

2nd Sunday of Lent February 25th, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

At the top of the mountain Peter, James, and John could see the glory of God present in the person of Christ. *"It is good for us to be here"*, says Peter. We do not have to climb to the top of a mountain to experience God's glory.

We can witness God's glory every day in simple acts of generosity and kindness. When we use and share our gifts for God's glory our lives, and the lives of others, are transfigured. Each of us has a role to play in advancing God's Kingdom.

It is good for us to be *here*, and to share the gifts God gives us here and now. Not only for the sake of our eternal reward in heaven, but to do good here and now for the sake of making this a better world.

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Condolences: As a Parish family we extend our prayer and love to Monika, Eric, Fenna and Torsten Young. Monika's dad †Juris died this past Saturday after a short stay at St. John Hospice. His grandchildren Fenna and Torsten were the joy and blessing of his life. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May †Juris – a beloved dad, father-in-law and grandfather – through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Reconciliation / Confession Schedule

Vancouver College – February 27th
St. Patrick High School – March 7th
Little Flower Academy – March 6th
Immaculate Conception School – March 9th & 12th
P.R.E.P – TBA

✍ Mark Your Calendar

Wed, Feb 28: Lenten Evening Mass at 7 pm
Wed, Feb 28: Parish Lenten Prayer
11:30am – 12:30pm
Fri, March 23: Sacrament of the Sick at 11am
Fri, March 30: Good Friday
Sun, April 1: Easter Sunday

❖ Lenten Prayer ❖

You are invited to come and spend some time in prayer **every Wednesday during Lent**. The church will be opened from 11:30am to 12:30pm for quiet reflection. At noon, we will gather to pray the Angelus and to 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.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - INTENSIVE PRAYER

The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade, a prayer warriors group of the Office of the Filipino Ministry (<http://rcav.org/Filipino-Ministry>) gather month-to-month in different parishes for Intensive Prayer with Scriptural Rosaries during a 3-hour Eucharistic Adoration ... for peace, for healing, for various other intentions.

For March, this will be on **March 10, 1 – 4 pm in the Immaculate Conception Church, 3778 W. 28th Ave., Vancouver**. Prayers are in English and invitation is for all. Please come join us. Petitions and Thanksgiving boxes are provided and will be brought to the Blessed Sacrament before start of the Adoration.

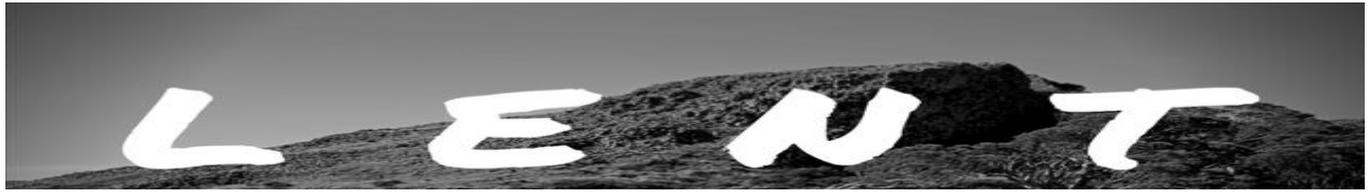
Sacrament of the Sick

On Friday, March 23rd, our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at 11am. This celebration is a tremendous 'grace and comfort' for anyone needing healing in mind, body or spirit. This is a Liturgy where you might like to invite a family member or friend to join you.



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R.C.I.A. : Our next RCIA gathering will be held on Friday, March 2nd at 7:30pm.



Wednesday Evening Mass

& Opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent:

During Lent there will be an evening Mass at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Lent is a good time to ponder how we exercise 'stewardship' in reference to the use of our time? Do we make time to pray – turn to God so that grace may more fully shape and form our life, family and other relationships. Hopefully this evening Mass will provide an opportunity for all who are working during the day to discover a time to pray as well as have an opportunity to make a good confession. Confessions will be heard after this Mass until 8:00 pm. Come and restore your soul through the celebration of the life giving and healing Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Lenten Reflection ...

On mount Tabor the apostles got a glimpse of the glory that belonged to Jesus as the Son of God. So wonderful was this experience that Peter exclaimed, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.' And surely it is good for us to be here this day ...

Lord, we thank you for bringing us together as the body of Christ – the Church, Because we get a glimpse of our glory, for we too are children of God and heirs to eternal life.

May our lives reflect the glory for which we are destined.

Lenten Reflection ...

In pruning a fruit tree, the aim is not to inflict damage on the tree, but to rid it of dead or superfluous branches, so that it can produce more and better fruit.

Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time...

There may be things in our lives that sap our energy, and diminish our spiritual fruitfulness.

What do we need to prune ourselves of this Lent,
So that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true vine?

Children Reaching Out To Children

The children in the Parish are reaching out in solidarity with the children in our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam this Lent. These schools are in need of simple sports equipment like soccer balls! So during Lent our children are taking up a special children's collection – '5 cents to a Toonie' so that we can gift our sister schools in Haiti and Vietnam with soccer balls at Easter time.

Moms and dads 'you' were generous last Sunday giving your children change for this collection – might you consider having your children 'tithe' – 5 cents to a Toonie from their allowance – for this offering?

This way it is truly 'children reaching out in solidarity to children'. For the adults who also made an offering – it reminds us that we all have the heart of a child and value opportunities to be in solidarity with another in need.