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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 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	



The Forgiveness of Sins

If there is one theme that ties all three readings together today, it is the repentance for sins. The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ bring forgiveness of sins for those who repent of their sinfulness.

Somehow, today, we do not want to acknowledge that we are sinners. We find all kinds of ways to speak about our brokenness, but we do not want to use the word "sin." We seem to suffer from low self-esteem according to many studies, and yet we do not want to admit that we may be sinners.

Some of this problem comes from a faulty understanding of sin. Many Christians and Catholics were raised simply with a list of sins: If you do this, you are sinning. In this kind of understanding of sin, there is very little of the recognition of anything personal involved in sin, very little of a relationship with a God who loves us, and also very little understanding of how sin diminishes our capacity for full human life.

On the other hand, such lists of sins are fairly accurate about the actions that honestly do diminish the capacity for in-depth human life. The authors of all the readings that we hear today were certainly aware of lists of sins. Any of us can read the Scriptures and make a list of those actions that are considered sinful.

The challenge for each of us today is to ponder what sin means to us personally, and to ask ourselves if that understanding is formed by the Scriptures and by Jesus Christ, or is it something else, something from our families, something from our friends, or something from our culture.

Only when we begin to understand what sin means in the Scriptures can we begin to understand today's readings, which speak about repentance, conversion, the wiping away of sins, the expiation of sins, and the forgiveness of sins – all of which are part of today's readings.

The joy of today's readings is for the person who knows that he or she is a sinner and needs forgiveness and expiation. A sinner who is being converted should be able to say: I would like to think of myself as a sinner! I want to know the loving presence of Jesus Christ saying: I forgive you your sins! I want to know conversion so that my life turns around and focuses on God and not on me. I want truly to be sorry for my sins. And at the same time, I want to feel confidence in God, and because of God's love, confidence in my own life. I want to be able to choose for God in every aspect of my life.

This is salvation for us. It is Jesus Christ who makes this inner awareness of God's love and forgiveness possible in life. It is Jesus Christ who makes us capable of giving ourselves to others in love.

Like the disciples in the Gospel, we can meet the Lord. Like them, we can become convinced that he is not a ghost, but a living being present in our lives today. By listening to his words in the Scriptures and by meditating deeply on his actions and life, we come to know how God is present in Jesus and how God is present in us. We learn to give thanks to the Lord for this great day of salvation. We learn to rejoice in the suffering and death of Jesus because he rises from the dead and gives us the possibility of life. We learn how to rejoice in our own sufferings and daily deaths so that we too may rise with him and see the glory of divine life at work in our world.

This Eastertide is a time to renew our awareness of sin so that we may be renewed in the hope of salvation. We learn to confess our sins once again in the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may become more alive humanly and divinely. Let us give thanks for the forgiveness of sins. Let us joyfully repent of all that separates us from God.

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

St. Pius X Parish 2024 Confirmandi

Sebastian Barichello
Luke Brownlee
Luke Charters
Lou Fertuck
Jack Gacek
Lexa Gilbey
Zion Ha
Emma Lee
Carter McIntyre
Gabriella Morra
Simon Nebel
Anna Nisenson
Xaviera Ogilvie
Lucy Patchell
Clara Rendall
Lucas Riedel
Deaghlán Rocheleau
Victor Shui
Eliana Sorochan
Mitike Steverding
Audrey Sylvester
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Maksimas Viskontas
Isabelle Walker



CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#13 Family: My Catholic Women's League is like a family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers, aunts, and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values abound in the Catholic Women's League. Come join our family.

CWL Annual Spring Plant Sale: Order Deadline May 8, Pick Up May 25: Our CWL will be selling beautiful baskets, planters, herbs, plants, veggie plants. Net proceeds support charitable, community, and literacy causes supported by our Council. Order via the website: <https://spxcwl.growingsmilesfundraising.com> or order forms are available at the CWL desk in the vestibule. Payment via cheques payable to St. Pius X CWL, credit card, and e-transfer.

CWL Membership Survey: It just takes 5 minutes. This is a gentle reminder to please complete our CWL member survey (sent via email) or you can find it on our Parish CWL web page or on our CWL Facebook page. If you need any help, contact Michelle Cox at 778-227-8400.

CWL Bursaries – Deadline April 30, 2024: For application forms and criteria information sheets, please contact Carol Landy at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend for the *Work of Vocations*: Funds from this annual collection support education costs for our seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

"Love isn't easy. No. But the most beautiful thing that a man and a woman can give each other is true love, for a lifetime." - Pope Francis

On Sunday, May 12, Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB will be honouring couples celebrating milestone marriage anniversaries: five-year increments from 5 to 60 years, and every year beyond 60 years. The Marriage Anniversary Mass will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Port Coquitlam at 1:30 p.m. Registrations received by Friday, April 19 will receive their certificate at the Mass. Learn more and register at family.rcav.org/mam.



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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

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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

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.