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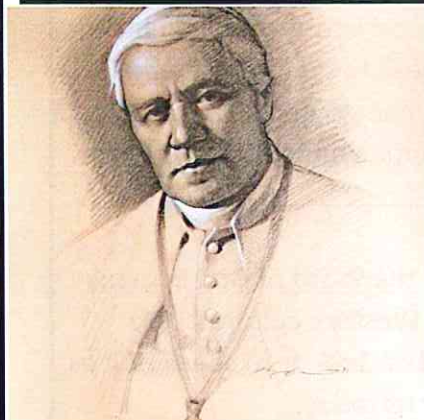
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 3, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	7:00PM
	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	



Cleaning House

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength – this phrase from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians should speak to our hearts in this time of Lent. We want to believe and follow God, and that will make us fools. Human wisdom is so opposed to the wisdom of the Gospel that there are many efforts nowadays to make our human understanding more important than the Word of God.

Surely in the past fifty years we have witnessed a deeper understanding of the Word of God in many ways. We have also experienced a growing disrespect for the Word of God in our Western cultures. We have seen strong and intense movements to diminish the importance of the Word of God, or to speak of it as so conditioned by the culture of its own time that it has very little meaning left for us today.

We no longer ask if our actions are in accord with God's Word, but only if something is making us happy. All of our actions are deemed fine as long as we don't hurt anyone else. The morality and ethics of modern culture are dictated by public opinion, not by the Word of God.

In this context, the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus are practically meaningless. Modern thinking would judge that they surely cannot be objectively what God wants of us. First of all, we ourselves are the most important people, and we have a right to be happy. The Ten Commandments come from a previous age when there was little understanding of what we human beings really need to be happy. And thus we turn to ourselves as the basic standard of morality and ethics.

Even from the point of view of objective ethics, the values and ways of living that we experience in our modern world are not so very good. They are even less good when seen in the light of Scripture as truly the Word of God – God revealing himself to us so that we may know what true happiness is.

We need to listen to the words of today's Gospel according to St. John: Turn over the moneychangers' tables; do not admit the profane into the house of God; do not make the following of Jesus Christ into simply another modern marketplace.

This is all strong medicine in this time of Lent. Let us open our hearts and our minds to today's Scripture readings, allowing them to move us to conversion. Let us walk in the way of the Lord, and let us seek his face.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything."*
Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do we put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things that we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch, and are much harder to spot, like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES: Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so that you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity to make your dreams come true as Archbishop Miller celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. It will be a beautiful community celebration that will cost very little for the individual couples! For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at rabella@rcav.org or 778-512-9163. Save the Date: Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond.

SLEEP OUT 2024:

Catholic Street Missionaries invites you to make a bold and courageous decision to join SLEEP OUT. You will be making a true sacrifice by experiencing what it's like to be homeless and spend one night outside in the cold. The reality is, there are many people who do sleep on the street and experience the discomfort that we often forget about. Change starts with us. Are you up for the challenge? March 15-16 at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. **Registration deadline: Monday, March 11.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

PRO LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL: Monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. in April). The Mass is followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! beholdvancouver.org/events.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE NIGHTLY ROSARY:

Is an internationally focused pro life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils. The Lenten campaign includes a nightly rosary at 8pm on Zoom daily until Palm Sunday, March 24th.

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:

Receipts for envelope donations and Project Advance have been mailed to you directly from the parish office.

PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIANS THIS LENT:

Each day of Lent is assigned to a young man in our Archdiocese who is preparing for the priesthood. There is a calendar in the vestibule with their names.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE
52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#7 Confidence: The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic Church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident – come walk with us!



VANCOUVER DIOCESAN CWL BURSARY – Two at \$1000 each: Students going into first year full-time post secondary education who have a family member in the Archdiocese of Vancouver CWL may apply for a bursary.

Application forms and criteria information are available online at: www.vancouver.cwl.ca. Deadline is April 5, 2024. Contact Carol Landy at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235 for more information.

TO JOIN OR RENEW CWL MEMBERSHIP: Membership is \$42/year. DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). Payment by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer is accepted.



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10AM-1:30PM
604-929-1404
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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 9 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 INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BARBARA JOHNSTON
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

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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