

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2015

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Feb. 23	St. Polycarp	9:00 am	RIP: Edward Haselhan
Tuesday	Feb. 24	Lent Weekday	7:00 pm	RIP: Jeanil Belanger
Wed.	Feb. 25	Lent Weekday	4:00pm	RIP: Bill Lewis
Thursday	Feb. 26	Lent Weekday	8:00 am	RIP: Maria Salgado
Friday	Feb. 27	Lent Weekday	9:00 am	RIP: Don Mair
Saturday	Feb. 28	Lent Weekday	9:00am	RIP: Jake Ploeger

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Victor Peterson, Don Rowe, Joseph Slacik, Andrew Chew, Bill Van Eldik, Teresita Drexler, Suzanne Dubeau, Irene Hanson Monnie, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Cecilia Obcena, Art Samson, Sarah Gielty, Thomas Chlebak, Wendy Castro, Chloe Castro, Liam Weeks and Annie Hughes.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers:	Parish Office	604 461-1369
Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604 460-6009
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs: Youth/10 am:	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
Saturday Evening:	Norbert Hauerland	604 461-1369
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:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Legion Of Mary:	Tessi Magsisi	604 315-5625
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA /SSVP & Youth Group	Parish Office	604 461-1369

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



For information regarding PREP please contact Mrs. Louanne Richards prepkids@stjpm.com

Children's Liturgy For children ages 4 - 8 every Sunday at the 10am Mass

Save the date: March for Life Victoria

"Every Life's Worth Living." Join thousands of others for B.C.'s 7th annual pro-life march and rally. Thursday, May 14, 2015. rcav.org/march-for-life/

ARCHBISHOP CARNEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



Application packages for admission to Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School for the 2015-2016 school year are now available in the vestibule of the church or from the parish office. The school website is www.acrss.org / 604 942-7465



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for who you can become

In the desert with Him

If we're honest, many of us approach Lent with dread. A season of sacrifice sounds so harsh, so sterile. And forty days, no less! We look ahead with trepidation. What could be good about such a long, dark period?



Stop and look again. Yes, Lent brings a bit of the wilderness into our Christian year. It asks us to stand away from the comforts of life in the city. Lent calls us into the desert with Jesus. From the silent sands He beckons us to join Him in His trials, reminding us that He has walked the burning path first. And it is His blessed companionship that makes it worth the price. "Come, child, be alone with me and we will find a road through the desert together."

During Lent, Stations of the Cross

Will take place every Friday at 7 pm (March 6, First Friday, Stations will follow the 7pm Mass)



St. Joseph's Lenten Penitential Service: March 18, 7 pm.

2nd COLLECTION for the CATHOLIC PRESS (BC Catholic)

February is Catholic Press Month in Canada. This year marks the 104th anniversary of the Catholic Press Association. It's also time for the annual Catholic Press Collection.



This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic newspaper. The collection helps to defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper and it's a great chance to help your parish because all of the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously so that we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital, award-winning publication. If you would like to start receiving The BC Catholic please call the Parish Office.

If you missed last weekend's 2nd collection, it's not too late, use your Catholic Press envelope.



Strength in resistance

We gain the strength of the temptation we resist. R W Emerson

CANTONESE BIBLE STUDIES



Fr. Au will be leading a Cantonese speaking Bible Studies at the parish starting at 7 pm until 9 pm every Thursday from February 5 to March 19, except for Chinese New Year. Please let others know of this unique opportunity.

REVELATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Starting Sunday, February 22 to March 22, Fr. Au will be starting an English speaking Bible Studies every Sunday at a parishioner's home. This is an introductory course on understanding the Sacred Scriptures. Therefore, we will cover the Divine Inspiration with the sacred writer, the inerrancy of the Word of God, how we get the four Gospels, etc. Coming to know the Word of God is made easier by dropping in a family home. We are meeting Sunday 3pm in the afternoon at the Balce's home 2718 Patricia St., Port Coq.

THE WORD AMONG US

Don't miss out! **the WORD among us Lenten issue** is available in the vestibule for the minimal cost of \$2. Pope Francis has told us that he wants a poor Church that serves the poor. "I want and I pray and I hope for a more austere Church," he said, "a Church which prefers humility and simplicity over pomp and grandeur; a Church that cares for every human being." Is there a better way for us to live out these words than through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? This issue of 'the WORD among us', features articles relevant to Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving, daily meditations as well as the complete Catholic Mass Reading for every day in Lent

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations of Satan. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and alms giving.

To help us prepare for the delivery of our **Easter Hampers on March 28th**, please consider alms giving by donating non perishable food items to our food cupboard. Canned goods such as salmon, tuna, fruit, soup, pasta sauce and packaged goods such as pasta, cereal, crackers, cookies, or any other non perishable foods you wish to donate are always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.
Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12th at 7pm.

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION

Preparing our Hearts to celebrate Easter through the Gospels of Lent Talks: Monday, March 2 to Wednesday, March 4, 7-8pm. Confession after the Monday & Tuesday Talks. Fellowship after the Wednesday Talk.

Featuring: Rev. Fr. Derek Lappe, Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Bremerton, Washington.

OLOA, 3141 Shaughnessy St, Port Coq. www.assumptionofmary.ca
For further info. call the Parish Office 604 942-7808

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE – APPLY NOW!

Still accepting applications for 2015 - Spring (May) and Fall (September). University transfer programs in Arts, Business and Science. Automatic entrance scholarships up to \$3,500 available, other scholarships, bursaries and grants available. Located on UBC campus. Please visit www.corpuschristi.ca or email recruiter@corpuschristi.ca for more details.

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa Preacher to the Papal Household

'Drink From The Wells Of The Church'

This is a DVD Seven Talk Series

- † February 26 - How to Read God's Word.
- † March 5 - The Eucharist Makes Us Holy
- † March 12 - Charisms and Sacraments.
- † March 19 - Obedience to the Spirit
- † March 26 - Keep on Praying.
- † April 9 - Mary, Our Model
- † April 16 - The Power of Pentecost
- † Enrich your Catholic life –
- † Drink From The Wells Of The Church

Thursday's 7:30 – 9 pm in the Parish portable.

FREE ESTATE & BURIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Join us for a presentation on a Catholic's Guide to Will Preparation, Advance Care Planning, Funeral and Burial Instructions, Cemetery Selection, and more! Receive FREE guides and loads of practical advice. This 60-90 minute presentation provides valuable advice and resources for parishioners including tax savings tips, tips on stewardship gifting, education on Wills, church teaching on end-of-life and services available.

March 24, (Tuesday) 7pm St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam

Respond to Holy Father's call to Provide Input to Synod on Marriage and Family

Pope Francis has announced an Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for October 2015 on topics related to the family and evangelization. The Oct. 4-25 synod will have the theme: "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the modern world." Archbishop Miller is inviting response to the Holy Father's call for consultation. The document and questions are at rcav.org/synod-bishops-family-2015/. We anticipate a large number of responses and ask responders to focus on one or two questions that are particularly relevant to you and to keep responses to 2 typed pages (700 words) or less, using our online response form. Deadline February 27, 2015.

OUR REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, ARCHBISHOP CARNEY

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Theater

Proudly presents the family friendly comedy . . . **In-Laws, Outlaws, and Other People (That Should Be Shot)** at the Terry Fox Theatre in Port Coquitlam. It is 7pm and the Douglas family is busily preparing for Christmas dinner.

(Yes, it's a Christmas play in March!) They are about to be invaded by their quirky relatives who will share in the festivities. After robbing a neighbourhood liquor store, two robbers find themselves in need of a place to briefly hide out and gain entrance to the Douglas home. They suddenly find themselves in charge of an ever-growing list of hostages, including family members, smart-alecky teenagers, nosy neighbors, and bickering adults. As the lines blur, one wonders who is holding who hostage?! This play features outrageous characters, laugh-a-minute-dialogue, and a surprise, heartfelt ending that reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. The show runs from Thurs, Mar. 5th to Sat, Mar. 7 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15. reserved seating. For more info, contact tickets@acrss.org or 604-9427465.