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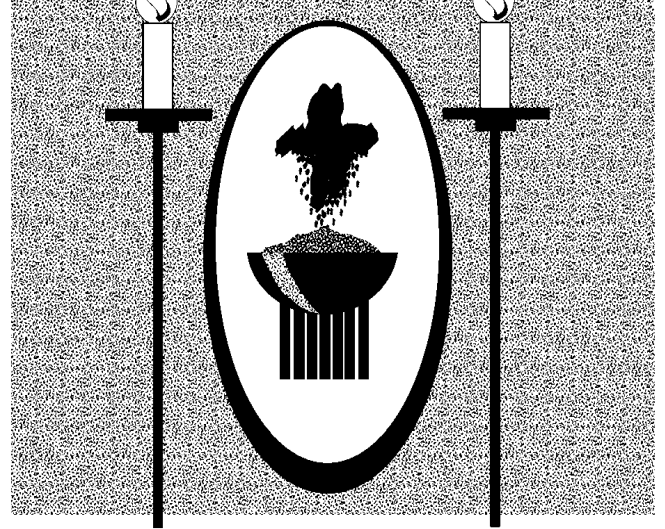
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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010

When the Lord calls, I will answer.

The same Lord is Lord of all. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.



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, February 26th

Stations of the Cross

7:00 P.M.

Evening Mass

7:30 P.M.

Saturdays & Holidays

9:00 A.M.

First Fridays

7:30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 9:30 - 10:00 am and 4:00-4:45 pm
or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: 7:40 am on weekdays and at 8:20
am on Saturdays.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning prayers will be
said Monday to Saturday after Mass.

Holy Hour: Thursdays after Mass

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

First Sunday of Lent - February 21st

We face many temptations in our lives today. We are tempted to desire success, power, prestige, and control. Jesus did not give into the devil when tempted. His only desire was to follow the plan God had for him. True success in life is directly dependent upon how much control we allow God to have in our lives. Knowing that we are doing the Father's will is reward enough. Take sometime during Lent to discern and pray about God's plan for you.

Beloved Departed

 **Gregorio Padua**

Passed away February 19, 2010

Father of Godo Padua

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord



Extra Evening Masses

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



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.

2009 Tax Receipts

This weekend is your only chance to pick up receipts before they are mailed. 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, **March 3rd** from 1:15 – 2:15 of Thursday, **March 4th** 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.

Gym Roof Fundraiser

We have raised \$23,102. Thank you for all those who have participated so far. We have only \$26,898 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.

C.W.L. Bursaries 2010

- Catholic Women's League Members Scholarship Vancouver Archdiocese Council scholarship - offered to first year post secondary students - \$1000. This bursary is to a son or daughter of a league member.
- Molly Boucher Bursary - to a C.W.L. member wishing to further her education - \$500
- Arts and Culture Bursary - \$500

Applications for the bursaries must be submitted before March 31, 2010. For information and application forms, please contact Gladys Jung at 604-526-3185.

Coffee Break Woman's Bible Study

Coffee Break women's Bible study will resume after the Olympic break on Wednesday, March 3rd. At that time we will have our new books, "My Soul Magnifies the Lord", a Scriptural Journey with Mary, available for purchase. The books for this 10 week course will cost \$11.50. We're looking forward this new study and hope that you will join us. Please direct any inquiries to Joan Agon at 604-520-7012 or Marg Gaines at 604-431-5092.

Youth Events

10th Annual Thinkfast

All Youth from grades 8 – 12 are invited to join ThinkFast on the weekend of March 13th & 14th. ThinkFast is a 21 hour fast-a-thon where we will be raising funds for countries in the global south. There will be fun games and activities to deepen our awareness about hunger in the world. No Cost to join. Invite a friend! Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

ThinkFast Preparation Meeting

Volunteers are needed for our annual ThinkFast. Young adults are encouraged to volunteer. High school students are able to receive service hours for participating. Our next meeting is on Friday, February 26th from 4:30 – 7 pm in the church basement meeting room.

If you have questions about ThinkFast or any other Youth Ministry activities please contact Mylene at 604-434-1328.

Stand Up For Life

On Monday **March 15th**, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm a Pro Life Group from St. Francis de Sales Parish will be meeting in the church hall. The group will be watching movie called Turning the Tide, listening to testimonies and discussing. For more information call Anna at 604-52-0350 or Hilton at 604-515-4073

Knights of Columbus

The K of C will be kicking off their *Pennies for Heaven* drive on the weekend of **March 5th**. Proceeds will support the seminarian program in BC.

In conjunction with the pennies drive, the Knights will also be conducting their membership drive. Forms and brochures can be found in the entrance of the church. Feel free to speak to a representative after Mass.

Weekend Retreat for Men

Join us for a spiritually uplifting experience the annual retreat for men on Palm Sunday weekend, **March 26th, 27th & 28th** at Westminster Abbey in Mission. For further information and registration, please contact Bill Cahill at 604-519-1965 or email billcahill@shaw.ca. Cost is \$160. Retreat Master is Fr. Gabriel de Chadarenian, O.P.

Rend your hearts,
not your garments,
and return to the Lord



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Lynn Yuson, Betty D'Andrea, Teresa Morabito, Joe Detjen, Manuel Redondo, Barbara, Beatris Velazquez, Denis Thorarinson, Sandra P. Ruiz, 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, 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.

Share Lent 2010

Each Lent, Development and Peace, the Canadian Catholic Church's international development agency, invites Canadian Catholics to give, with love, to those with the least in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. The popular *Lifestyle Awareness Calendar* helps families reflect on the gifts they enjoy, and collect alms so that others may share in the feast of life. This year the *Calendar* has more activities for families with young children, including growing a Lenten plant that can be used as a Symbol of Solidarity. Calendars were included in the bulletin last week. Extras are located at the entrance of the church. Tell others about it. Development and Peace's annual collection will take place in this parish on March 21st, Solidarity Sunday.

Message from the Bishop

Jesus said to his first disciples, "Give them something to eat" (Mark 6.37). We see the challenge echoed in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, when Pope Benedict reminds us that feeding our sisters and brothers in need is "...an ethical imperative for the universal church, as she responds to the teachings of her Founder, the Lord Jesus, concerning solidarity and the sharing of goods"

As contemporary disciples of Christ and members of the Church, let us accept this Gospel challenge to help feed more than one billion of our sisters and brothers worldwide who struggle each day to find adequate nourishment for themselves and their families. For them, the food crisis is far from over. Share Lent provides an opportunity to respond to the challenge. Our gifts will grow in goodness as they are used by Development & Peace Partners to improve the quality of life for people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I encourage you to support the work of Development & Peace by giving generously to Share Lent. Together, we can watch our gift grow.

Richard Smith, *Archbishop of Edmonton,*
Vice-President of the CCCB



Pray, Fast and Practice Almsgiving at UBC

Participate in fasting, prayer and almsgiving with UBC Catholic Campus Ministry and St. Mark's College. Send your prayer requests and they will be placed in the Chapel. Students and staff will be rotating a fast throughout Lent and adding daily prayer. Email stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com or join us on Facebook "UBC Catholic Campus Ministry."

Notre Dame Grad Class of 1960 to Celebrate

Casual reunion for 1960 Notre Dame Grad class to be held in late May, 2010 or Sept, 2010. For further information please call Anita 604-468-0337.

Rediscover your Marriage with Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning on April 30th contact 1009@retrouvaille.org, 604-530-6710; or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Volunteer Training Program

Domestic Abuse services is holding a volunteer training program on March 27th, April 10th, April 17th and April 24th at St. Augustine’s School, 2145 W.8th Avenue, Vancouver from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Registration deadline is March 19th. For information or to register, please e-mail dass_olgcs@telus.net; call 604-640-7549 or 604-708-8402.

Support the Catholic Civil Rights League

The Catholic Civil Rights League works with all major media to encourage the fair and balanced portrayal of Catholicism. It has been active for 25 years in life issues such as abortion, bioethics, and euthanasia. To support the League, inquire about guest speakers, or for further information see www.ccr.ca

Awaken the Presence of Love in Your Lives

Discover how the mystics were awakened to the presence of Love, and how it was vividly reflected in their lives at this upcoming Lenten retreat. Lenten Retreat: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm on **March 6th**, \$68.00. Location: Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690 – 152 St. Surrey, BC. Register: (604) 272-4779, earthliteracies@shaw.ca; www.livinglanguageinstitute

Bulletin Notices

Please submit, in writing, or by email no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your co-operation.

Get Prepared At a Lenten Retreat in Rivendell

Join a retreat running from **March 6th – 8th** entitled: This is Holy Ground. Take the opportunity to cultivate the sacred in yourself and come to know God more fully. Retreat given by Cenacle Sister Monica Kaufer at Rivendell on Bowen Island. Call 604-266-1611.

Know That You Are Loved

SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT (February 26th evening to Sunday February 28th, 3 pm) This retreat offers the gift of resting deeply in prayerful silence, both outer and inner, in the peaceful, nurturing atmosphere of Queenswood. With your own faith as a starting place, a spiritual director will accompany you as you listen to the voice of God within your heart. The retreat will be directed by Sr. Sarah Comeau SSA. All-inclusive live-in price: \$405. Bursaries available. More information / registration: call Queenswood at 250-477-3822 x 0, or online: www.queenswoodvictoria.ca/retreat/silent.

St. Patrick's Mass Celebrated in Irish Gaelic

An Irish Gaelic Mass will be celebrated on March 17th - 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Parish, 1150 Mt. Seymour Road, North Vancouver. Celebrant: Rev. Anthony Boniface. Social to follow. Info: John O'Flynn, 604-929-1466.

L’Arche to Host Celebration on March 6th

L’Arche Greater Vancouver will be hosting an event called: A Celebration of Art – A Celebration of Humanity, on Saturday March 6, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at National Nikkei Museum and Heritage Centre, 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby. This annual fundraising event features a silent auction and a chance to appreciate and vote on local emerging artists’ work, as well as art created by the members of L’Arche. Refreshments served. Admission is \$5.

Church Visits during the Week

If you would like to visit the Church during the week, please ring the bell at the Parish Office and we'll be happy to let you in.

St. Francis de Sales Parish Welcomes You

NAME: New Parishioner

ADDRESS: Change of Address

POSTAL CODE: TELEPHONE: Please Call Me

Do you wish to have a set of Sunday Envelopes? Moving, please
 Envelopes will be ready to be picked up next Sunday in the church entrance. remove from Parish List

Please detach and place in the collection basket or send in to the Parish Office.