

## The Mass Intentions for This Week

March 6	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> 9:00 am RIP: Danny Cote
March 7	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Perpetua and St. Felicity</b> 7:00 pm INT: Cedrose M. Parinas
March 8	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>St. John of God</b> 9:00 am RIP: Mary Morton
March 9	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Frances of Rome</b>
March 10	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>
March 11	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b> 5:30 pm RIP: Isabelle Wery
March 12	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b> 10:00 am INT: Our Parishioners

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



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly:  
Victor Peterson, Sharon Chila, Paul Cummings, Jim O'Donnell, Helen Mair, Els Roosen, Andrew Chew, Don Rowe, Suzanne Dubeau, Sarah Gatzka, Vanessa Miller, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik, Art Samson, Teresita Drexler, Cecilia Obcena, Bill Van Eldik, Donna Hicks, Kristen Cummings, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Marlene Brakel, Brian Smith, Liam Week, Pam Banyard, Carol Berry, Sarah Gielty, Thomas Chlebak, Ann Lum Min, Gabriel Sanchez, Ron & Louise Meranger, Mary Chandler, Elise Kobbeltvedt, Shirley Hutton.



## 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

## What are the major advantages of electronic giving?

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is all about convenience for you and consistency for the Church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent cheque writing and helps members stay on track with contributing even when on holidays. The Church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of cheques and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed. Forms are available in the entrance of the church and on the parish website: [www.stjpm.com](http://www.stjpm.com)

## Called to the desert

Satan tempted even Christ, so why should we expect to be spared? So often we whine about the "hard choices" in life, as if someone had promised us that righteousness would always feel good, be easy. A quick review of scripture will certainly remind us that walking the Christian life is tough, demanding, occasionally excruciating. It wasn't a pleasure cruise Jesus set out on when he went to the desert to pray. He knew the battles ahead would demand much of him, and he went to prepare.



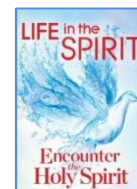
It's an example we would do well to follow. Instead of sitting in our comfortable chairs bemoaning the trials of everyday life over coffee and cookies, let's find a rocky, barren place with no distractions. Make a hollow in the busy schedule of your life, where you can call out to God and learn to resist the devil in all his forms. Come out to the desert, God is waiting there for with strength and hope for you.

## SHARE LENT COLLECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE is on Sunday, April 2 – Solidarity Sunday!

The annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace will be held on Sunday, April 2, the 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. This year's campaign, "Women Are at the Heart of Change," echoes the Pope's prayer that women worldwide may be "honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society." You can donate through your Share Lent envelope or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Please be generous in helping D&P meet the needs of the suffering worldwide.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Thank you to all who came to the first evening of the Life in the Spirit seminar. It was indeed a very powerful evening on **God's Love** given by Father Thomas.



As we journey through the next 6 weeks; we pray that it would be a time of renewal and enlightenment as we receive the grace of this Lenten season.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

## 2016 TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP

The income tax receipts have been issued and are in the vestibule of the church. St. Joseph's Parish, St. Vincent de Paul and Project Advance tax receipts are together in one envelope. Thank you for your generous support.

\* Please note tax receipts for **online** donations to Project Advance were emailed at that time. If you are missing your receipt kindly contact Grant Andrews at the Project Advance office [gandrews@rcav.org](mailto:gandrews@rcav.org) or call him at 604-683-0281 local 50322.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gifts help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love during the holy season of Lent.

**Next monthly meeting: Thursday, March 9, at 7pm.**

### EASTER FOOD HAMPERS

On Wednesday, April 12, we will be delivering food hampers to needy families. To help us defray our costs, we would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items. Some suggested items: peanut butter, cereal (hot or cold), granola bars, crackers/cookies, jam, pasta sauce, can tuna, can salmon, Heinz Beans in Tomato Sauce, can fruit, can soup, Jello, instant pudding mix, or any other non-perishable items you wish to donate are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

*Volunteers are needed to help with flower arranging for the Altar. Please phone the parish office if you can assist.*



### CWL



Join your sisters in Christ Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm for our monthly meeting of action, community, and prayer. All women of the parish 16 and over are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome.

### EASTER LILY SALE

Please note that the CWL will be selling Easter Lilies again this year. Watch for details in the bulletin.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus BC/Yukon State has thirty \$500 bursary available to Catholic students in BC. Please visit our web site at <http://koc9846.vcn.bc.ca> for more information to apply.

### Lenten Retreat CALL TO HOLINESS ~ TO BE JESUS CHRIST IN THE WORLD TODAY,

St. Mary's Parish would like to extend an invitation to your parishioners to come to our Lenten Retreat. The theme of the retreat is Call to Holiness - To be Jesus Christ in the World Today. The speaker, Msgr. John Esseff, is an exorcist for the Diocese of Scranton, was guided by Padre Pio in the beginning of his ministry, and later became a spiritual director to Mother Teresa. The retreat will be on **March 13 to 15**, Mon to Wed, at 8am and 7pm, in the church. Morning and evening sessions are the same.

February 26<sup>th</sup> Weekly Collection = \$3,739.

Building Fund Collection = \$454.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THESE UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

**March 27**, Launch of Life Compass, north-of-Fraser pro-life group. *Turn on Your Life Light*. An inspiring and informative evening featuring speakers Colleen Roy (BC Catholic) and Natalie Hudson Sonnen (Life Canada). Begins at 7:00 pm, Coquitlam Alliance Church, 2601 Spuraway Ave. (at Como Lake & Mariner), Free.

**April 15**, St. Joseph's Annual *Easter Flower Distribution*, 11 a.m., Eagle Ridge Manor. Leave a message with Terry O'Neill at 604-464-5679 to volunteer.

**May 15**, *Focus on Life Gala Dinner*, supporting Signal Hill. Starts at 6:30 pm, Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver. Featuring Kim Phúc, war survivor and human-rights advocate. See [focusonlife.ca](http://focusonlife.ca) for details.

### ARCHBISHOP CARNEY'S AUCTION, DINNER AND DANCE

Please join us for Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual “An Evening with the Stars” Auction, Dinner and Dance! An exciting evening including a live auction with Port Coquitlam Mayor Greg Moore as auctioneer, silent auction, dinner, entertainment by Clavinova Nights jazz band and the Dance Machine Mobile DJ, raffles, and celebrity MC, Global News reporter, Jennifer Palma! This all happens on **Saturday, April 1**, Dinner at 6:30pm Tickets are on sale now! Only \$50 each or purchase a table of 10 for \$500. For more information to purchase tickets or if you'd like to make a donation to the auction please contact the office at 604-942-7465, email [carneyauction@gmail.com](mailto:carneyauction@gmail.com) or go to [www.acrss.org](http://www.acrss.org). Tickets must be purchased by March 10 due to spring break. The red carpet will be rolled out so please come dressed like a star!

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Purple Orchid Tours and Holidays, Canada  
Come fulfill a Life Long Dream — Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and bring the Scriptures to life! Host: Brian Andrade.  
June 02 to June 15, 2017 (12 nights/13 days)  
Price CAD 4,100. (All inclusive) for details please contact:  
Brian Andrade 778-999-4599 ~ 403-539-8999

### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

All services begin at 7pm

Tuesday	March 28	◦ St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge
Wed.	March 29	◦ St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam
Sunday	April 2	◦ Our Lady of Assumption, Pt. Coq
Tuesday	April 4	◦ St. Luke's, Maple Ridge
Wed.	April 5	◦ All Saints, Coquitlam
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>◦ St. Joseph's, Port Moody</b>
Sunday	April 9	◦ St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday	April 11	◦ Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam