

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

The Mass Intentions for This Week

March 7	Monday	St. Perpetua & St. Felicity 6:30 pm RIP: Paul Blair
March 8	Tuesday	St. John of God 6:30 pm RIP: Chi-Hong Ho Ng
March 9	Wed.	St. Frances of Rome 6:30 pm RIP: Lucy Luterbach
March 10	Thursday	Lenten Weekday 6:30 pm RIP: Teodora Pusta
March 11	Friday	Lenten Weekday 9:00 am
March 12	Saturday	Lenten Weekday 5:30 pm INT: Suzanne Dubeau
March 13	Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00 am INT: Our Parish 12:00 pm INT: Adil Lahrizi

* Please note that daily Mass times have changed for this week. Monday to Thursday Mass is at 6:30 pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm every Friday evening during Lent.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly:
David Lee, Irene Hanson Monnie, Don Rowe, 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	604 695-7421
SSVP:	Parish Office	604 461-1369

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!!

Come home!

Ever wonder why we persist in our sin? Is it laziness, selfishness or something else? Perhaps it could be any, or the combination of any of these, but more likely it is pride. It is most often pride that keeps us from bending the knee, and bending our will. Pride that will not be humble enough to admit our failures. Our egos stand in the way, blocking the path back home to the Father. If only we would cast off our false self-esteem and begin the journey of repentance we would find forgiveness and welcome waiting at the end. Why keep the Father waiting any longer? Set aside your pride, set your eyes on Him and come home!!



Like the father

"Sooner or later we are all prodigals and older sons, alternately sinning and resenting others' sin. If only we could learn to act the father's role, forgiving and welcoming. Then we would have truly found the treasure in the parable."

C. Lee

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH MISSION

with Fr. Lucien Larre, March 5/6 to 10th
March 5 & 6 - Introductory Mission Sermon
'The Most Important Decision in Life'.
March 7 to 10 - MASS daily at 6:30 pm
MISSION TALKS at 7:00 pm



CONFESSIONS daily at 12:00-1:00pm & 4:00-6:25pm
ROSARY - 6:10 pm before Masses

- + Mon. Clinging to Faith in a Godless Society
- + Tues. Maintaining Hope in Hopeless Situations
- + Wed. Building a Loving Home in A Selfish Society
- + Thur. Bringing Love to a Violent, Hateful Society



Holy Week

This Easter rediscover the endless and personal love of God for each one of us.

Holy Thursday, March 24 – 7:30 pm

Jesus washes our feet and gives us the Priesthood and Eucharist, by which He remains with us today.

Good Friday, March 25 - This is a universal day of fast and abstinence. (No morning Mass)

11 am Stations of the Cross

3 pm Passion of Our Lord

Jesus bridges the infinite chasm between God and man to forgive our sins and reconcile us to our merciful Father.

Holy Saturday, March 26 (No morning Mass)

11 am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Blessing of Easter Food

Easter Vigil, Saturday March 26 is at **9:00 pm**

Easter Sunday, March 27 Masses are at

8:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon

Jesus rises, conquering death and opening the gates of Heaven. He is Lord, and calls us to surrender ourselves to Him.



EASTER FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

We're looking for volunteers to participate in the annual Easter Flowers event at 11 a.m. on Holy Saturday, March 26. Parishioners will distribute flowering plants and Easter cards to patients at Eagle Ridge Manor. It's all part of our commitment to respect human life from conception to its natural end. Please contact Terry O'Neill at oneills@telus.net or 604-464-5679.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Once again the CWL will be holding their annual Easter Lily fundraiser. This gives our parishioners the opportunity to purchase a Lily in remembrance of a loved one and have them placed on the altar for Easter. There will be an order form in the bulletin next weekend and we will accept orders up until March 19th. The cost per Lily is \$20.00 each. We look forward to a beautiful altar during Easter Week. With our prayerful thanks.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think.

Next monthly meeting: Friday, March 18, 12 noon / portables.
Only one week left to bring in non-perishable food items for our Easter Hampers to be delivered on Saturday, March 19.

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 on March 19**, please consider alms giving by donating non-perishable foods over the next two weeks. Food items needed are: can salmon, tuna, fruit, 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.



THOUSANDS OF CATHOLIC COUPLES HAVE STAYED MARRIED, THANKS TO RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriages – Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille is an affordable program that provides couples with the tools to repair ALL kinds of marriage crises. Rediscover romance and a joyful married life! Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples avoid separation and rekindle their relationship. You or your spouse do not need to be Catholic to attend. For confidential info. or to register for the 7 week Lower Mainland program commencing the weekend of Apr. 1-3, email vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org ph [604-530-6710](tel:604-530-6710), or visit www.HelpOurMarriageBC.com.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES FOR LENT – 7:00 pm

Tuesday	March 8	St. Luke's, Maple Ridge
Wed.	March 9	Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby
Sunday	March 10	Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam
Monday	March 13	Our Lady of Assumption, Pt. Coq.
Tuesday	March 15	St's Cyril & Methodius, New West. St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge
Wed.	March 16	All Saints Parish, Coquitlam
Thursday	March 17	St. Joseph's, Port Moody
Sunday	March 20	St. Michael's, Burnaby
Monday	March 21	St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday	March 22	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

Share Lent Collection for Development and Peace is NEXT SUNDAY – SOLIDARITY SUNDAY!

The annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace will be held next Sunday, March 13, Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development and Peace and its ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. Please be sure to bring your Share Lent envelope for your gift. Thank you for your support! rcav.org/development-and-peace-ccodp/

LIVING WORD PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to join us this Lenten season to reflect lovingly on *Jesus'* life, so that we will feel his companionship in our efforts to become more like him.

We meet in the portable on Thursday from 7:30 - 9:00 pm

ARCHBISHOP CARNEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

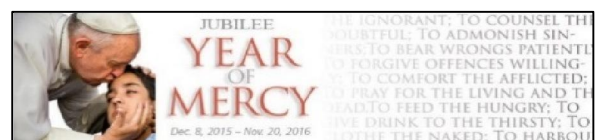
Application packages for admission to Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year are now available in the vestibule of the church or from the parish office.



The school website is www.acrss.org / 604 942-7465

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 for more information or to join.



"The kingdom of Christ is tension towards the definitive victory of Merciful Love, towards the eschatological fullness of good and grace, of salvation and life. This fullness has its beginning on earth in the cross and the resurrection."

St. John Paul the Great