

## The Mass Intentions for This Week

April 24	Monday	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen	9:00 am	INT: Amanda Contois
April 25	Tuesday	St. Mark	7:00 pm	INT: Michelle, Nathan Wady & Family
April 26	Wed.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	9:00 am	INT: John & Karron Kai
April 27	Thursday	Easter Weekday	9:00 am	RIP: Kathleen Gillies
April 28	Friday	St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Montfort	9:00 am	RIP: All Souls in Purgatory
April 29	Saturday	St. Catherine of Siena	9:00 am	RIP: David Reid
			5:30 pm	
April 30	Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter	8:30 am	
			10:00 am	INT: Our Parishioners
			12 noon	

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the from page

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly:

Victor Peterson, Sharon Chila, Paul Cummings, Helen Mair, Els Roosen, Andrew Chew, Don Rowe, Suzanne Dubeau, Sarah Gatzka, Vanessa Miller, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik, Art Samson, Teresita Drexler, Cecilia Obcena, Brian Smith, Bill Van Eldik, Donna Hicks, Kristen Cummings, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Marlene Brakel, Liam Week, Pam Banyard, Jim O'Donnell, 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

April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Weekly Collection	3,965.65
Building Fund Collection	600.00
Easter Offering Collection	3,160.20

In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of Allister Brown. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Mass of Christian Burial was Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Believing is seeing

One of the purposes of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances was to renew faith in the lagging faith of His disciples. Thomas wasn't the only disciple to demand visible evidence that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The others also experienced this crisis of faith. We, too, depend heavily upon sensory evidence to convince us of truth. For many of us, "seeing is believing." But there must be a point when seeing gives way to faith in Him -where the material world is used only to instill in us a deep, abiding faith in unseen spiritual realities. We must cultivate faith in what we cannot see until one day when we see Him as He is.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



April 30<sup>th</sup> is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April. The Knights would like to invite everyone to join us to pray the Rosary before the 8:30 and noon Mass. We shall pray to our Holy Mother for peace as a parish community.

The Knights are holding a Pub Night fundraiser on Wednesday, April 26 in The Burke Beer House rom 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join in for an evening of fun and fellowship. Ticket is \$20 each. Please contact Dennis at 778-836-1725 to reserve your tickets.

## CWL



Join your sisters in Christ Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> - 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.

Back by popular demand, your CWL will be raffling a "Pamper Your Mom" basket just in time for Mother's Day. Tickets are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 and go on sale April 29<sup>th</sup>. The basket is on display at the entrance to the church. Watch for volunteers selling tickets the next two weekends.

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on **May 4**, as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life. All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join St. Joseph's Parish CWL in prayer and solidarity on Thursday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 8 am – 8 pm. There is a signup sheet in the vestibule for a scheduled time for your prayer. We also encourage you to sign the petition that will be forwarded to The House of Commons.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say: "Peace be with you!" As you give your gifts to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you say "Peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry.

**Next monthly meeting: Thursday, May 11, at 7pm.**

## PRO LIFE Focus on Life Gala Dinner, May 15

Gala Dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver. The evening starts at 6:30pm and is featuring Kim Phúc, war survivor and human-rights advocate. See our parish bulletin board and [focusonlife.ca](http://focusonlife.ca) for more details.

## Easter Flowers project a great success!

Inspired to give life to the weekly Prayer for the Reverence for Life, our parish's pro-life committee launched the Easter Flowers project more than 20 years ago, delivering 80 flowering plants, donated by Wim Vander Zalm of Art Knapp's in Port Coquitlam, and an equal number hand-made greeting cards, made by parish PREP students, to patients at Eagle Ridge Manor.

This year, our parish's example inspired three other parishes to join the project, resulting in cards and flowering plants being delivered to 500 seniors and patients in four facilities from Maple Ridge to Port Moody.



"We launched 'Easter Flowers' as a way of bringing to life our commitment to respect life until its natural end," says parish organizer and project coordinator Terry O'Neill. "We wanted to show the sick and elderly that they are loved and valued. We also wanted to demonstrate to our fellow parishioners and to the community at large that we put our beliefs into action.

"The project has been a great success, allowing individuals and families to volunteer, bringing good cheer to the elderly, supporting care-home staff, and generally giving our Easter weekend even greater significance."

Last year, reflecting on the 20-year run on the project, Vander Zalm urged O'Neill to expand the project. "In these troubled times, people need to see that there is still love and caring in the world," Vander Zalm said. O'Neill promised he would do so.

Working through contacts he made at the new north-of-Fraser life-action group, Life Compass, O'Neill was able to deliver on the promise, with the result that, on Holy Saturday, dozens of volunteers from four parishes delivered flowering plants and hand-made greeting cards to about 500 people at four seniors' residences or care facilities from Maple Ridge to Port Moody.

Sandra Dulong coordinated at St. Clare of Assisi, in Coquitlam, delivering about 80 plants to residents of Dufferin Care Centre in Coquitlam. "It's all about giving back to our seniors, who have given us so much – to give them a little more comfort at Easter," she said. "We need to tell them that we value their lives as much as we value our own."

Britt Bright coordinated at St. Luke's Parish, Maple Ridge, delivering about 150 plants to residents of Baillie House in Maple Ridge: "We did this in order to show that elderly people, at the end of life, are as important as our young people," she explained.

Elizabeth Loch coordinated at St. Patrick's of Maple Ridge, delivering upwards of 200 plants to residents of Maple Ridge Seniors Village. Volunteer Anna Tillotson said that she and her husband, Mark, had a personal reason for participating. "Mark's father was in a care home last year before he passed away, and we could see what a positive effect a visit had on the residents," she stated. "It just brought them so much joy."

Besides coordinating the four-parish project, Terry O'Neill once again coordinated the St. Joseph's team as well, as they visited Eagle Ridge Manor, delivering plants to about 80 residents: "In truth, we end up getting more than we give," he said. "It's very fulfilling to see what a positive effect we can have, not only on the residents, but also on the staff. All in all, it's a very rewarding exercise, bringing to life our commitment to respect life from conception to its natural end." "Wim Vander Zalm has been my partner in this project from Year One. He supplied the flowering plants; we supplied the feet on the ground! His generosity, his support and his commitment have been absolutely vital in making our Easter Flowers program the success that it has become. Thanks, Wim!"