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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 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	

LENT CONFESSIONS on the North Shore

Tuesday, March 19	St. Pius X	10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20	St. Pius X	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 21	Holy Trinity	7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 26	St. Stephen's	10:30 am
Tuesday, March 26	Christ the Redeemer	7:00 pm

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 28 <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29 <i>Celebration of the Passion of the Lord</i>	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, March 30 <i>Solemn Easter Vigil</i>	9:00 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31 <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	9:00 am & 11:00 am



In Relationship with God

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent (**Laetare Sunday**), we are invited to meditate on our own lack of response to God's invitation to us. Each one of us can remember ways in which we have lived without faith and without response to this God who loves us.

The incredible thing, of course, is that God continues to offer us his love no matter how many times we reject him. His forgiveness is unconditional; it is offered to us over and over and over. His love for us knows no limits. That is what makes God so foolish! He loves us so much that he sends his own Son to us who even dies for us, and still we are not willing to give every aspect of our life to this God. We doubt that anyone could love that much. Surely, then, God is a foolish figure!

We respond very clearly when the tough words of Scripture are read to us. We get upset at times when we hear of a God who punishes, who gets angry with our lack of response, who allows murder and killing and the death of little children. We find all kinds of arguments against this God of the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures.

Yet we don't seem to like the image of God given to us in the New Testament either. We find it difficult to believe that this man, Jesus, is truly God.

Lent is about our effort and journey to accept God's love for us, God's divine presence in our lives. It is about accepting that Jesus is truly man and truly God. It is a journey to accept our own sinfulness, and to be able to give that sinfulness over to God in asking for his forgiveness.

We don't like to think of God as someone who may punish us. Indeed, that seems to be an inadequate image of God. Rather, we ourselves cut ourselves off from God, which is a whole different image – or reality. Lent is a sacred and grace-filled time to look again at our relationship with God who loves us, to deepen our relationship with the God-man Jesus who gave his life for us, and to pray for the Holy Spirit to convert us entirely.

Let us give praise to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Let us live in the truth and in the light of the Risen Christ.

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: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of his own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but he does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts, that we nurture and develop our gifts, and, in gratitude, generously give back with increased time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

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. **Registration deadline: Monday, March 11.** Learn more and register via beholdvancouver.org/events.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next Weekend for Share Lent. Archbishop Miller's letter is included in this bulletin.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Christ the Redeemer Parish in West Vancouver is looking to hire a new Administrative Assistant. A flyer in the church vestibule contains the job description and contact information. Application deadline is March 18, 2024.

WAY OF THE CROSS 2024:

Walk the trails of Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver while meditating on the Passion of Christ. It is a beautiful way to pray and worship together in a public space on Good Friday, March 29. Participants will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the fountain next to Bloedel Conservatory's parking area. For more information, go to 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.

DAYS OF MERCY:

Lent is a time to draw closer to God, to reflect on our lives, and to seek forgiveness and healing through the Sacrament of Confession.

Many parishes are extending their arms wider, offering additional times for Confession, so that everyone has the chance to experience God's mercy during Lent. These special times are in addition to the regular confession schedules of each parish.

Whether it's been a while since your last Confession or you frequent the sacrament regularly, know that Jesus is waiting for you with open arms. As Pope Francis has said: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Rediscover the joy and peace that come from reconciliation with God and with one another.

CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE
52 Reasons to Join the CWL



#8 Change: Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others, and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission. Join or renew your CWL membership - \$42/year.

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 info. General Meeting – March 21 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Following the meeting at 7:30 pm, our parish's Men's Shelter Ministry is having guest speakers give a presentation on the Shelter and the work they do. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.



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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 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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BUILDING MAINTENANCE

DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430
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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



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

March 10, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Next Sunday, March 17, Catholics across Canada will be marking the Fifth Sunday of Lent as “Solidarity Sunday.” Throughout the world, and particularly in the Global South, countless millions of our brothers and sisters struggle to meet the most basic needs of life. Whether due to extreme poverty, war, oppressive regimes, predatory corporations, or a host of other ills, these children of our heavenly Father lack food, clean water and effective health care. Through our annual Share Lent Campaign, Solidarity Sunday provides an opportunity for us to share some of the abundance we enjoy as Canadians with those around the world who have so little.

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is a member of Caritas International, the federation of national Catholic organizations that serve as a helping hand of the Church, reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and marginalized, regardless of their race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.

The theme for this year’s Share Lent Campaign – “Reaping Our Rights” – focuses on the efforts of Development and Peace to support impoverished rural communities across the Global South. It works to defend their rights to life, land, water, biodiversity, justice, health, participation, decent livelihoods, a healthy environment and more.

In keeping with the Lenten practice of almsgiving, I urge you to respond to next Sunday’s Share Lent Appeal as generously as you are able.

With gratitude to you for seeing in our brothers and sisters who are in desperate need the face of Jesus himself, and with the assurance of my prayers for you and your families as the Church prepares for the celebration of Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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