

MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

*"Blessed are you, who have come
in your abundant mercy."*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus humbled himself and became the suffering servant for us all. We too, as stewards of the mysteries of God may suffer from time to time. We may occasionally suffer rejection for sharing what we profess to believe. Jesus emptied himself in serving God's purpose and ultimately his suffering was rewarded. So, we pray this Holy Week that we too may empty ourselves of pride or fear.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Marie Connor; William Tam; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Melody Carruthers; John William; Kay D; Cliff & Marion Maxwell; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D'Penha; John Burnell; Gloria & Cecilio Peralta; Nick Krueger; Susanne Tietjen; Dorothy Moody & Lourdes D'Souza.

*If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home,
please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Carmina Maria D'Alessandro

GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The Pontifical Collection for the Benefit of the Holy Places is on Good Friday. Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not at all easy. Christians are often subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination. Once again, from every part of the Church, expressions of solidarity come together effectively in the Good Friday Collection. Please give generously as many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

THURSDAY COFFEE HOUR

There will be no coffee hour on Holy Thursday, March 29.



LEGION OF MARY

ACIES – Annual rededication to Our Lady will be on April 8 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. There will be Mass at 2:30pm in the school basement followed by potluck and fellowship in the Don Bosco hall. All active and auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Family and friends are most welcome.



Tonight, Mar. 25, 7pm: "UUM?" Come prepare yourself for Holy Week with us! This is going to be a night about the Triduum. Bring a friend!

Easter Sunday: We need volunteers! We need youth (in grades 6-12) to help with the hiding of chocolate Eggs on Easter Sunday during the 8:30am & 10:15am Masses. There'll be treats for you too!

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen or icdeltaedge). For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Chocolate Egg Donations:

IC Life Teen and Edge will be hosting the annual Easter Egg hunt again this year for the little ones of our parish. We need chocolate eggies to hide for the kiddies. Donations of eggs can be dropped off at the parish office in a bag clearly marked "IC Life Teen – Easter Egg Hunt" or brought to Life Nights/Edge Nights prior to Easter Sunday.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt:

IC Life Teen and Edge will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt for children aged 3 to grade 3 after the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses on Easter Sunday. This year the youth are raising funds for the renovation of the youth room. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$2 per child who participates in the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you in advance for your support!

CHRISM MASS

One of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our Church is the Chrism Mass. Join Archbishop Miller and the priests of the archdiocese on Wednesday, March 28, at 5 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral for the blessing of the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism.

GREETERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to welcome people as they come to the church doors on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. If you are able to help any of these times, please contact Margaret Taddei at taddei@telus.net or 604.594.8539.

SALUBONG AT I.C.

"Salubong" (English translation: meeting or to meet) is an Easter Sunday pre-dawn ritual or ceremony that re-enacts the Risen Christ's meeting with His mother. The IC version of "Salubong" will be held at 8am on April 1st Easter Sunday followed by the 8:30am mass. We are in need of volunteers to help with the preparation, boys and girls ages 4-12 to act as angels, adult males and females to join the procession and male musicians who can play drums or trumpet. If you are interested, please contact Brenna Maduro at 604.868.5451 or via email at icdelta.bridginggenerations@gmail.com

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Helpline Volunteer Training by Domestic Abuse Services – Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

Join us for our spring training.

Fridays: April 6, 13 & 20 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturdays, April 7, 14, & 21 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver. Call 604.585.6688 to register or for more information.

VISITA IGLESIA

7 CHURCHES VISITATION

Everyone is invited to join the Visita Iglesia on Thursday, March 29. ONLY 45 seats available.

Assembly Place & Time: school bus outside the Parish Hall building (right after the Holy Thursday Mass).

Departure Time: approx 8:45pm

Itinerary: Our Lady of Mercy, St. Francis de Sales, St. Peter, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Precious Blood, St. Matthew's Parish, St. Bernadette, IC Delta (ETA 12:30 am)

Cost: \$5.00/pp (to offset the cost of transportation)

A Sign-up sheet is available in the gathering area to reserve a seat by March 28th. The fee will be collected upon boarding the bus.

GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI OPEN HOUSE

Set aside your sacred space at our Annual Spring Open House. Plan to attend, tour the cemetery via golf cart, select your space, and meet with an Advisor to make a contract. Some light refreshments will be served. Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, from 9am to 6pm on both days. Visit rccav.org for more info.

EASTER TRIDIUM - The Three Great Days.

For three days from Holy Thursday evening to Easter Sunday night, the Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. This is His work of saving us by His dying and rising; one great act of God's love and mercy for all people.

HOLY THURSDAY

Evening Mass at 7:00 pm: We remember the Passover Feast of the Jewish people and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when we celebrate the Eucharist this evening. Before he offers himself on the cross, Jesus takes bread and says, "This is my Body". He takes a cup of wine and says, "This is my blood of the new covenant.....shed to save all sinners. Do this in memory of me". Jesus washes the disciples' feet as a sign of love and service.

GOOD FRIDAY

Paschal Fast: This morning we begin our two-day fast in preparation for the Easter Vigil. We eat less food than normal and cut out entertainments. Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstaining from meat.

Liturgy: At 3:00pm & 7:00pm, we come together in church to remember what Jesus has done for us. In the service of the Word, we listen to the solemn proclamation of Jesus' passion according to John, then offer prayer for the world and for God's people, the Church. We venerate the cross and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY

On this day, the body of Jesus lay in the tomb and disciples hid behind locked doors. In the Church, Holy Saturday is a quiet day, the great Sabbath rest.

EASTER

Easter Vigil at 9:00 pm: This service is the most important celebration of the Church year. It takes place during the dark hours of the night.

It has four parts:

1. The Service of Light.
2. Liturgy of the word. Reading from Creation to the Resurrection.
3. Baptism and Confirmation, baptismal vows.
4. Eucharist.

Easter Day – Masses at 8:30am; 10:15am, 12noon & 4:00pm: The joyful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection continues. Alleluia! Meaning "Praise to God" is our shout of joy. The Easter Season continues until Pentecost, 50 days after Easter.