

MARCH 7TH, 2010 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



The first two events reported in the gospel involve tragic death and Jesus uses them to make absolute that unless we repent, we also will die. Then in the parable of the fig tree, Jesus reveals the patience of God with us, despite our slowness to repent. How merciful is our God (see psalm)! This is God's work of mercy: to take what is almost dead and bring it back to new life. This is our work of repentance to turn from sinfulness toward God's transforming mercy.

St. Paul recounts incidents from Israel's history that, like the tragic events told in the gospel, call us to immediate and radical repentance. We can never stand secure but must always be alert to receive God's gracious acts on our behalf.

Repentance is changing one's mind, letting go of the narrowness of our own perception of how life should be and embracing the expansiveness of God's plan for salvation. The dying of self of repentance and coming to new life through God's gracious mercy

characterize our Christian living, and make real and concrete our baptismal commitment. If we wish to bear fruit we must die to ourselves. Here is an interesting paradox: if we don't bear fruit, we die, but we must die to bear fruit. The choice before us is about dying: meaningless dying (selfishness) or fruitful dying to self for the sake of others. The good news is that God never gives up on us. God is ever patient, ever merciful. God never gives up on us.

✠ 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.



NOVENA OF GRACE to St. Francis Xavier continues until Friday, March 12th. The Masses are at 9 AM and 7:15 PM with confessions after the morning Mass and 6:45 PM before the evening Mass. If you cannot join this Mission, please keep this Novena for the Spiritual Renewal of our parish in our personal prayers. A special dedicated prayer card is also available for your perusal. Thank YOU!

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. You want to pre-register for this special opportunity to learn from Fr. Dan Mahan, whom Fr. Robert has met many times at Stewardship Conferences.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Starts next Sunday, March 14th. Please move your clocks one hour ahead. "Spring forward, fall back!"

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Mar. 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Luis Enrique Salazar.
Tuesday	Mar. 9	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Bob & Toni Turnbull
Wednesday	Mar. 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Catherine Vong.
Thursday	Mar. 11	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow.
Friday	Mar. 12	<u>9:00 am</u> For the special intention of Vincent Ho.
Saturday	Mar. 13	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For living and deceased Members of the Legion of Mary. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Virgie Corpus.
Sunday	Mar. 14	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Tony Ng. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.



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.

If anyone would like to buy a book for the Stations of the Cross, they are available at the rectory office.

SENIOR'S TEA Please mark Tuesday, March 16th, at 2:00 pm in your calendars. We will be having a Senior's Tea to mark St. Patrick's day. All senior's are welcome. Food, prizes and entertainment. Wear something green for the occasion!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE Our parish will have our Lenten Penitential service on Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 pm. We will have several priests come to hear your confessions. Please mark it in your calendars and make this sacrament a priority in your spiritual life by planning to come.

FROM ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL Attention: **ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YEARS.** On the weekends of March 7th and 14th, your parish will have a parent survey at the entrance of the Church, to help us in planning for the rebuilding of St. Patrick Regional School. We ask you to please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the office by March 31st. Your input is vital to our planning process. Thank you.

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"

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY Fridays during Lent, following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm at St. Anthony's Parish, 2347 Inglewood Ave., West Vancouver.

LENTEN RETREAT March 17, 18 & 19 at 7:00 pm at Guardian Angels Parish, 1161 Broughton Street. Retreat starts with Holy Mass. Theme: "*When God Longs for You*", retreat master is Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, OCD. For more information, please visit: www.guardianangelsocd.org or call 604-684-5775.

INAUGURAL CATHOLIC FORUM Come to St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm to attend the inaugural Catholic Forum with a presentation by Archbishop Michael Miller. The title of the event is *Christians Learn About God and From God*. This event promises to be a great opportunity during this season of Lent to hear from our Archbishop on how we can deepen our love for God.

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.

RETREAT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS On April 21st, Archbishop Michael Miller will be leading a retreat, sponsored by the Catholic Health Assoc. of B.C., for those who work or volunteer in the pastoral care health ministry. Parishioners who visit the sick or elderly in health care facilities and in their homes are encouraged to attend this half-day session at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 315 Walker St., Coquitlam. The Archbishop will be speaking on "Sp Salvi", Pope Benedict's encyclical on Christian Hope. The retreat begins with Mass at 9:00 am and will adjourn at noon. Cost is \$25/person. Deadline for registration is April 16th. For more info, call 604-524-3427 or go to www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

Scripture Readings

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Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps. 103;
1 Cor.10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9



Mar. 8, Mon., 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Ps. 42; Luke 4:24-30

Mar. 9, Tues., Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Ps. 25; Matt. 18:21-35

Mar. 10, Wed., Deut. 4:1, 5-9; Ps. 147; Matt. 5:17-19

Mar. 11, Thurs., Jeremiah 7:23-28; Ps. 95; Luke 11:14-23

Mar. 12, Fri., Hosea 14:1-9; Ps. 81; Mark 12:28b-34

Mar. 13, Sat., Hosea 5:15b-6:6; Ps. 51; Luke 18:9-14

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE Describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as married partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 30th, email 1009@retrouvaille.org or call 604-530-6710.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM 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 Ave., from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Registration deadline is March 19th. For info or to register, email das_olgc@telus.net or call 604-640-7549.

SPRING INSTITUTE COMING TO ST. PATRICK'S Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Ministry Office and held at St. Patrick's High School, the Spring Institute is open to anyone interested in an experience of learning, community and spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and registration, please visit our website at www.rcav.org/ore or call 604-683-0281.

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

NOTRE DAME GRAD CLASS OF 1960 Casual reunion for 1960 ND Grad class to be held in late May or September, 2010. Call Anita at 604-468-0337.