

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 17TH, 2011



Matthew's passion account is unique in that he shows how much Jesus seems to be alone in his darkest hour. In our most awful hour it would be difficult for us even to imagine the utter abandonment Jesus experienced at his trial, during his suffering, while dying on the cross. At his hour of need Jesus is left alone to face the ultimate abandonment—death itself.

Abandonment has two faces. On the one hand, Jesus suffers abandonment not only by his followers but even by God. On the other hand, Jesus freely chooses an abandonment of his own: letting go of his rightful claim to “equality with God” (second reading), to his human dignity, and to life itself. For his choice to abandon all, God lifts Jesus in exaltation. This is more than the “plot” of Holy Week; it is the core of Christian life.

By accepting the two faces of abandonment—abandoning and being abandoned—Jesus already was showing us the cost of dying to self. Only by emptying ourselves can we share in the exaltation of new life. Only by abandoning the passing things that we think will lift us up, such as human pride, honor and materialism, can we be lifted up by God to grasp a share of divinity and “confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Holy Week reminds us of these demands of self-giving. All of our daily living throughout the year reminds us that, ultimately, like Jesus, we must give ourselves over to God so that we might share in divine life.

This week we celebrate the deepest meaning of our Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum liturgies or as demanding as to recognize what in our lives we still need to let go to be exalted as sons and daughters of God living new life.

KUDOS — Our contribution to SHARE LENT 2011 “BUILDING A WORLD OF JUSTICE” is \$2671.

HN PARISH LENTEN MISSION—CANCELLED!

Fr. Johnny Go, S.J., sends his regrets for being unable to come for our Lenten Mission.

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

LINE DANCING No Line Dancing this coming Wednesday. It will resume on the Wednesday after Easter. Info, please call Pat at 604-266-6179.

EASTERN CANADA PILGRIMAGE Join Fr. Robert Wong on a 10 day tour to see the Shrines in Eastern Canada (Martyrs' Shrine, Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph's Oratory-St. Brother Andre, St. Margaret d'Youville), on September 16th to 25th. Please contact the parish office or Priscilla of Sampaguita Travel at 604-874-9533, ext 105, for more details.

LENT—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Confession is a key means of preparing for Easter. Parishes throughout the Archdiocese are holding special penitential services in Lent to help all of us prepare; visit <http://www.rcav.org/lent> for the schedule. READ the message of His Holiness, Pope Benedict and about abstinence during Lent.

“THIS SIDE OF EDEN” Today, Palm Sunday, at 9:30 pm, Salt + Light TV will broadcast the premier of a program on Westminster Abbey's Holy Week services, entitled “THIS SIDE OF EDEN”, It will broadcast on Shaw Digital Cable (160) and TELUS Optik TV (159) and also via satellite on Bell ExpressVu (654). For more info, visit: saltandlighttv.org or call 1-888-302-7181.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	April 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Glyn Shepard.
Tuesday	April 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Cham.
Wednesday	April 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Wendy Chan & Jonathan Au.
Thursday	April 21	Mass of the Lord's Supper <u>7:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mercedes V. Jaudines.
Friday	April 22	Good Friday—No Mass <u>3:00 p.m.</u> The Lord's Passion
Saturday	April 23	Holy Saturday <u>9:00 p.m.</u> Easter Vigil For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners
Sunday	April 24	Easter Sunday <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Justin Lieu <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Vanessa Ho.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE SERIES The Gospel of Matthew is the gospel for this liturgical year. The twenty-four sessions will be divided into two parts. This first part will start on Wednesday, April 27 to July 13. The second part will continue on September 7 to November 23. The cost is \$35, for the student workbook. The registration forms are available in the vestibule or in the office. For more info please check out the poster on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



April 20, Wednesday 9:00 am Mass
Chrism Mass, 5:00 pm
 At Holy Rosary Cathedral

April 21, Holy Thursday **NO MORNING MASS**
7:00 PM **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows until 10:00 pm)

April 22, Good Friday **NO MORNING MASS**
9:30 AM—10:30 AM **Confessions**
11:00 AM **Stations of the Cross**
3:00 PM **The Lord's Passion**



GOOD FRIDAY is a universal day of *fasting and abstinence* from meat. This directive binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION On **Good Friday** will be in support of the Christian communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy sites and the formation of future priests. Let us give generously.

April 23, Holy Saturday **NO MORNING & 5:00 PM MASS**
9:00—10:00 AM **Confessions**
9:00 PM **Gathering for the Easter Vigil**

April 24, Easter Sunday **9:00 & 11:00 am Masses**
4:30 pm Chinese Mass

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Penitential Services in the Parishes of our Deanery

April 17th, Sunday, 7 pm	St. Patrick
April 18th, Monday, 6 pm	Guardian Angels
April 19th, Tuesday, 7 pm	St. John the Apostle
April 19th, Tuesday, 7:30 pm	Blessed Sacrament

Scripture Readings



Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps. 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Matt. 26:14—27:66

Apr. 18, Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps. 27; John 12:1-11

Apr. 19, Tues., Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 71; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Apr. 20, Wed., Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps. 69; Matt. 26:14-26

Apr. 21, Thurs., **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps. 116; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Apr. 22, Fri., **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
 Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Ps. 31; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 John 18:1—19:42

Apr. 23, Sat., **Easter Vigil**
 Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil: seven from the old Testament and two from the New.
 Epistle: Romans 6:3-11; Gospel: Matt. 28:1-10

LENTE VIGIL FOR THE SILENCED We stand in solidarity with those whom Jesus identified. on Good Friday, April 22, Way of the Cross—beginning 12:30 at Lutheran Urban Ministry, 360 Jackson Avenue.

ABLAZE AT ST. MARY'S, VANCOUVER A Seminar on Life in the Spirit—listen to great speakers, Fr. Pierre Leblond, OP and Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP on April 29, begins with Mass at 7:00 pm and April 30, begins with Mass at 9:00 am. The event takes place in the basement of St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce Street. For more info, call 604-435-9611 or visit: www.stmarysvancouver.ca

LEARN YOUR CATHOLIC FAMILY STORY Enjoy a crash course in Church history or choose another one-day course, open to all, in Evangelizing Catholics, Apologetics, Theology of the Body or Basics of the Faith. Come to the Archdiocesan Spring Institute on April 30 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey. Info and registration: www.rcav.org/winter or call 604-683-0281.

FEDERAL ELECTION 2011 The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment in the upcoming federal election. Click on http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2011_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf for the 2011 Federal Election guide.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Seminar by Vernon Robertson at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 2465 Crown St. Vancouver on May 6th at 7:00 to 9:00 pm and May 7th, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. To pre-register for free manual, email: varobertson@shaw.ca or call 604-461-0114.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians he makes clear that Christ "emptied himself." He was not "full of himself." Jesus embraced the characteristics of humility, service and obedience to carry out the will of the Father. Christian stewards know that there is no room for the Lord in a life that is full of oneself. Christian stewards follow Christ's example by taking on the characteristics of humility, servanthood and obedience. Our culture does not reward this attitude. But God exalts those stewards who for His sake, empty themselves. It is only when we empty ourselves that there is room for God to work within us.

Our Parish's Church 50th Anniversary—May 28th!

5:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Name
 Followed by a delicious catered Ukrainian dinner at
 St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre
 550 W. 14th Avenue, Vancouver
\$35.00 for adults
\$25.00 for seniors and youths 6 –12, Under 6 – Free
 You may purchase your tickets at the Parish Office during office hours

If you know former parishioners who would like to join us, please feel free to let them know—"Homecoming!"
 If you need a ride or know of someone who needs a ride, please call the rectory office at 604-261-9393.