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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

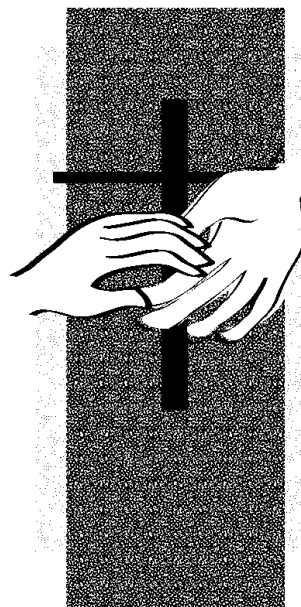
Byzantine Rite Mass at 1:00 P.M. on Sundays

Fr. Maximos Basha, Pastor 604-431-0047

St. Vincent De Paul Society Help Line:

604-434-3699

Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549



Behold, new things
have come.

And all this is from GOD,
who has reconciled us to
himself through
Jesus Christ
and given us the ministry
of reconciliation,
entrusting to us
the message
of reconciliation.

So we are
ambassadors
for
Jesus Christ.

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

8:15 A.M.

Thursday, March 18th

New Vista

2:30 P.M.

Friday, March 19th

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 r 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"**

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 14th

The Christian disciple is a steward who is prayerful, persistent, patient, and strives to joyfully and generously live out the personal vocation to which God calls him or her. These characteristics are most valuable in our own prodigal stories. At times we may stumble and wander away from God. When we do, we find hope in today's Gospel. Through our patience, perseverance and above all prayer, we can return to the Father trusting in His forgiveness.

Be reconciled to God!



2010 Lenten Penitential Schedule

All services begin at 7:00 pm

March 22 nd	Holy Spirit St. Joseph's (Port Moody)
March 23 rd	St. Patrick's St. Clare's
March 24 th	Our Lady of Mercy All Saint's
March 25 th	St. Luke's Our Lady of Assumption
March 26 th	St. Peter's Our Lady Lourdes
March 28 th	St. Michael's
March 29 th	Our Lady of Fatima
March 30 th	St. Francis de Sales

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.

Feast of the Annunciation

We will be having an extra Mass on Thursday, **March 25th** at 7:30 pm for the Feast of the Annunciation.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross & Communion 11:00 am
Solemn Liturgy 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 3rd

Easter Vigil 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Mass at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7 pm

Please note that there is
No morning Mass on April 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Gym Roof Fundraiser

We have raised \$25,108. Thank you for all those who have participated so far. We have only \$24,892 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.

St. Francis de Sales Pre School

We are now accepting applications for our 3 yr & 4 yr old pre school program for the 2010/2011 school year. Please contact the school office at 604-435-5311 if you are interested.

Think Fast 2010

This weekend several of our parish youth are participating in Think Fast. A 25 hour fast to raise money for Development & Peace. Please keep them in your prayers; they will also be collecting pledges after Mass.

First Confession

Our grade 2 students preparing for their First Holy Communion will be having their first Confession this Thursday, please keep them in their prayers.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter lily to help decorate to Church, please bring it to the office **between Monday, March 29th and Thursday, April 4th**. 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.

Life Is Precious -Let Us Stand Up For Life

On **Monday March 15th** at 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm at St. Francis de Sales in church hall we are having a pro - life meeting, open to all parishioners in our parish and neighboring parishes. 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.

Altar Servers - Please sign up to serve for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Masses in the sacristy.

“The priest is not a priest for himself: he does not give himself absolution: he does not administer the sacraments to himself, he is not for himself, he is for you.”
St. John Vianney

Pennies for Heaven

The Knights of Columbus 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.

1000 Hail Mary's

Please come and join us in Prayer, on Holy Saturday, **April 3**, 2010 at St Francis de Sales Church Hall from 8:00 am-3:30 pm. Refreshments are provided. This is organized and sponsored by The Legion of Mary (Mystical Rose Praesidium). For more info, you may contact: Sis Cindy Baguio at 778-371-7272 Or Sis Evelyn Lacson at 604-313-2080

Alms Giving

One of the three pillars of Lent. There are many areas where our alms can do much good; Development and Peace, Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, Agape Street Ministries, and Covenant House 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.

Youth Events

Open Gym

Friday, **March 19th** come out to enjoy playing sports! Youth from grades 6 - 8 are invited for open gym in the school gym from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and youth from grades 9-12 are invited to play from 7:30 - 9 pm. Please bring a \$2 donation to cover cost of snacks.

Freedom

Youth Ministry Office will be holding a reconciliation event for youth and young adults. This year's event will be on Friday, March 26 at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver and is open to all high school teens and young adults. Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Keep this night free. The time of this event will be posted in next week's bulletin.

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

Advertising in the Bulletin

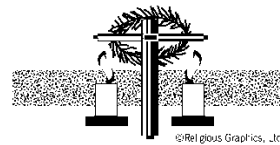
As a way to cut bulletin printing costs we will be selling ad space on the back page of our bulletin. If you are interested in advertising your business, please contact the parish office for more information. The cost is as low as \$125 for a six month run.

Solidarity Sunday

Next Sunday, **March 21st**, is Solidarity Sunday, when parishes dedicate their collection to Development and Peace, the international development agency of the Canadian Catholic Church. Perhaps you have been following the activities and almsgiving suggestions in Development and Peace's *Lifestyle Awareness Calendar*. Solidarity Sunday is a wonderful time to donate the alms you have collected. Through Development and Peace, you can watch your gift grow in the hands of those with the least in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. This year, you may want consider joining Share Year-Round, the monthly giving program of Development and Peace.

Vision TV

The National Catholic Mission 2010, "A God for all seasons," will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, **March 29th** (Pt. 1) and Tuesday, **March 30th** (Pt. 2) at 6:00 p.m. and repeated at 8:00 pm. It will feature Spiritan Father Pat Fitzpatrick and Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister.



Prayers for the Sick

Please remember those among our families and friends who are suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially: Nashka Fajto, 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 & Francesco 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Luke 15 House, Surrey, is a Christian recovery house for men in addiction. We are looking for volunteer plumbers, electricians, and handymen who can help us on an on-call basis with general house maintenance. Kindly contact Anne or Nigel at (604) 930-4884.

Volunteer Training Program Coming Soon

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 19. For information or to register, please e-mail das_olgs@telus.net; call 604.640.7549; 604.708.8402;

Retreat for Pastoral Care Ministry

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, 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 \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required.

St. Paul's Parish Anniversary

Calling all former parishioners, students or staff of St. Paul's Richmond. Come join us as we celebrate the parish's 75th anniversary and the school's 50th. A barbecue, hosted by the school will be held on Friday **May 21st**. On Saturday (May 22) the 5pm Mass, concelebrated by the Archbishop and former pastors, will be followed by a banquet. Tickets are available at the rectory. Groups of 10 may reserve a table. On Sunday (May 23) at 1pm there is an open house in the parish centre and school.

Lenten Retreat at St. Matthew's Parish

St. Matthew's Parish will be hosting a one day Lenten retreat facilitated by Abbotsford counselor Jake Khym on **March 27th**. The retreat will focus on looking at reasons why we settle for less than the fullness of life. The retreat will begin with 9:00 am Mass. By donation, please bring your own bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided.

Spring Institute

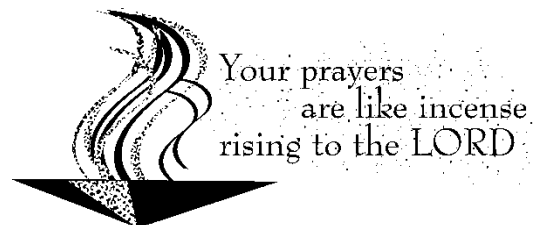
Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Ministry Office and held at St. Patrick's High School, Vancouver. The institute is open to anyone interested in an experience of learning, community and spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and registration, please visit our website at www.rcav.org/ore or call us at 604-683-0281.

Attend the First Ever Stewardship Gathering

Mark your calendar for **April 16th** at 7:00 pm for the first ever Archdiocesan stewardship gathering at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Coquitlam. Anyone interested in learning about Stewardship is invited. The evening promises to be especially good for the novice, or anyone looking for basic information about stewardship. We will discuss what works, successes and challenges. There will be presentations and time for interaction followed by a wine and cheese reception – details will be forthcoming.

Retrouvaille: Avoid a Married Singles Lifestyle

According to Retrouvaille, the marriage counseling program, a married singles lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners, and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on the of **April 30, 2010**, email 1009@retrouvaille.org; visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com; call 604.530.6710



Development and Peace gives Chile \$50,000

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is contributing \$50,000 in emergency aid for earthquake victims in Chile. Find out how you can help on www.devp.org.

The B.C. Catholic Seeks Paralympics Stories

Do you have a Paralympics story to tell? Is someone you know a Paralympics volunteer? Is there a Paralympics athlete in your family, parish or school? Are you working on a Paralympics project? The B.C. Catholic wants to help you tell your Paralympics stories. Just e-mail editor@rcav.org with a few details and put Paralympics Stories in the subject line. The B.C. Catholic will get in touch with you.