

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 24	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am RIP: Bill Lewis
Tues	Feb 25	Weekday in Ordinary Time 7:00 pm RIP: Jose Keenan
Wed	Feb 26	Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am RIP: Andrew Kim
Thur	Feb 27	Weekday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am INT: Joseph Han
Fri	Feb 28	Weekday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am RIP: Armand Bissinette
1st Sat	Mar 1	Our Lady's Saturday 5:30 pm INT: Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Teresita Drexler, Ares Stroszyn, Suzanne Dubeau, Don Rowe, Eliuterio Rodrigues, Alice T. Arce, Enrigue Salgado Sr., Danielle Hault, Irene Munro, Irene Hanson Monnie, John Sousa, Matthew McKinnon, Catherine O'Donnell, Annette Riley, Cecilia Vidar, Daryll Hummel, Joseph Slacik, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Cecilia Obcena, Thomas Chlebak, Art Samson, Sarah Gielty, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Maria Han & Bob Commins.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers:	Parish Office	604 461-1369
Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mary Pisko Dubienski	604 469-4894
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs: Youth/10 am:	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
Saturday Evening:	Norbert Haunerland	604 469-2845
Sunday 12 noon:	Ed Robles	604 838-3628
CWL:	Louanne Richards	778-712-0890
Fundraising Committee:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Knights of Columbus:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Lectors:	Effie Garcia	604 761-1724
Legion Of Mary:	Norma Reyes	778 285-8721
Parish Building:	Patrick Hing	604 468-2977
Parish Council:	Alice Arce	604 937-3802
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA /SSVP & Youth Group	(Parish Office)	604 461-1369

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered Sundays at the 10 am Mass for children ages 4 - 8.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

"Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for in your infinite love you care for your people by the ministry of priests. As they preach your Word and celebrate the sacraments,

sanctify them with the holiness of Christ the High Priest."

Please join us to pray for the priests of New Westminster Deanery at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Church on Thursday, February 27th. <http://www.gracethatreigns.com>

Taking Responsibility

In the heat of the moment, it is so difficult to choose **not** to answer back, **not** to repay the first insult with worse, **not** to raise a fist in protest. How much easier it is at times to end a friendship rather than persevere in healing the "injuries" inflicted on each other. And how hard it is to admit our own fault, to take responsibility for our own hasty words, thoughtless actions or the things we have failed to do! All the more reason then to learn and practice creative, respectful and non-violent ways to respond to people and situations. Then we don't get caught out so easily when the going gets tough! Peace begins with you. It spreads to your family and friends. It becomes yeast in your community. It has the capacity to transform the world. This brings us back to the first reading - and the call to embrace holiness and love. Our likeness to God, in whose image and likeness we are made, is determined by the way we relate to others. What community groups or organizations are promoting healthy relationship living, parenting skills, or non-violent conflict resolution in your diocese, local school, community? There is always something more we can learn about the ways we relate to God, to ourselves and to each other!



Not starting from a dead stop.

Taking some time to get ready for Lent will ensure that we aren't going to miss the first week or two of Lent, because we are just getting started. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, but we want to be ready to really take off on that day, rather than just beginning to think about Lent on that day. Part of what makes a vacation or a special anniversary so special is the build-up to it.

Before we get to Ash Wednesday, we should start asking ourselves some questions and we should start with some preparations. "What does God want to give me this year?" This question may require that I slow down a bit and *listen* to my inner spirit. For example, even if I'm very busy, I realize I'm hungry when I hear my stomach start "growling." "What am I going to be doing on Ash Wednesday?" Too often, Ash Wednesday is like every other day, except that I manage to get to church and get ashes on my forehead. Is there anything else I can do on Ash Wednesday? How will fasting and abstaining happen for me, for my family on that special day?



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

March 5th Three Masses 8:00 am, 4:00pm, and 7:00pm

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE ARE REQUIRED:

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to and abstain from meat. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying: "you must be perfected as your heavenly Father is perfect." When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives. Next monthly meeting: Thursday, March 13 at 7:00pm.

A GENTLE REMINDER

Next Sunday, **March 2**, there is a Saint Vincent de Paul Society collection.

Please make your cheque payable to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul or SSVP We now have our own Revenue Canada Charity Number and will issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year for your 2014 Income Tax Return. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



All ladies are invited to our meeting on February 25, at 7pm. We will have a guest speaker from Signal Hill's Baby Bumps program. We usually start our meeting in the church with Mass, but this time we will meet at 7pm in the portable for a prayer by candlelight. Please join us, and get more information on our website at <http://cwlpm.org>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BURSARIES AVAILABLE



Friday February 28th.

Friday Night at the Movies with the Knights! Bring your family to watch an inspiring Catholic Movie...For Greater Glory, the true story of

Cristiada, which chronicles the struggle of Mexican Catholics and the role of the Knights of Columbus as a symbol of Catholicity in the face of anti-clerical environment. More than 200,000 people were killed or martyred in an anti-Catholic purge. PG-13. Bring your teenagers...this is an action-packed movie! Knights will supply free popcorn and coffee. See you there at the room upstairs!

BC/Yukon Knights of Columbus have 30 \$500 post-secondary bursaries available. Apply before June 30 go to: <http://kofcbc.org/files/2013/08/Bursary-Terms-of-Reference-2014.pdf>

Tax saving tip for the self-employed:

Are you maximizing your exemptions and tax credits?

Are you a Catholic entrepreneur, business owner, or manager who wants to network with other business-minded Catholics in Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley? Join us for our next Saint Matthew's Business Network Meeting Thursday, Feb. 27, 8:45 am to 10 am. Bring a friend to be entered to win a door prize. Early bird registration is \$8 paid online by Monday, Feb. 24. Regular registration and at the door is \$10. Registration includes hot breakfast. Register at www.smbn.ca.

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

Experience the presence of our Lord through the Migrant Workers "Way of the Cross." Join us at Holy Rosary Hall, 646 Richards St., Saturday April 5 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 pm. Registration starts at 1:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Select agencies will be present providing support for practical requirements such as employment or immigration questions. For more information contact Evelyn Vollet, director Office of Service & Justice evollet@rcav.org.

St. Joseph's Parish will be playing host to the Handel Society's presentation of the St. John Passion by J. S. Bach



Friday, **April 4**, 7:30 pm

Choir and Orchestra conducted by

Johan Louwersheimer, artistic director
Nancy Washeim, soprano - Sonya Sweeney, alto
Christopher Simmons, tenor ~ Evangelist
Willy Miles-Grenzbeg, bass ~ Christus
Robert Gelderman, bass ~ Pilatus

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for seniors and students, and are available from the parish office and at the door. Refreshments will be served at intermission. For more ticket information, call 604-461-1369.

For more general information, visit www.handelsociety.ca

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Egypt, Streams in the Desert



Please join us for a world day of Prayer for Egypt Saturday, **March 8**, 2014 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Edmund's Church, North Vancouver.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Couples: Have you lost that lovin' feeling? It's not gone forever if a spark is still there. Rekindle your love by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Lower Mainland Weekends are scheduled for: **April 4-6**, July 18-20, and Nov. 14-16. Kelowna Weekend: October 24-26 Phone Steve & Mary Bohnen 604-876-7298.



Young Adult Retreat: March 7-8 at St. Patrick Parish in Vancouver

"Hearts on Fire: Living Faith in Daily Life with Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola," A Team of Young Jesuit Presenters, A Group of Young Adults, A Thousand Graces, One Heart. Dynamic presentations, methods of prayer in daily life, Friday evening Coffee house with live music! For single young adults ages 23-35. Come Friday evening (go home overnight) and come back for Saturday - Start time 6:30 pm Friday, ends with 4:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday. Learn more, register online: apostleshipofprayer.org/heartsonfire

TWO POPES, TWO SAINTS!

On Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 27**, Popes John XXIII and John Paul II will be canonized in Rome, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be celebrating in a big way! Everyone is invited to our canonization celebration at the PNE Coliseum, starting at 2pm. Please save the date (the Sunday after Easter) and invite your friends and family to this wonderful free event. Details to come as well at rcav.org/two-popes.