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Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT: FEBRUARY 18, 2024

LENT HAS BEGUN!

And we have ideas for you ...

FAITH STUDIES



Discovery (led by Lynne and Tom St. Louis) at **7:00pm** begins Monday February 19.

Source (led by Angie Dee) at **10:30am** begins Tues-

day February 20.

Source (led by Megan and Miguel) began last Thursday February 15.

These are small group sessions and registration is required. Last minute registrants are welcomed as long as they send an email **this Sunday February 18** to:

Lynne (stlouis99@gmail.com) for Discovery.

Angie (angelyndee@hotmail.com) for Source.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Come and pray The Stations of the Cross together as a parish community every Friday in Lent at 7pm beginning this Friday, February 16.

PROGRAMS ABOUT LENT

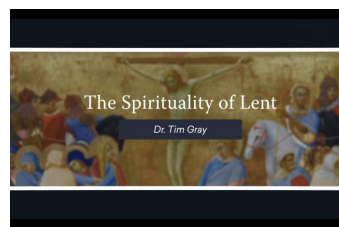


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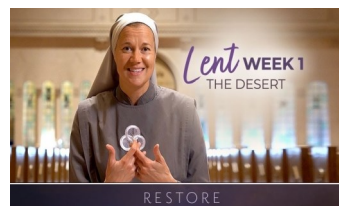
Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Dr. Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality.



Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland

Sr. Miriam James reflects on the theme of the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him.

Remember community and family in the Year of the Dragon



Archbishop Miller's New Year Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we welcome the Lunar Year of the Dragon, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt prayers to all those celebrating this auspicious occasion. The Lunar New Year is a time of joy and renewal deeply rooted in the rich traditions of Asian cultures. It offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the past year and to look forward with hope to the year ahead.

The Christian tradition likewise emphasizes the need for personal renewal and transformation. The dragon, a symbol of strength and good fortune in many Asian countries, can remind us that we are called to embody courageous strength in our spiritual lives. Just as the dragon is considered a protector, we too should be guardians of our faith, upholding truth, compassion and justice in our lives.

This year, as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, let us remember the importance of community and family, values that are cherished both in Asian cultures and in our Catholic faith. Let us also seek to build bridges of understanding and solidarity across different cultures, recognizing the beauty and wisdom that each tradition brings to our shared human experience.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate the Lunar Year of the Dragon, may you be blessed with good health, peace, and joy in the Lord. May this new year be filled with God's grace, guiding you to embrace greater love of neighbour, understanding and harmony in our troubled world.

With cordial greetings and invoking the Lord's blessing upon you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✙ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver



Happy Lunar New Year

May all families who celebrate give thanks for God's blessings!

Tickets are going fast for the 2024 Annual Knights of Columbus Lunar New Year Dinner! Saturday February 24 at 6:00 PM. Come celebrate the Lunar New Year—Enter the Year of the Dragon. Good food, fun, and door prizes. There will be a Lion Dance this year!!! Adults \$28.00; Seniors \$25.00; Children 8-15 \$10.00; Children under 8 Free. Tickets are also on sale at the parish office on weekdays.

The Most Holy Eucharist: Gift and Sacrament

Lenten Parish Mission at Sts. Peter & Paul with Father Wade Menezes, CPM. Mission topics include:

- The Eucharist as Foreshadowed Both in the Old and New Testaments
- The Church Fathers on Eucharistic Doctrine
- Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement: The Saints and the Eucharist
- The 'Most Blessed' of the Seven Sacraments

On **Monday, February 19, until Thursday, February 22**, from **7:00—8:00 pm**, at Sts. Peter & Paul in Vancouver. There will also be time for Confession before the mission talks. Learn more via beholdvancouver.org/events.

An Important Message on Pastoral Care



Help your parish help you!

Following the example of Jesus, the Church makes caring for the sick an important part of its ministry and mission: “The Lord himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do likewise.” (*Rite for the Anointing of the Sick*). Catholic health care facilities continue to play an important role in our Archdiocese, while a regular program of pastoral care is carried on by the parish in homes, care facilities, and hospitals.

Our parish cares for the sick and infirm in two main ways. The priests ensure that the sick and the dying receive the sacraments and celebrate other rites with them and their families at the appropriate times. We no longer speak of the anointing of the sick as “the last rites,” because the Sacrament of the Sick is meant to sustain the sick in time of illness and even, when appropriate, to promote their recovery.

This sacrament “gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick: by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptations of the Evil One and against anxiety over death. Thus the sick person is able not only to bear the suffering bravely, but also to fight against it. A return to physical health may follow the reception of this sacrament if it will be beneficial to the sick person's salvation.”

There are, however, other rites the priests celebrate with the dying and their families, at appropriate times. Ministry to the dying “places emphasis on trust in the Lord's promise to eternal life rather than on the struggle against illness, which is characteristic of the pastoral care of the sick.”

Our dedicated volunteer ministers, assisted by Fr. Jose, regularly take Holy Communion to parishioners who are infirm, rather than acutely ill, whether at home or at some local care facilities.

At Vancouver General and St. Paul's Hospitals chaplains and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion daily visit sick parishioners and those recovering from surgery.

Identifying yourself as a Catholic on admission to hospital helps to ensure these pastoral visits.

Obviously, this is a complex ministry involving many people, serving an increasing number of the sick and infirm. We can't provide good pastoral care to the sick without your help. We need to hear from you!

What you can do

- Whenever a family member falls seriously ill, call the rectory immediately. **Do not leave a voicemail in such cases.** Always make personal contact with the rectory staff, or with one of the priests on their cell phones. If you do not make contact, reach the on-call Catholic priest at VGH or St. Paul's through the hospital switchboards—they carry a cell phone 24/7 .
- Call the parish office in advance whenever you anticipate that you or a family member will have a hospital stay of more than two nights, or are preparing for any major surgery. The Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated in the church, at home, or in hospital.
- In emergencies, call Msgr. Smith on his cell phone 604-657-3715.
- Do not hesitate to ask to receive Holy Communion at home, regularly, or whenever you will be missing more than two Sundays for reasons of health.

YOUNG ADULTS! Celebrate with IGNITE on Saturday night...



Yes, it's Lent—but we are celebrating the Lunar New Year together this Sat- urday February 17.

Join other young adults , ages 19-39 at dinner in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and have your say in shaping this exciting new ministry!

Please bring a personal item for Show and Tell that says something unique about you so that we can get to know each other better.

RSVP at holynameparish.ca/youngadults.

Questions about the group?

Email ignite@holynameparish.ca.



The Second Collection today Sunday February 18 (1st Sunday of Lent) is for St. Joseph's Society, which supports our retired priests with comfortable living environments, quality medical care, and other essential services. Due to a shortage of priests, many priests in our Archdiocese continue to serve even past their retirement. Let us show our gratitude in a tangible way to our retired priests who dedicate their lives to the Church!



Donate to our Weekly Collection

Scan this QR code to make your donation online or visit

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19— Sunday, February 25, 2024

(† Deceased)

Monday.....	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday.....	Sr. Josephine Carney †
Wednesday.....	Sandra Young
Thursday.....	Thomas Choy Jr. †
Friday.....	Margaret Colley †
Saturday 9:00am.....	CWL HNJ Members
Saturday 5:00pm.....	Holy Name Parish
Sunday 9:00am.....	Elizabeth Ong †
Sunday 11:00am.....	Holy Souls †