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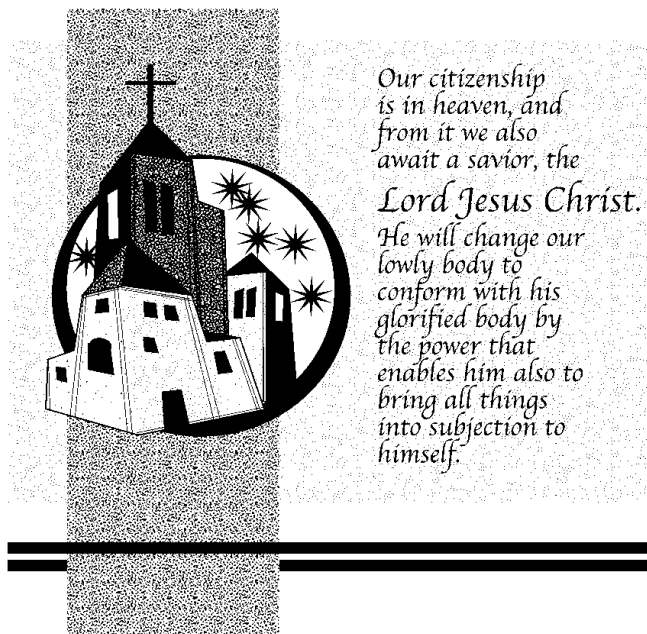
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Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

Renew us and keep us
in your love, Lord!



*Our citizenship
is in heaven, and
from it we also
await a savior, the
Lord Jesus Christ.
He will change our
lowly body to
conform with his
glorified body by
the power that
enables him also to
bring all things
into subjection to
himself.*

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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, March 5th

School Mass 9:15 A.M.

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"

Second Sunday of Lent – February 28th

At the top of the mountain Peter and his companions were blessed to witness the glory of God present in the person of Christ. It was *good for them to be there*. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory. We see God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. We good stewards know that when we use and share our gifts for God's glory, and **not** our own, our lives can be transfigured. As good stewards we all have a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom, it is *good for us to be here!*

Beloved Departed

Elmer De Lara

Passed away February 23, 2010

Husband of Melinda, father of Melanie, Monica & Miah

Prayers will be said Sunday, February 28th at 5 pm

Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on

Monday, March 1st at 10 am

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord

Lenten Opportunities

Stations of the Cross – Fridays 7:00 pm

Evening Mass - Fridays 7:30 pm

Great ways of uniting our sacrifices, hearts and love to His during Lent.

Life Is Precious -Let Us Stand Up For Life

On Monday March 15th at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales in church hall we are having a pro - life meeting open to all parishioners. We will have videos and testimonies to stimulate a discussion period, in which we hope everyone, will participate. We are also looking for volunteers from our parish to act as greeters. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to volunteer phone: Hilton – 604-515-4073 or Anna – 604-527-0350 or Nancy – 604-435-9134.

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.

Baptisms in Our Parish

We welcome and congratulate *Jailan Azriel Pagtakhan & Thena Maxime Pagtakhan* who will be baptized in our parish this weekend.

Altar Server Schedules - are ready for pick up in the sacristy.

Gym Roof Fundraiser

We have raised \$23,693. Thank you for all those who have participated so far. We have only \$26,307 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.

In Loving Memory Column for March

On the **First Sunday of March, March 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, March 3rd**.

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.

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

Religious Articles Booth – Will be open this weekend following the 5 pm, 9 am & 11 am Masses. Please stop by to see our selection of Easter & Baptism articles and other merchandise.

2009 Tax Receipts

This weekend is your last 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.

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.

K of C Marion Prayer Hour for Our Lady of Charity

A prayer service in honor of Our Lady of Charity will be held here on **Tuesday, March 9th at 6:00 pm**. The Icon of Our Lady of Charity will be on display from March 3rd to 10th in our parish. Since September the Knights of Columbus have been spreading the devotion of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, Cuba for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. Since 1979, the Order has sponsored Marion Hour of prayer programs devoted to Mary under various titles: an estimated 12 million people have attended more than 70,000 K of C prayer services. To find out more about the devotion to our Lady of Charity please pick up a handout at the entrance of the Church.

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.

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."

Share Lent 2010

As Pope Benedict reminds us in the encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, "Food and access to water are universal rights of all human beings without distinction or discrimination."¹ Yet more than a billion people do not have enough food to live healthy, productive lives. Most live in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. This is where Development and Peace works in solidarity with partners to increase access to food for poor communities. The *Share Lent Mini-Magazine* tells the stories of some of them: a new partner in Madagascar which has helped a thousand families increase the amount of rice they grow, and a Haitian partner which has trained small-scale farmers to increase their yields sustainably. Other partners are featured too, and this is where you'll find Development and Peace's financial information. Pick up your copy today after Mass.

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.



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Manuel Redondo, Lynn Yuson, Betty D'Andrea, Teresa Morabito, Joe Detjen, 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, 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 Høglund.

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 das_olgcs@telus.net; call 604-640-7549 or 604-708-8402.

Young Adults Needed For Leadership Team

The Youth Ministry Office is seeking 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 2010. This is an amazing leadership training opportunity! More info and application form at www.youthmin.com



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

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.

Westminster Abbey to Host Retreat in March

Attend a Newman association retreat at Westminster Abbey with Fr. Bob Mitchell, OFM which runs from **March 12th** at 7:30 pm to March 14th, 1:30 pm. Fr. Mitchell will speak on "A crucible of love." Cost is \$175 per person. Call Catherine 604-266-8273 or Barb 604-929-5353 for information or to register.

Retreat for the Health Care Volunteers

On **April 21st** Archbishop Miller will be leading a retreat sponsored, by the Catholic Health Association of BC, for those who work and volunteer in the Pastoral Care health ministry. Parishioners who visit the sick and the elderly in health care facilities and in their homes are encouraged to attend this half-day session at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 315 Walker Street, Coquitlam. The focus of the Archbishop's talks will be *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict's encyclical on Christian hope. The retreat starts with Mass at 9:00 am and will adjourn at noon. Cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required and can be done at most local parishes.

Workshop on End of Life Issues to Take Place

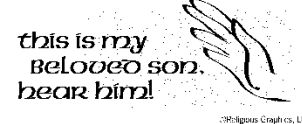
An end of life issues workshop will take place **March 13th** at Holy Trinity Parish from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. The discussion will involve advance directives, nutrition and hydration, palliative care, ordinary and extraordinary means, the dying process. The panel will include Fr. William Ashley, a doctor, and a nurse. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 am. Contact Respect Life Office for more information 604-683-0281.

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

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



St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club to Host Dance

Attend a St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 20 at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver. Music by "Night Moves." Doors open at 7:30 pm. Members: \$12. Non-members: \$15. Please call Lina at 604-433-0055.

WCCYM Training Seminars Coming Soon

The Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers is proud to offer professional youth ministry training across western Canada. The WCACYM offers high quality training, support and resources for youth ministers, teachers, catechists, parish workers and other ministers. The Seminars will take place at the Queen's House in Saskatoon from July 26 – 30, 2010. For more information call Odile 403-995-2201 or email jacinthe@sitescapers.com

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The Archdiocese of Vancouver is currently seeking qualified applicants for Web and Database Administrator, Director of Development, Head Chef and Secretary. Find all of the details online at www.rcav.org/employment