

## The Mass Intentions for This Week

<b>Feb. 1</b>	Monday	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am RIP: Potenciana Valle
<b>Feb. 2</b>	Tuesday	<b>Presentation Of The Lord</b> (feast day) 7:00 pm RIP: Cecilia Lan Wai King
<b>Feb. 3</b>	Wed.	<b>St. Blaise</b> 8:00 am INT: Helen Parker
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Thursday	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Friday	<b>St. Agatha</b> 9:00 am RIP: Bill Lewis 7:00 pm INT: Thanksgiving, Balce family
<b>Feb. 6</b>	Saturday	<b>St. Paul Miki and Companions</b> 5:30 pm INT: Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother
<b>Feb. 7</b>	Sunday	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 10:00 am INT: Our Parish

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

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly:  
David Lee, Anita Cishecki, Irene Hanson Monnie, Don Rowe, Jose Reyes, Vanessa Miller, Andrew Chew, Chloe Castro, Ann Lum Min, Wendy Castro, Thomas Chlebak, Teresita Drexler, Suzanne Dubeau, Bill Van Eldik, Sarah Gielty, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik, Cecilia Obcena, Art Samson, Matt Essman, Bob Smith, Carol Berry, Trish Kelly, Marlene Brakel & Liam Week.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
CWL:	Valerie Lovato	778-984-6580
Knights of Columbus:	Dennis Kwan	604-468-8205
Legion of Mary:	Tessi Magsisi	604 315-5625
Lectors:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA	Mark Norbury,OP	604 695-7421
SSVP	Parish Office	604 461-1369

## First Friday, Fast and Pray, for Canada:



Then if my people who bear my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my presence and turn from their wicked ways, I myself will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and restore their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

God, Our Father, Giver of Life,  
We entrust our Nation to your loving care.  
You are the rock on which this nation is founded.  
You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.  
Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.  
Send your **Spirit** to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.  
Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.  
Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,  
Grant Us the Courage to reject the "Culture of Death".  
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, *Amen.*

## No news is good news

No matter how good it is for us, there are some truths we don't want to hear. Oh, yes, we will maturely let the words echo off our eardrums, but inside our heads we've clapped our hands over our ears and run out of the room. We acknowledge, but we don't accept. It's an age old failing, wanting to do right, even more to be righteous, but hating the hard work it takes to get there. Jesus found the same resistance 2000 years ago among His friends and neighbors. When Jesus opened their eyes to prophecy and it's fulfillment they ran screaming, literally and figuratively. Jesus spoke the truth and His hearers just couldn't bear it. As we read this week's gospel text let's pray that we can do better. Let's ask God to take our hands off our ears and let our hearts truly hear His words, no matter how tough they are.



## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THROATS

This feast is celebrated on **February 3rd**. St. Blaise was martyred about the year 316 A.D. and was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. As the legend tells it, Blaise, known as a healer, saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Thus, St. Blaise has come to be known as the patron of all who have diseases of the throat. It has become the custom, therefore, to bless throats in his memory, asking St. Blaise's intercession for all who suffer from ailments of the throat and from all other illnesses during this peak of the sore throat and flu season.



**Fr. Thomas will offer the Blessing of Throats at the conclusion of Mass on Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Mass times are 8am, 4pm and 7pm

A box has been placed in the vestibule for last year's Palms;  
please bring them to church by February 7<sup>th</sup>

**FYI: Starting February 12<sup>th</sup> Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent.**

## LIFE COMPASS SEEKS MEMBERS

The region's new pro-life group, Life Compass, is now offering memberships. New members can help shape the direction of this new group, whose principles reflect the Catholic Church's teaching on abortion, euthanasia and other subjects. Membership is \$10 for one year or \$25 for three years. Contact St. Joseph's Terry O'Neill at 604-464-5679 or [oneills@telus.net](mailto:oneills@telus.net) for more information or to join.



## ARCHBISHOP CARNEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL



Application packages for admission to Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year are now available in the vestibule of the church or from the parish office. The school website is [www.acrss.org](http://www.acrss.org) / 604 942-7465

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

**Next monthly meeting: Thursday, February 11, at 7pm in the upstairs room.**

### Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Our food cupboard is very low in non perishable food items. To help us prepare for the delivery of our EASTER HAMPERS, please consider alms giving by donating non perishable foods over the next six weeks. Food items needed are: can salmon, tuna, fruit, soup, pasta sauce, and beans in tomato sauce. Packaged items such as pasta, cereal, granola bars, crackers, cookies, Kraft Dinner, and small boxes of tea, Jars of jam, peanut butter or any other non perishable foods you wish to donate are very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity. Please place items in the boxes provided in the vestibule of the church

## INTRODUCTION TO HEALING PRAYER

From Feb 4 to Mar 17 after morning Mass 9:45 - 11:45am at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 315 Walker Street, Coquitlam in the church library. Topics include: Why Jesus came; Salvation; Importance of forgiveness in healing; Faith and courage to pray for healing. To register please contact or text Janet at 778-998-8098, or email: [tng\\_janet@yahoo.ca](mailto:tng_janet@yahoo.ca) or ph. Angie: 604-945-889, email [jen.jay@telus.net](mailto:jen.jay@telus.net) Everyone is welcome

## PARISH MISSION SPIRITUAL HEALING: PART TWO

At Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Port Coquitlam  
Featuring: Rev. Fr. Emmerich Vogt, OP,  
February 29 – March 3, Talks: Monday through Thursday  
Two Daily Options: Morning Conference 9-10am or  
Evening Conference 7-8pm  
Mass: 8:30am Confessions: Mon-Wed. 10:15-11:30am; 6-7pm  
Fellowship after the Thursday Talks

## ONE CONFERENCE 2016: IN THE FATHER'S MERCY



The Church's mission is to make disciples, and you're invited!

Whether you're already sharing your faith in some way, or it's something you're just thinking about, this conference is for you.

With the Jubilee Year of Mercy upon us, this year's ONE Conference submerges us in the Father's Mercy.

Hear inspirational messages from world class speakers: Angèle Regnier, Ken Yasinski and Gwendoline Allison, with an opportunity to visit local ministries and exhibits. Saturday, **March 5, - 9-5:30pm** at the Vancouver Convention Centre. This event has sold out the past three years. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at [rcav.org/one](http://rcav.org/one) or at any parish.

## VOCATION LIVE-IN FOR BOYS OR YOUNG MEN

On the weekend of February 12 - 14, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

## CATHOLIC PRESS COLLECTION – Next Week



Please contribute to the Catholic Press Collection Feb. 6-7

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. **On Feb. 6-7, there will be a second collection** at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving *The B.C. Catholic* and to help defray your parish's

costs of mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help your parish since all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously Feb. 6-7 so we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital, award-winning publication. For more info on the Catholic Press Collection and the Catholic Press Association visit [www.bccatholic.ca](http://www.bccatholic.ca). If you would like to start up a subscription to 'The BC Catholic' call the parish office.

## LENT 2016 edition of THE WORD AMONG US

It All Comes Down to Mercy, Letting Jesus Find Us This Lent



Copies of **The Word Among Us**, with the complete Mass readings and **daily meditation** for Lent (February 10<sup>th</sup> through to March 27<sup>th</sup>) are available in the vestibule of the church for \$2. while they last.

## FREE ESTATE & BURIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

**Comes to St. Joseph's - February 26, 7:30 pm, in the portable**

These presentations by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Development Office deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your first will or prepare to update your will. Learn about the beauty and dignity of the funeral rite and how to formulate pre-need arrangements. Receive FREE guides and loads of practical advice. These workshops will present facts and information. No investment services or insurance will be promoted or sold. For more information, please contact the Development Office 604-683-0281.



JUBILEE  
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MERCY  
Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

TO THE IGNORANT; TO COUNSEL THE  
SOULFUL; TO ADMONISH THE  
TO BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY;  
TO FORGIVE OFFENCES WILLING-  
LY; TO COMFORT THE AFFLICTED;  
TO PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND TH  
TO FEED THE HUNGRY; TO  
TO GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY; TO  
TO THE NAKED; TO HARBOU

“What is the danger? It is that we presume we are righteous and judge others. We also judge God, because we think that he should punish sinners, condemn them to death, instead of forgiving. So, ‘yes,’ then we risk staying outside the Father's house.” – Pope Francis

## Children's Liturgy is every Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

All children 4-8 years of age, sit with their parents and will be called up after the Collect (opening prayer) and then will be led out and assembled in the portable for their liturgy.

**The PREP program** has been holding a Bottle and Can Drive for a few years and this year, and beyond, we are inviting all parishioners to participate with us. There are containers in the hallway for you to drop them off. If there are large bags you may put them inside the gate by the portable. All proceeds go to the Building Fund! Thank you!!