. **Thank you for all those who have participated** so far. We have only \$32,980.00 to go. When you divide 50,000 into 1000 families it is only \$50 per family. We have 1800 families in the parish so this is not that much for our parish to raise. I encourage you to take part in this needed project. The envelopes are at the back of the church. Please write your name and address clearly so that we can credit it to your 2010 income tax receipt.

Want to give a gift to St. Francis de Sales?

We would dearly love to have your time and talents for our parish ministries. Ushers & Lectors especially are needed.

Envelope Boxes

Boxes of 2010 envelopes are at the church entrance ready for pick up. If your envelopes are not there, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet.

Youth Events

Bagging Candy for Agape Street Ministries – Friday, February 5th

Come out and join Youth Ministry in charity work! We will be bagging candies for Agape Street Ministries. Agape then hands out the bagged candies to those living on the streets. Each bag of candy includes a prayer card. All youth from grades 6 - 12 are invited to help. Location is in the church basement from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed For Our Annual ThinkFast March 13th & 14th

Youth Ministry is looking for senior youth from grades 9 - 12, young adults, and chaperones to help with this year's ThinkFast. Our ThinkFast during Lent is a 21 hour fast-a-thon which helps raise funds and awareness of economical and environmental challenges faced by impoverished countries in the Global South. Senior youth and young adults would choose fun and educational activities prepared by CCODP (<http://www.devp.org/devpme/main-eng.html>) and implement these activities with direction from your Youth Ministry Coordinator. Spiritual activities to be lead are a living rosary and Stations of the Cross. We would also be collecting donations from parishioners at two Mass times, 5:00 pm and 9:00 am. At the end of the fast, we will partake in a solidarity meal with our families and friends. We are looking for at least 20 senior youth & young adults to lead these activities. Chaperones are needed as well. If you are interested or would like more information about this fundraising event please contact Mylene at the church office or by email at youth@sfds.ca.

Earthquake Relief Efforts

FOR THOSE LOOKING TO GIVE, a diocesan wide collection for CCODP's relief efforts will be taken **this Sunday, January 24th**. If you wish to receive a tax receipt please place your donation in an envelope marked clearly with your Name, address and envelope number if applicable. Donations can also be made directly to Development and Peace for the Haiti crisis either by phone: 1-888 664-3387), on CCODP's website: <http://www.devp.org>, or by sending a cheque marked D and P Emergency Haiti to: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7.

All donations received by CCODP will be sent directly to their partners in Haiti, mainly Caritas Haiti. CCODP has already committed a first pledge of \$50,000 to Caritas Haiti, which runs 200 medical clinics in the country, and is in urgent need of funding to meet the needs of those affected by this disaster.

Some 80 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. This disaster will increase the already difficult situation for the people of Haiti. The earthquake registered 7.0 on the Richter scale and was centered approximately 14 miles west of the capital city, Port-au-Prince.

Vocation Live In

On the weekend of **February 19th – 21st** there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604-826-8715.

STMC Open House & Placement Exam

Our **placement exam** for students entering grade 8 in September is on Thursday, **January 28th** at 1:30 pm. In order to complete the exam parents must complete an application form. They can be obtained from the STMC school office or online at www.stmc.bc.ca.

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the BODY of
CHRIST

Life in the Spirit Anniversary Mass

Join us as we celebrate the **17th Anniversary of the Life in the Spirit Seminar** in the Archdiocese of Vancouver on **January 29th @ 7:30 pm** at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta. **Bishop David Monroe** of Kamloops will be our main celebrant and will be joined by ten other priests from the diocese as concelebrants. Reception and fellowship to follow at the Parish Centre. You are all invited to join us in this Thanksgiving Mass for all the graces and blessings poured upon us through this seminar. For more information please phone (604) 597-8227.

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Joe Detjen, Manuel Redondo, Barbara, Beatris Velazquez, Elvira Enciso, Denis Thorarinson, Sandra P. Ruiz, Hilde P. Mudespacher, Mario Pastro, Molly Lee, George Thierman, Cristina Radeka, Liliana Brenko, Darlene Niska, Grinda De Baat, Fr. Juan Martens, Joel Estella, Carmen Ruiz, Tom Blackett, James Duff, Elmer De Lara, Lilibeth Loewen, Catharina Dewit, Edward Birch, Elizabeth Wiberg, Angelo Maras, Girolamo Clemente, Katarina Kramer, Gina Cases, Angus MacDonell, Joe Zimmerman, Nessa Tuite, Connie Detjen, Josephine Sapitula, Denis Vaughn, Dora Andau, Sonia Burrow, Eileen Garvey, Theresa Butler, Ken, Rosa & Francisco Scigliano, Jennifer Cutler, B. Sheehan, Vera Harvie, Jeanette Barbosa, Ronald and Cecilia Young, Vivian Comey, Josephine Cheng, Frank, Shannon, Shawn, Michele, Gabriel Harris, Tess Asuncion, Sr. Mary Claire McDonald, Arleen Won, Irene & Ziggy Malinowski, Bozena Kwiatkowski, Joseph Casey, Jose Galvez, Ike Punzalan, Sofie Metcalfe, Marg & Ian McKee, Marie Sebastian, Grace Szakun, Olga & Steve Stefanik, Dorothy Ferraro, Eileen Hoglund.



IF ONE MEMBER SUFFERS,
ALL THE MEMBERS SUFFER WITH IT;
IF ONE MEMBER IS HONORED,
ALL THE MEMBERS SHARE ITS JOY.

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You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on the 30th of April, 2010, email 1009@retrouvaille.org or call 604-530-6710 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Marriage can be Great, No, Really!

Marriage Seminar by Denis Boyd, R. Psychologist
Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a FUN and RELAXED setting. It is never too late (or too early!) to get some practical tips on how to relate more effectively with your spouse. No group sharing required, individuals are also welcome to attend on their own. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more. Time: 7 – 10pm

Choose one of two options:

- **February 2nd** – St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver
- **April 27th** – St. Ann's Parish, Abbotsford

Only \$20/person. Please call 604-931-7211 to save your seat! Individuals **MUST** pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Visit: www.denisboyd.com for more info.

Winter Institute is coming to Holy Cross

Saturday, **January 30th** sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Ministry office and held at Holy Cross High School, Surrey. The Institute is open to anyone interested in an experience of learning, community and spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions visit www.rcav.org/ore click on Winter Institute or call us at 604-683-0281.

St. Patrick's Parish to celebrate 100 years

St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. St. Patrick's is assembling a Centenary Book and is requesting copies of photos and stories. If you have photos or fond memories of pastors, teachers, parish groups or parish events, please email them to patrickparish@telus.net or mail to St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. V5T 3G1. Please send copies, not originals.

Our Lady of Fatima to host fundraiser for Haiti

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Coquitlam, will host a special benefit Dinner and Dance for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Place: Our Lady of Fatima Church hall, Date: **Saturday, February 6th**, doors open at 6:00 pm. 3 Coquitlam area bands to perform. Tickets \$40.00 per person. All monies donated to Caritas International through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. For tickets please phone Lorna de Zilva: 604-931-3180



Healing and recovery available for Women

Sancta Maria House, operated by Agape Street Ministry, is a residential healing home for women desiring freedom from alcohol and drug abuse. Please refer anyone you know who is struggling.

SAINT FRANCIS de SALES SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES FOR THE 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SESSION FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AND NEW STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-7

New Families are required to attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, **March 3rd** from 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. or

Thursday, **March 4th** from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

To be held in the Activity Room in the School

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

Birth Certificate

Baptismal Certificate

Proof of Residence

Landed Immigrant Status Document (if applicable)

Immunization Records (Kindergarten only)

Copy of most recent report card (Gr. 1- 7)

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Category 1

Member of the parish *

Authorized by the pastor to attend the school

Note: For the purposes of admission to the school, your family is considered a member of this parish if you are:

Registered in this parish

Regularly attend mass at this parish

Use Sunday envelopes (no amount specified) from this parish on a regular basis

Participate in the activities required of you by this parish

Category 2

Catholics within the parish boundaries that do not meet "Category 1" requirements

Member of another Catholic parish authorized by your own pastor to attend this school

Non-Catholics