

**March 3rd, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Stewardship Reflection

*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)* Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of his name.

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**Young People and the Church** Young adults and those who work with young people are invited to a panel discussion followed by small group conversations responding to the 2018 Synod on Youth. The panelists and hosts include experts in theology, educators, and young people who live active faith lives. Together they will explore how the Church can listen to, learn with, and accompany young people in the real circumstances of their lives. Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's College, Vancouver. Visit <https://rcav.org/event/young-people-and-the-church/> to register.

**40 days for Life Campaign begins** Join us for the annual 40 days for Life Campaign and pray for an end to abortion. Campaign begins Wednesday, March 6. Location: In front of the priests' residences, 4885 St. John Paul II Way, Vancouver. For info: 604-299-4123.



***Come Join Us!***

***This Sunday, March 3rd at 8pm***

**❖ An Evening of Reconciliation/Holy Hour:  
Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:00pm**



### Holy Hour and the Angelus

You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be continued for 6 weeks during Lent before Easter. The church will be opened from 11:30am-12:30pm for quiet reflection. Let us lift up to our loving God our prayer

intentions and those placed in the Prayer Jar. Join us as we gather as a faith community to spend time with Jesus.

### Take a moment to browse the website of the Archdiocese:

Through the website for the Archdiocese you will discover an array of information about what is going on in the Archdiocese – special Masses, events and faith formation sessions. The Archdiocese also offers workshops to cultivate family life, human formation, justice, peace and the integrity of creation to name but a few ... Please visit their website online at [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org) or contact the Archdiocese office at 604-683-0281 for more information.

**Lent – 40 Days of Grace ...** ‘Ash Wednesday’ is the beginning of ‘40’ Days of Grace in preparation for the great Feast of Easter! The 40 days of grace are called ‘Lent’! The word Lent means ‘Spring’. Lent is a time to let Spring burst forth from within those places within us that appear to be dead and lifeless. The symbol of “Ashes” on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are made from the earth and that God has breathed his life into us. Which one of us does not need to come and celebrate this Good News!



### ***Ash Wednesday Liturgies – March 6<sup>th</sup>***

**9:00am - Morning Mass with the distribution of Ashes (School Mass)**

**11:00am - Parish Morning Mass with the distribution of Ashes**

**4:00pm - Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Ashes (not a Mass)**

**7:00pm - Parish Mass with the distribution of Ashes**

## Lent – Where to Start

When I was young and fired with the love of God,  
I thought I would convert the whole world.

But soon I discovered that it would be quite enough to convert the people who lived in my town,  
and I tried for a long time to do that, but did not succeed.

Then I realized that my program was still too ambitious,  
so I concentrated on those in my own household.

But I found that I could not convert them either.

Finally, it dawned on me: I must work on myself.

When people complain about what's wrong with the world,

They are usually blaming somebody else.

They should look at themselves first.

That way, they will know they are making a difference in at least one life.

We can't take anyone farther than we've gone ourselves.



## **Children Reaching Out to Children**



'Children Reaching Out to Children' is an opportunity for the children in our parish to be in solidarity with children in another part of the world. This year we are going to reach out to the children in Cameroon. Many children in Cameroon are extremely poor and in need of basic things like paper and pencils. The children's collection will be sent to a catholic school in Cameroon to help them purchase basic school and sport supplies.

At our Sunday Masses during Lent all of our children will be invited to come up to the front of the Church with their offering (5 cents to a Toonie). A special basket will remain in front of the Altar for their offering throughout Lent.

At Easter we will send everything that is collected through this offering to school children in Cameroon. We have a Missionary priest from Cameroon visiting our Archdiocese and he will be our liaison. During Lent Father George will join us one weekend to tell us about the Church in Cameroon. Archbishop Miller is asking that we as a Parish do what we can to help the Church in Cameroon. This hopefully will be a Lenten Project we can do together in the name of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cameroon.

May our 'Children Reaching Out to Children in Cameroon' this Lent inspire us to reach out to the Church in Cameroon!

### **Vancouver College – Service Project to**

**Peru:** Last weekend it was inspiring to have the boys from Vancouver College tell us about their project to build 2 houses for the poor in Peru. The boys who spoke to us last weekend witnessed that our youth have good hearts and are filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Our Catholic schools are forming young people in the Faith and cultivating a depth of character, mind and soul within them. Let us pray that every child has access to such faith and formation.

**Baptism:** As a Parish family we welcome baby Ethan into God's family. Ethan is the 3-month old son of Sophie Chong and John Snyder. A circle of grace surrounded baby Ethan at his baptism – mom and dad, grandparents, godparents along with other family ... It was a blessed experience for the whole family. May the circle of grace and love always circle this holy family and lead them into ever deeper relationships of love, prayer, joy and hope.



❖ **Taize Prayer Service at Immaculate**  
**March 20 at 7pm**

❖ **IC School Spring Break : March 25 – 29**

### ✍ Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday – March 6

First Sunday of Lent – March 10

Evening of Reconciliation/Holy Hour – March 12

Holy Hour and the Angelus – March 13

Palm Sunday – April 14

Holy Thursday – April 18

Good Friday – April 19

Easter Sunday – April 21

First Holy Communion – May 5

Confirmation – May 15

MayFair – May 25

KOC Pancake Breakfast for Altar Servers – Jun 23