

APRIL 11TH, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



Three times in the gospel the risen Lord addresses the gathered disciples, “Peace be with you.” What is this peace he brings? It is a peace that overcomes fears, empowers forgiveness, and prompts us to accept the reality of suffering and death as the doorways to new life. This peace is new life: the Spirit breathed into us by the risen Lord. It is not a peace we can make for ourselves. It is a peace that is the gift of the risen Lord.

The risen Lord has “the keys of death” (second reading). He unlocks the doors to new life not only for himself who is “alive forever and ever” but also for us. We who believe in him as the gospel bids do not live in fear but in the peace his risen life brings.

Peace is the wholeness and well-being of the gift of the Spirit breathed upon us and dwelling within us. This peace bestows on us the life and power of Jesus himself, and with it we can make a difference in our world. The condition for this gift is belief. Belief is not merely an exercise in intellectual consent but a commitment of self to acceptance of the Life that is given us. We know *to whom and what* our belief is directed to: to Jesus and the gift of new life. We know *how* we receive new life: through Jesus’ gift of the breath of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. We know the *fruit* of this new life: peace and forgiveness.

We have these fifty days of Easter to come to greater belief, forgive, spread peace. We have our whole lifetime to manifest the good works of our belief.

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

BRIDGE The Seniors Outreach Group invite you to join them for bridge every Thursday afternoon, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

TO PARISHIONERS If you would like to donate to the CWL Spring Fair, please drop off your items at the parish hall from April 13-16 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Baking will be accepted on April 16, 17 or 18. Thank you from the CWL ladies.



COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY A second collection will be taken next weekend for the needy.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses, in conjunction with the CWL Spring Fair. All are welcome.

LINE DANCING Resumes on Wednesday, at 1:30 to 3:00 pm. For more info, call Pat at 604-266-6179.

DIVINE MERCY MASS Come to St. Theresa’s Parish, 5146 Laurel St., in Burnaby today, April 11, at 3:00 pm for Mass with a homily on Divine Mercy, as well as a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and litany. Confessions available from 1:00 to 2:45 pm.

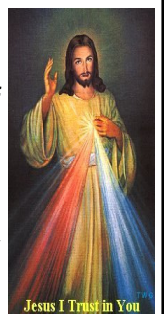
BEAUTY AND SACRED ART Come discover the glory of our Church in and through her art and worship. Hosted by Madonna House and held in St. John the Apostle parish hall, 5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver, on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Please register by calling Madonna House at 604-267-1757 or email: madonna02@shaw.ca

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Apr. 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Sr. Therese Kergoat.
Tuesday	Apr. 13	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Christine & Anthony Heung.
Wednesday	Apr. 14	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Jozef Kolvek.
Thursday	Apr. 15	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Eileen Wong
Friday	Apr. 16	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Alphonsus.
Saturday	Apr. 17	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Marko Jurisevic. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Anna Chok.
Sunday	Apr. 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The message of the Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us—all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him with trust, receive his mercy and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.



Jesus I Trust in You

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL SPRING FAIR

Saturday, April 17, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sunday, April 18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
At Holy Name Parish Hall

Featuring: Near new clothing, garage sale items, books and plants,
handmade craft, homemade baking and Tea Garden

Raffle: Draw at 12:30 pm on April 18

For Info: call Phyllis at 604-327-7555

EXORCIST OF MUMBAI COMING TO VANCOUVER

Fr. Rufus Pereira, an RC priest and exorcist will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm and pray with individuals for healing and deliverance on Sunday, April 18 & Monday, April 19 at St. Mary's, 5251 Joyce St., and on Tuesday to Thursday, April 20-22 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 10th Avenue, in Burnaby.

NORTH SHORE CATHOLIC SEMINAR SERIES

Presents "Cutting through the controversy: What did Pope Benedict really say in Caritas in Veritate", presented by Daniel Hahn, coordinator of Office of Service & Justice. Friday, April 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Christ the Redeemer Parish, 599 Keith Rd., West Vancouver. For info, call 778-839-4884 or go to www.nscdg.ca

JIM MURPHY TO HOST HEALING SERVICE

Lay Catholic Evangelist, Jim Murphy, will conduct a healing Service at St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce Street, Vancouver, on Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! See details on: www.vccrs.ca

JEFF CAVINS COMING TO VANCOUVER

Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the gospel of Matthew on May 8, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish bible study leaders on Friday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Info and registration at www.rcav.org/ore or call the ORE office at 604-683-0281.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY

Vancouver's Catholic High School for girls is inviting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for prospective Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. If interested, please contact Kathi at 604-738-9016, ext 222 or fill out the waiting list application form posted on our website at: www.lfabc.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL (Marpole)

Is now accepting applications for September 2010. Registration packages for Kindergarten to Grade 7 are available at the school, the parish office or on their website. For more info, call 604-261-4043. You can also go to their website at: www.stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca

Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Ps. 118; Rev. 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31



Apr. 12, Mon., Acts 4:23-31; Ps. 2; John 3:1-8

Apr. 13, Tues., Acts 4:32-37; Ps. 93; John 3:7b-15

Apr. 14, Wed., Acts 5:17-26; Ps. 34; John 3:16-21

Apr. 15, Thursday, Acts 5:27-33, Ps. 34; John 3:31-36

Apr. 16, Friday, Acts 5:34-42; Ps. 27; John 6:1-15

Apr. 17, Saturday, Acts 6:1-7; Ps. 33; John 6:16-21

MARCH FOR LIFE The 3rd annual March for Life takes place in Victoria, on Thursday, May 13th. The theme is *Life: The First Human Right*. The March begins with Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral at noon and walk to Parliament Building. The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 14459 is organizing a bus trip. It departs at 7:00 am from St. Casimir's Parish, 1187 E. 27th Ave., Vancouver and will be returning to Vancouver approximately 8:00 pm. For more info, please call 604-421-7695.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord." (John 20:29; Acts 5:14)

Every parent knows that children learn so much more from what adults DO than from what adults SAY. Example is the most powerful teacher ever devised. In part that is why Christ came to earth. He became man, lived among us, and showed us how to live according to His Father's will. People are drawn to Jesus because He lived love. Today, He wants us to live love even as He did. "See how those Christians love one another!" was the cry of the ancient pagans. That same example will bring people to Christ in our time.