

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



St. Luke's account of the transfiguration event is the only one that includes the necessity of the passion on the journey to glory ("his exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem"). Peter awakens from sleep to see Jesus' glory and wants to stay there ("it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings"). "But he did not know what he said." To share in the glory of Jesus, disciples must walk the journey of Jesus: offer our very lives for the sake of others. Jesus' transfiguration—in all its glory—cannot erase the stark reality of self-offering. Simply put, glory comes only through embracing the passion. This is the paradox of the paschal mystery: that something as desirable as a share in Jesus' transfigured glory only comes through our embracing something as demanding as dying to self for the good of others. In this glorious

moment of transfiguration, we are given encouragement and hope on our Lenten journey by coming down off the mountain and walking our own journey through death to glory.

St. Paul assures us that we will be conformed to Jesus' glory. This promise strengthens us to be subjected to Christ and "stand firm in the Lord."

We are invited this Sunday to see our baptism in light of the transfiguration. Baptism is not simply a ritual we perform but a covenant we live out the rest of our lives. By embracing suffering and death we come to share in God's life even now as we look forward to that day when we will share eternal glory with God.

✠ PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: E. Balao-Almario, Cantiller, J. Cardoso, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, M. Fedyk, F. Labis, Jr., L. Lida, Luke Jr., I. Meszaros, M. Monahan, D. Ngui, E. Phipps, J. Plattig, N. Reyes, L. Shepard, G. Yasmine and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ our Lord be their strength and healing.



KUDOS—ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY Our annual collection for the archdiocese's priest retirement support is **\$7,414**. Thank you for your generous response. May the Lord bless us all!

JESUIT SUPERIORS' MEETING Fr. Robert will be in Guelph, Ontario for the Jesuit meeting next weekend.

WELCOME Fr. Steve LeBlanc, S.J. from the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ontario, who will be leading us in the Novena of Grace beginning on March 4th. Please pray with us especially for the spiritual renewal of our parish.

PARISH MISSION Fr. Steve LeBlanc, S.J. will be here to lead us in the Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier, starting March 4th to 12th, at 9:00 am and 7:15 pm (except Saturday and Sunday), in honour of the 400th Anniversary death of Fr. Matteo Ricci, S.J. in Beijing, China. Come and pray with us!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent, we will make the Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 AM Mass on Fridays except during the Novena (March 4th to 12th). Please come and join us in preparation for the celebration of Easter.



ABSTINENCE From meat on Fridays, especially during Lent—Catholics may substitute act of charity or piety on this day.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Mar. 1	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving Mary Law
Tuesday	Mar. 2	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Renee Lopez-Lieu.
Wednesday	Mar. 3	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Fr. Jan. Jaworski.
Thursday	Mar. 4	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Theodore Putt.
Friday	Mar. 5	<u>9:00 am</u> For the repose of the soul of Federico Labis, Sr.
Saturday	Mar. 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Fr. Robert Wong, S.J. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Janine Lieu
Sunday	Mar. 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Hermie Cruz. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION/BENEDICTION

"Come and be still" for awhile next Saturday when we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am until Mass time. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass. Come and join us for our communal friendships.

MADONNA HOUSE *The Sacraments as the Wellspring of Life*—Please join MH for the 6th day in their Treasures of Faith series on Saturday, March 6, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. John the Apostle parish hall, 5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver. Lunch will be served, cost is by donation. Please call Madonna House to register, 604-267-1757 or email: madonna02@shaw.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWAKEN THE PRESENCE OF LOVE IN YOUR LIVES

Discover how the mystics were awakened to the presence of Love, and how it was vividly reflected in their lives at this upcoming Lenten Retreat led by Sr. Cecilia Hudec. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on March 6th at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre. Register by calling 604-272-4779, or Email: earthliterations@shaw.ca



WESTMINSTER ABBEY To host retreat in March. Attend a Newman Association Retreat at Westminster Abbey with Fr. Bob Mitchell, OFM, which runs from March 12 at 7:30 pm to March 14, 1:30 pm. Fr. Bob will speak on "A Crucible of Love". Call Catherine at 604-266-8273 or Barb at 604-929-5353 for info or to register.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP DAY With Fr. Daniel Mahan, on Saturday, March 13th at Star of the Sea Parish, 2250 150th Street, South Surrey. The day starts with Mass at 8:00 am and finishes at 3:00 pm. Please call 604-531-5739 for registration information. Fr. Mahan is a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and he wonderfully presents the four characteristics of a good steward as one who:

- receives God's gifts with **gratitude**;
- cherishes those gifts with **responsibility**;
- shares those gifts **generously**, from a sense of justice and love; and
- makes a return to the Lord**, with increase.

Holy Name Parish will pay for our first five attendees.

PRAY, FAST AND PRACTICE ALMSGIVING AT UBC with the UBC Catholic Campus Ministry and St. Mark's College. Send your prayer requests and they will be placed in the Chapel. Students and staff will be rotating a fast throughout Lent and adding daily prayer. Email: stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com for more info or join us on Facebook "UBC Catholic Campus Ministry"

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR The Spring Session of the Catholic Bible Seminar is being held at St. Paul's Parish hall, 8251 St. Alban's Rd., Richmond, on the weekend of April 9th, 10th & 11th on "The Book of ISAIAH" (continued) and the presenter is Fr. Jim Nisbet of Spreckles, California. For more info, please call Gerry or Zela at 604-882-9205.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Feeling stressed and need a break? How about a private weekend getaway for the two of you at a nice local resort in White Rock. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 9—11. Call or email: Steve & Mary at 604-876-7298 or sbohnen@interchange.ubc.ca

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 30th, email: 1009@retrouvaille.org

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps. 27;
Philippians 3:17, 4:1; Luke 9:28b-36



Mar. 1, Mon., Daniel 9:3, 4b-10; Ps. 79; Luke 6:36-38

Mar. 2, Tues., Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Ps. 50;
Matt. 23:1-12

Mar. 3, Wed., Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps. 31; Matt. 20:17-28

Mar. 4, Thurs., Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps. 1; Luke 16:19-31

Mar. 5, Fri., Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Ps. 105;
Matt. 21:33-43, 45-46

Mar. 6, Sat., Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps. 103;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "dwelling" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the kingdom.

The Christian life has always been about balancing prayer and action. Busy as He was in spreading the Good News, Jesus always made time for quiet time with His Father. In this Gospel, Peter, usually a man of action, wants just to be still in the presence of the Divine Lord. The stewardship of time and talent is like that: we put our talents to work in the Lord's service, while we use the gift of time to listen and talk with the Lord. Prayer is a vital part of every steward's life.

STAND UP FOR LIFE At St. Francis de Sales Church hall, 6610 Balmoral St., Burnaby on Monday, March 15, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. They will be watching a movie called "Turning the Tide", listening to testimonies and discussing. For more info, call Anna at 604-527-0350.

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB To host a St. Patrick's dance on Saturday, March 20 at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Call Lina at 604-433-0055 for more info.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES Is holding a volunteer training program on March 27, April 10, 17 and 24 at St. Augustine's School, 2145 W. 8th Avenue, Vancouver, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Registration deadline is March 19, call 604-640-7549 or email: das_olgcs@telus.net

YOUNG ADULTS NEEDED FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM The Youth Ministry Office is seeking older teens and young adults to apply for our Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team. This dynamic team of youth and young adults will lead recently confirmed youth at our 5-day post-confirmation event in August, 2010. This is an amazing leadership training opportunity! More info and application form at www.youthmin.com