

MARCH 3, 2019

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Each tree is known by its own fruit.”

THIS WEEK

Wed. March 6 : Ash Wednesday – 8:15am & 7pm
Weekday Mass during Lent: Monday - Friday
8:30am & 7:00pm
Friday evening: 6:00pm - Benediction
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Almira Steeds; Melody Carruthers; Kay D; Shirley Papuc; Louella D’Penha; Gloria & Cecilio Peralta; Darlene McHale; Helga & Bert Wolters; Dominga Carrion; Maria & Jose Santos; Jean Van Loo; Marie Connor; John William; Edward Chan; Nick Krueger; Jo-Anne MacLeod; Irene O’Flynn; Joy Jhocson; Joaquim Fernandes; Anna R. & Tashina Janus.
If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange a visit.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Augusto Antunes

PADDY JOE’S CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s and St. Joseph’s day on Saturday, March 16 at 2pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a late lunch of your choice of Irish Stew or Canadian Chuck Wagon Stew. We hope to have entertainment along the way. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be available after all Masses or at the parish office. Contact Greg 778.551.1627.

PARISH LIBRARY

“Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book.”— St. John Bosco
“Every time you hear Mass in the state of grace, with devout attention and in a spirit of recollection, Our Lord, of His loving-kindness, makes you to participate in no less than 77 graces and fruits. ...40. By this Sacrifice you honour God as He alone is worthy to be honoured.” From “The Incredible Catholic Mass” in your Parish Library!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

The campaign for Vancouver 40 Days for Life will take place from Wednesday, March 6 to Sunday, April 14. Please see website www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver-2 to view map of location plus other valuable information.



Life Teen (High School teens): Sun., March 3, 7pm
“Greater Than” We will finish off our “2 Series” learning more about how we sometimes fall to distortions stemming from our own original sin. Let us help you find freedom in the light of Christ!

UPCOMING: Fri., Mar. 8: FREEDOM! This archdiocesan reconciliation event is for all high school teens and it’s a great way to start off Lent. Come to this week’s Life Night to learn more or stay tuned to our social media channels.

SPOKEN Retreat: For all high school youth on April 5-7, more details to come!

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



SERRA CLUB

Stations of the Cross - Friday March 8 at 6:30pm sponsored by the Serra Club Fraser Valley West. All are invited to pray for vocations to the Ministerial Priesthood and Religious Life. Come and join the Serra Club for this Lenten observance. Serran's will be on hand to answer any questions regarding vocations and the Serra movement.

THANK YOU

The family of John Jasmins would like to thank the community for the support and prayers received this past week.

MASS OFFERINGS

Please come to the Parish Office for any mass intentions being offered.



WE WELCOME WITH JOY

We welcome with great joy those children who were Baptized into the Catholic faith and our parish family during January and February 2019.

BAPTIZED

Madeline Velasco Yen
Zavier Isaac A. Lucero
Enzo Isaiah A. Lucero
Nicholas Kingston Ballinger
Layla Antonya Hubac
Ariana Nadia Moudakis

PARENTS

Paulo & Vanessa
Francis & Marie
Francis & Marie
Marc & Faye
Louie & Maria
Nicolaos & Silvana



Archdiocese of Vancouver ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

February 20, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Last summer the Church was rocked by new revelations of clergy sexual abuse in the United States. These revelations have called the Archdiocese of Vancouver to examine carefully our own history and find better ways to protect vulnerable people more effectively. I am writing to you now to provide an update regarding the steps we are taking.

Most importantly is the formation of a Case Review Committee to examine thoroughly any cases of clergy sexual abuse of minors that occurred in the Archdiocese and to recommend how we can improve our policies and procedures. The Committee consists of several survivors of abuse, experts in civil and canon law, clergy and religious, as well as other volunteers. While the work of the Committee is expected to continue into the Spring, it is already leading to a deeper understanding of the suffering experienced by those impacted by abuse.

The Review Committee's report and recommendations for changes will lead to new Initiatives undertaken to improve care for victims and to make our training and preventative systems stronger.

The path forward will involve the continued strengthening of lay leadership in our parishes. Every baptized Catholic share in the priesthood of all believers and is called to proclaim the Gospel, while caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Isolating clergy and religious from the rest of the faithful in an unhealthy way easily leads to clericalism. Instead, we should strive to live out together the Gospel. As God's children, we are all equal before Him and called to holiness in our state of life.

The Archdiocese is committed to supporting victims of clergy sexual abuse meaningfully through the provision of counselling and effective advocacy support as they journey on the path to healing. Too often in the past, victims have been allowed to fade away from our Church family without receiving the justice and support that they deserve. Even worse, at times they have been ostracized from the community when they initiated a report of abuse. It is imperative to find ways to reach out to victims and their families with our most sincere apologies and an invitation to receive whatever comfort and healing we can facilitate.

We will also be taking bold steps to ensure that abusive clergy members are held accountable for the terrible crimes they have committed. Greater transparency will invite more input for change and will foster greater trust in the faithful members of our clergy and religious communities.

In the interim, our reporting processes are being improved to ensure that anyone who wishes to come forward can do so easily. The Archdiocese's website is being updated to make reporting options more prominent, and additional resources are being dedicated to advocate for victims and more thoroughly investigate allegations.

In these days the Holy Father is convening the presidents of bishops' conferences from around the world to take up the topic of the protection of minors and other vulnerable people. In calling this meeting, Pope Francis said that "the Church will restate her resolve to pursue unstintingly the path of purification." This gathering will seek to turn past mistakes into "opportunities for eliminating this scourge" of sexual abuse. I look forward to the Holy See's report.

I am grateful for the dedicated team that has been given authority to probe into our files and to report their findings. We remain committed to continued transparency and to correcting any systemic flaws that contributed to abuse or coverup. Fear and concealment are not in keeping with the Lord's call for the Church to be a light to the nations. Past mistakes must be turned into opportunities for cleansing and healing.

Thank you for your continued prayers and for your shared desire that the Church continue on the path of transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller CSB

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