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your neighbor
with great generosity of
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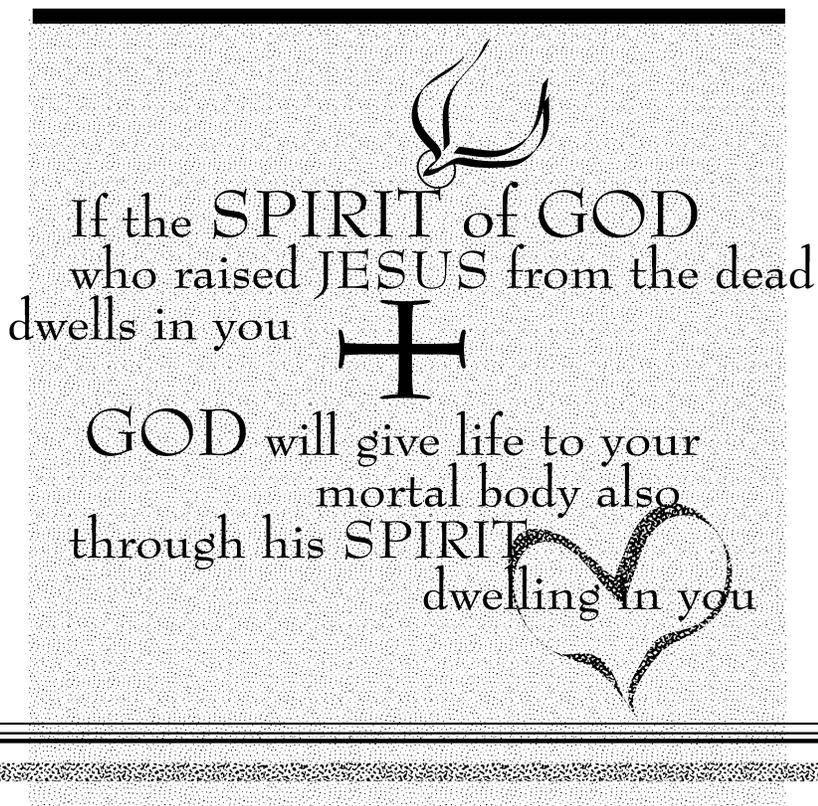
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Help Line: 604-640-7549

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

My Jesus, mercy!



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Confessions:

Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.
604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:15 am Monday-Friday
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Mass of Anticipation
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings after Mass.
First Friday's at 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:

6:30 pm every Friday during Lent
followed by Mass at 7 pm

Prayer Group:

Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm
In the Church Hall

Sunday, March 26, John 11:1-45



Jesus wept. (John 11:35)

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four young children. So many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. Kara was baffled. How could a good and loving God allow this?

Kara searched the scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus demonstrates how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping he was deeply troubled (John 11:33). This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a dear friend or loved one. Not only that but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times.

The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve.

If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrows, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you.

"Jesus thank you for never abandoning me, in good times and in bad."

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† Patrick Byron

Passed away on Monday March 20, 2023

Predeceased by his parents

Norma & Ed Byron (Parishioners of SFDS)

Funeral Mass at SFDS Parrish

Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 10 am

† Renate Schimmelmann

Passed away on Monday March 20, 2023

Loving sister of Paul Schimmelmann

Was an active member of the CWL for many years

Funeral details to follow

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord



Easter Lilies If you would like to donate an Easter lily to help decorate the Church for Easter, please bring it to the parish office starting **Wednesday April 5**. We will have a special dedication place on the bulletin board for those who would like to donate their lily in memory of a loved one.

Baptisms in our Parish

We welcome and Congratulate



Jacob Tze Shing Lo

Baptized in our parish this weekend

Furniture Needed

For a new refugee family of eight, who will be arriving in Canada next month. If you can help please call the parish office. 604-434-1328



Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday:

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac, e-transfer or Canada Helps by visiting: www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us



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2023 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3
Tuesday, April 4
Wednesday, April 5

- Mass: 8:15 am

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday,
April 6

- No Morning Mass
- Mass of The Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm
- Confessions following Mass

Good Friday,
April 7

- Stations of the Cross: 9:30 am
- Solemn Liturgy: 3:00 pm
- Note: *Good Friday is the only day when Mass is not celebrated. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.*

Holy Saturday,
April 8

- Confessions: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- No 5:00 pm Mass
- Easter Vigil: 9:00 pm

BEGINNING OF EASTER SEASON

Easter Sunday,
April 9

- Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Easter Monday,
April 10

- Mass: 9:00 am



Articles from the Holy Land

During the Weekend of March 25/26

Please have a look at the religious olive wood carvings displayed outside the church as you are leaving this weekend. These articles are hand crafted by the Christians of the Holy land who are seeking your support today to assist them in staying rooted in the land of Christ. 70 years ago, the Christian population was 20 % of the whole population, now they are only 1.0%. It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. These religious articles can be used as gifts for first communions, Christmas and other occasions. In addition, some of these articles can be used as a means of praying and providing comfort, strength, and even hope for people who are suffering. **Please note that that ONLY CASH, E-TRANSFER, OR CHEQUES ARE accepted as payment at this time.** Thanks again for your support, and God Bless. Holy Land Group, Farid Qumsieh

Women's Retreat 2023: The One

You're invited to Life Restoration Ministries' Women's Retreat, where 300 other women will gather for a weekend of spiritual growth and refreshment. There will be an incredible team of international speakers, authors, artists, and teachers: Heather Khym, Mary Lenaburg, Rachel Herbeck, and Ali Hoffman, as well as worship leaders from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

This year, the theme is *The One*. In the hustle of life, it's hard to keep everything in the right order. Not everything in our lives can be engaged with the same level of commitment. What has our attention and obtains our affection the most? What do we do when our hearts are divided and Jesus no longer has the primary place in our lives? We are trying so hard to do our best and hold it together, but we all need moments to get away, recenter, and reflect on what is most important. This retreat experience presents an opportunity to rediscover the captivating beauty of the ONE and respond to His invitation to deeper intimacy, adventure, and the fullness of life that your heart is longing for.

The retreat is open to all women ages 19 and up. It will be held on Friday, May 5, to Sunday, May 7, at the Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, B.C. **Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 11.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

"Enjoy an evening of good food, nostalgic 80s & 90s music & dance, Zumba, and light entertainment while helping raise funds for various charities supported by your Knights of Columbus council." For more information please contact:
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St. Francis de Sales
Council 8853

Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Gate opens at 6:30 pm
6610 Balmoral St. Burnaby, BC
St. Francis de Sales Gym
Tickets: \$50



Part of the
proceeds
will go to
Coats for Kids

- Door prizes
- 50-50 raffle
- Zumba
- Surprise numbers

Come in your 80s & 90s attire

"If our love for something causes us to break God's commandments, then we love it better than we love God, and that is a love both deadly and dimmable." St. Thomas More

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 26, 2023



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.



Living Lent as a Family (Part 4 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturgical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season.

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