

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 20TH, 2011



When Jesus takes his three closest disciple friends “up a high mountain” and is “transfigured before them,” the disciples are eager to stay. But when the voice from heaven announces who Jesus is and commands them to “listen to him,” their moods shift: they became afraid. Why are they afraid? Because listening to Jesus means not staying put, but moving onward into the unknown (see first reading). The destiny is transfiguration, but the journey is a costly one.

The first reading is about venturing forth and the cost to Abram—kinsfolk and homeland. Abram is commanded by God to leave his homeland and live on a promise of future blessing. Abram lives on a promise; so do we. This promise does more than better the condition of humankind; it offers us a share in divine life. It does have its cost; we must *listen* to Jesus, follow him, carry forth his saving mission, even when it leads to Jerusalem.

St. Paul encourages Timothy to “join [him] in suffering for the Gospel” and assures him that God will give him the necessary strength. Listening to Jesus means embracing the hardship of emptying self and loving others as he did. When we prepare for a journey (for example, vacation, business), we are in control of the destination, the route, the means to get there. On the Christian journey of discipleship we don’t have this kind of control but must surrender to Jesus in trust: “*Listen* to him.” It can come through our practice of taking some time every day to read God’s word in Scripture. It might come through the good modeling of discipleship by another. It might come through the disciplines we choose for Lent. There are many ways God makes known the divine will for us.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMI

Our collection for the needy is next Sunday. This collection will be directed toward the people of Japan who suffered the biggest disaster since World War II. Also, we want to keep them in our prayers as they struggle to rebuild their life and nation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent after the morning Mass on Fridays, we will make the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.



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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast today, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

DISCERN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS; DISCERN YOUR CALL!

The “**Called & Gifted**” Workshop is on Friday, March, 25th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm and Saturday, March 26th, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish, Vancouver. The workshop is offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs, through the Vancouver Archdiocesan Stewardship Office. Come and discover your personal gifts! Coffee breaks and a catered lunch on Saturday will be provided. Cost: \$49. For more information: www.rcav.bc.ca/StewardshipOffice or 604-683-0281; Registration is on-line or at your parish. Our parish will subsidize \$25.00 for each participant from Holy Name.

CONFESSIONS AT HOLY NAME Several priests of our deanery will help us with our Lenten confessions on **Tuesday, April 12**, beginning at 7:00 pm. Other parishes will also have their confessions times posted soon. Confessions are available at Sts. Peter and Paul on this Wednesday, March 23 from 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Mar. 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mark Yuen.
Tuesday	Mar. 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Casey K. C. Chan.
Wednesday	Mar. 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Jimmy Ongking, Sr.
Thursday	Mar. 24	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Grace Sie.
Friday	Mar. 25	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Vincent Ho.
Saturday	Mar. 26	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Justina Norah Umbol. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the souls of Rodolfo Maranon Sr. & Jr.
Sunday	Mar. 28	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Federico Buttner, Sr.

EASTERN CANADA SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to go on a special pilgrimage to the Canadian Shrines (Martyrs’ Shrine, Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph’s Oratory-St. Brother Andre, St. Margaret d’Youville) with Fr. Robert as the Chaplain, on September 16th to 25th. Please contact the parish office or Priscilla at (604) 874-9533, ext. 105 for more details.

3 DAY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE To the Shrine of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon, April 8-10. Fr. Peter Chiang will be the Chaplain. For info, call Priscilla at 604-874-9533, ext. 105

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HN PARISH LENTEN MISSION, April 18, 19, 20

Fr. Johnny Go, S.J., a Jesuit priest of the Philippines Province will come to Holy Name and give our Parish Mission during Holy Week. It will be in the evenings of April 18 to 20, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. The focus will be on *"Judas, Pilate, Peter: The fugitives of Lent"*. Please mark the dates and time in your calendar! All are welcome!

LENTEN VIGIL FOR THE SILENCED We stand in solidarity with those whom Jesus identified. Wednesdays at Noon to 1:00 pm—March 23 at Vancouver Sun Bldg., 200 Granville St.; March 30 at Christ Church Cathedral, corner Burrard & Georgia Sts. For information, call 604-685-9987.

ENHANCE YOUR PRAYER TIME Facilitated by Author Diane Doyle, the Lent Mini Retreat will focus on how you can enhance your prayer time in 5 simple steps using journaling techniques. March 25, 7:00 to 9:30 pm at St. Peter's Church, 330 Royal Ave., New Westminster. Pre-register by calling 604-880-7394.

SEEKING CHRIST A short program that introduces the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, new Catholics and returning ones. It covers three topics—Who is Jesus? Why God? What's God's Plan for me? Program held at St. John the Apostle Parish, 5457 Trafalgar St., on Mar. 31, Apr. 7 and 14, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Call Anthony at 604-209-1001.

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT



Madonna House will lead this spiritual renewal, especially for weary pro-lifers, March 26th, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690—152nd Street, Surrey. It consists of conferences, Mass, confession and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$35/person, includes coffee break and lunch. To register, call Respect Life Office at 604-443-3220. Deadline is March 21st.

INFORMATION MEETINGS ON PERMANENT DIACONATE Archbishop Michael Miller and Msgr. Gregory Smith will be conducting information the next meeting on Permanent Diaconate—April 2 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish, 10222 161st St., Surrey.

A DAY OF CONVERSATION ON RELIGIOUS LIFE A conversation on the call to religious life, prayer, community life, mission and ministry will take place on April 2, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Immaculate Heart Early Childhood Education Centre, 789 Alderson Ave., Coquitlam. To register or for more info, email Sr. Marie Vie at marievie2000@yahoo.com or call 604-874-9371.

SPIRITUAL LENTEN RETREAT A Presentation by Fr. Glenn Dion, sponsored by the CWL of the Holy Rosary Cathedral. The event will be held on April 2, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Lower Hall of the Cathedral, 646 Richards Street. To register, call Angela at 604-682-6774, ext. 5.

TAKE A COURSE WITH THE ARCHBISHOP! St. Mark's College is offering a one-day course with Archbishop Miller, "A New Mission for a New Millenium", April 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, St. Mark's College, 5935 Iona Dr., To register: continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca or call 604-822-4463.

Scripture Readings



Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4, Ps. 33; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Mar. 21, Mon., Daniel 9:3, 4b-10++; Ps. 79; Luke.6:36-38

Mar. 22, Tues., Isaiah 1:10, 16-20, 27-28, 31++; Ps 50: Matt. 23:1-12

Mar. 23, Wed., Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps. 31; Matt. 20:17-28

Mar. 24, Thurs., Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps. 1; Luke 16:19-31

Mar. 25, Fri., **Annunciation of the Lord**

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10d; Ps. 40; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Mar. 26, Sat., Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps. 103; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Saint Matthew's account of Jesus' transfiguration is a preview of the Resurrection and puts into perspective Jesus' sayings about his suffering, rejection and death, and his role as the light of salvation. With the additional command "Listen to him" from the voice in the heavens the transfiguration is also about the disciples' resurrection, and sheds light on Jesus' previous sayings about the cost of discipleship. Are we willing to "listen to him?" Do we believe Christ's claims for our salvation? Are we willing to accept this cost even if it means rejection by others?

DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL? A Lenten Retreat with Sr. Cecilia Hudec SC MA—What helps us to see that the mountain is still worth climbing even when pain and suffering and the seemingly unattainable is before us? These questions will be explored during this retreat to be held on April 2, 9:30 to 4:00 pm at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690—152nd St., Surrey. To register and for more info, email earthliterations@shaw.ca or call 250-380-9786.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar by Vernon Robertson is for you. Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby, on April 9, 9:45 am to 4:00 PM. To pre-register, email varobertson@shaw.ca or call 604-460-0114.

THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD—THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Is John Paul II's teaching on love, life and human sexuality. Discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Fr. Alan Boisclair will present an 11-week course starting April 26 at St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Vancouver and April 28 at St. Monica's Parish, Richmond. Visit www.rcav.org/tob for more info and registration.

LENT A time of penance and interior renewal. It brings us the unique opportunity to work towards conversion and to prepare ourselves for the Easter Season.