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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



Choosing to Repent

In today's Gospel, Jesus sets out and preaches after the death of John the Baptist. He is preaching John's message: "Repent and believe in the Good News, for the Kingdom of God is at hand."

For Jesus, the Kingdom of God is always at hand, just as it is in our own lives. We have a choice to live in the Kingdom or to ignore the Kingdom. Perhaps we can choose to be indifferent to the Kingdom, but in time that means that we come to ignore the Kingdom.

Everything that Jesus does is important to help us understand him and his mission. He is surely the One who comes in the name of the Lord. He preaches repentance, but later he also preaches love. These two preachings are not exclusive of one another. Real love requires us to repent of all within us that is not of love.

In contrast to the preaching of Jesus, the Old Testament reading today gives us the prophet Jonah, who did not want the people of Nineveh to repent. In the short passage that we read today, we hear only the preaching of Jonah and the response of the Ninevites. They do repent and God changes his attitude towards them. Now, we know that God does not change, and that these descriptions are simply telling us that the Ninevites turned to God and were faithful after the preaching of Jonah. God always loves us, and our conversion brings glory to the Lord. We describe this state as God being happy with us.

The reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians today reminds us that this present world is passing away. We can say to ourselves that the world is still here, or we can realize that our world is always changing. Let us acknowledge that the more we live in Christ, the more this world passes away because we are moving from dark to light, from despair to hope, from resistance to God towards the love of God.

For our Ordinary Time spirituality, we can look at all three Scripture readings as inviting us to change, to repent, to live in a new way. The choice is ours each day in our ordinary lives. We are free to respond to the Lord and to allow him to change us, or we can choose to resist the Lord. Today again, and every day, the choice is ours. We pray always to choose well, always to choose the Lord.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

NORTH SHORE PRO LIFE SOCIETY:

Invites you to attend our free Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 4th in the Holy Trinity Parish church hall at 3:30pm(after the 2:30pm Mass). Guest speaker Angelina Ireland, President of the Delta Hospice Society, will speak on MAID. Refreshments will be served.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 6-11 VOCATION LIVE IN—February 10-11:

Are you interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and See! Spend two days at the Seminary and become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Come Saturday morning 8-9am. Bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, regular & sports clothes. Email: rector.minor@sck.ca or 604-826-8715

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

For Parish Charitable Work. Thank you for your generosity.

2024 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES: Please take yours home this weekend. If you no longer require a box, please call the parish office.



**UNITE the NATION
JOIN THE LARGEST CATHOLIC
ORGANIZATION IN CANADA**

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#2 ACTION: As a Catholic Women's League member, you are part of an organization of women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education, and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive will be held after all Masses on the weekends of **January 20/21 and January 27/28, 2024.** CWL membership is \$42/year. DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). **Pay by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer.**

SENIORS' VALENTINE TEA & BINGO SOCIAL

**All Parish Men & Women are invited
February 13th—1:30 to 3:30pm Parish Meeting Hall
Valentine Goodies Served
RSVP to Barbara at 236-999-1286 or
email: bajohnston@gmail.com**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminster, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Learn more and register at rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations.

SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM:

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries, and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

THE GREAT DIVORCE by **C.S. Lewis** is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives. Young adults aged 19-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. The next meeting is on Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at the Vanspec Centre (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world. Learn more and register online at beholdvancouver.org/events



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY-FRIDAY

10AM-1:30PM

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**REGISTRATIONS
AND DONATION ENVELOPES:**

REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:

FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10.

MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:

TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR JEFF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:

Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm.
Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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**PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT
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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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236-999-1286

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

604-929-1404

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament please
contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com

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***Come and pray the Rosary
every Saturday morning
before Mass
at 8:30am***

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!

Check out our Bulletin Board
in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999