



Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Pastor: Father Rodney Nootebos

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 8:30 to 8:50 am

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

First Saturday of the month 8:00 to 9:00 am

Holy Hour

Second Thursday of the month 7:00 to 8:00 pm

PASTORAL CARE

Baptisms: Please call the pastor to arrange for baptismal preparation and scheduling.

Marriage: Couples wishing to marry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish should contact the pastor at least six months in advance to make the necessary arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick: Anyone who is shut-in or who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion is asked to please phone the Pastor.

Funerals: We will do our best to accommodate the wishes with the bereaved with regard to scheduling. In order to ensure availability of the church and clergy at the desired time, please contact the pastor or the parish office prior to making arrangements with a funeral director.

E-Bulletin: Sign up to receive an electronic copy of the parish bulletin directly to your email inbox every Friday.

Visit www.holynameparish.ca/emailsSignup

WELCOME TO HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

If you are a new parishioner who has moved into the area and wishes to join our faith community of Holy Name of Jesus, please register yourself and your family using the registration card in the vestibule or you may go online to our website at www.holynameparish.ca. You may place your completed form in the Sunday collection or drop it off at the parish office. Please be sure to inform the parish office when you are moving away from the parish. Thank you for your attention.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Discipleship Coordinator	Angelyn Dee	angie@holynameparish.ca
Director of Music	Kristin Fung	604-261-9393, ext. 6
Children's Religious Education (PREP)	Katrina King	katrina@holynameparish.ca
Catholic Women's League	Charity Chen	604-261-8017
Knights of Columbus	Paul Fang, Gr. Knight	604-730-8028
Hospitality	Mike O'Neill	welcome@holynameparish.ca
Legion of Mary	Katrina King	katrina@holynameparish.ca
Altar Servers	William Coligado	altarservers@holynameparish.ca
Lectors	Kristin Fung	lector@holynameparish.ca
Parish Home Ministry of Care (Outreach)		604-261-9393
Seniors Outreach		604-261-9393

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 26, 2023

From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parishioners,

This week you will find our financial statement for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2022. As you will see, we have a fairly healthy amount in our bank account thanks to your incredible generosity over the years! That being said, we have had a number of larger expenses that have contributed to a deficit of around \$87k. This includes the repairs done to the drainage system around the church and the updating of our ambo and Marian statue, plus various odds and ends that needed maintenance or repairs. You will notice that the largest expense, however, is for salaries and benefits. Currently we have two full-time employees (Parish Administrative Assistant, Pastor), and four part-time employees (Custodian, Housekeeper/Cook, Director of Music, Discipleship Coordinator). In one of my first homilies as pastor, I mentioned that my vision for this parish is to become a model parish of evangelization. Every parish is called to be this – in fact, it is the very mission of the Church and the reason parishes exist – but most are lacking. I said that one indication of whether a parish considers this to be important or not, is where they spend their money: is more money spent on maintenance or is it spent on mission? Spending money on mission usually means spending it on employees that are dedicated to discipleship/evangelisation. I am aware that not everyone agrees with me on this, but I have seen incredible fruits in the work that our parish staff have been doing. I should also highlight the incredible fruits I see in the many volunteers in our parish as well! I believe that this will contribute to the continued growth of our parish, which will in turn bear more fruit: spiritual but also financial. I am working with our Finance Committee to ensure that our funds are managed appropriately and that the future be taken into consideration.

Looking ahead, the greatest financial burden we will need to face in the near future is the renovation of our Parish Hall. More information will follow.

Thank you so much to everyone for your continued generosity. Thank you for the trust that you have put in me, but more importantly, the trust that you put in the Lord! If we are doing the Lord's work, I firmly believe the amount of money we have, or lack thereof, will not be a hindrance. The Lord always provides, and he has certainly provided thus far through your generosity.

God bless,
Fr. Rodney

2ND COLLECTION TODAY is for St. Joseph's Society for infirm and retired Priests.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION: On Fridays during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Benediction until 7:15pm.

ETERNAL REST FAITH STUDY: Thank you to everyone who attended this enlightening study on death and the afterlife, helping us to reflect more deeply on how to prepare for a holy end. If this study impacted you in a significant way, and if you are open to sharing How and Why with others, please email Angie at angie@holynameparish.ca. Please Note: There is one session left for evening participants only: **Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6:40pm.**

HOLY HOUR: Every 1st Saturday of the month: **March 4th at 8:00am** and every 2nd Thursday of the month (with music): **March 9th at 7:00pm.** As Father Rodney preached in his homily on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a perfect time to get "back on track" in specific devotions to the Lord, such as praying a holy hour.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND will be on sale in the vestibule next weekend (**March 4th-5th**).

HOW TO DISCUSS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID) AND PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES: Join Alex Schadenberg of The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition as he presents the truth about euthanasia and assisted suicide and answers your questions about critical end-of-life decisions. **Wednesday, March 1st, at 7:00pm,** at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

HELP EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS IN SYRIA: Visit www.cnewa.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27th — Sunday, March 5th, 2023
(† Deceased)

Monday.....Pastor's Intention
 Tuesday.....Haidee dela Cruz Harper †
 Wednesday.....Jacquie & Gordon Cherry †
 Thursday.....Sabina Chow
 Friday.....Charles James Phinn †
 Saturday
 9:00am.....Max Lim
 5:00pm.....Holy Name Parish
 Sunday
 9:00am.....Janine Lieu †
 11:00am.....Ann Halicki

IS HE THE LORD OR AM I?

(shortened version)

- by Pope Benedict XVI on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, two days after announcing his resignation



Reflecting on the temptations to which Jesus was subjected invites each one of us to answer a fundamental question: What really counts in my life? In the first temptation the devil proposes to Jesus that he turn a stone into bread to appease his hunger. Jesus retorts that man lives on bread *as well*, but that he does not live on bread *alone*. Without a response to his hunger for truth, to his hunger for God, man cannot be saved.

In the second temptation the devil proposes the way of power to Jesus. He takes him up and offers him dominion over the whole world; but this is not God's way. Jesus is very clear that it is not worldly power that saves the world, but the power of the Cross, of humility and of love.

In the third temptation the devil suggests to Jesus that he throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple of Jerusalem and have himself saved by God through his angels, that is, that he do something sensational to put God himself to the test; but the answer is that God is not an object on which to impose conditions of our own making; he is the Lord of all.

What is the essence of the three temptations to which Jesus is subjected? It is the proposal to exploit God, to use him for one's own interests, for one's own glory and for one's own success. And therefore, essentially to put oneself in God's place, removing him from one's own existence and making him seem superfluous. Each one of us must therefore ask him- or herself: what place does God have in my life? **Is He the Lord or am I?**

This requires us to make our decisions in the light of the Word of God. Today, it is no longer possible to be Christian as a mere consequence of living in a society that has Christian roots: even those who are born into a Christian family and receive a religious education must every day renew their decision to be Christian. The temptation to set faith aside is always present, and conversion becomes a response to God that must be strengthened several times in life.

[Yet] God's grace works marvels in the lives of so many people. This is how it was for the Russian Orthodox Pavel Florenskij. Following an agnostic upbringing, so thorough that he felt really hostile to the religious teaching imparted at school, Florenskij the scientist found himself exclaiming: "No, it is impossible to live without God", and entirely changed his life, even to the point of becoming a monk.

I am also thinking of ETTY HILLESUM, a young Dutch girl of Jewish origin who died in Auschwitz. At first far from God, she discovered him looking deep within her and she wrote: "There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too. But more often stones and grit block the well, and God is buried beneath. Then he must be dug out again" (*Diaries*, 97). In her disrupted, restless life she found God in the very midst of the great tragedy of the 20th century: the Holocaust. This frail and dissatisfied young woman, transfigured by faith, became a woman full of love and inner peace who was able to declare: "I live in constant intimacy with God".

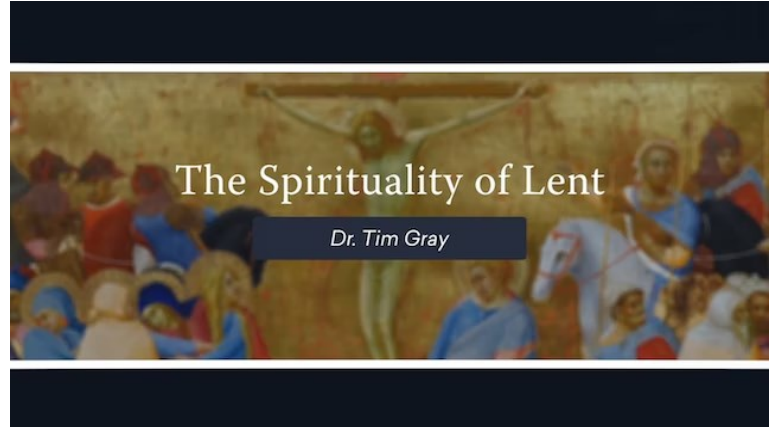
In this season of Lent, let us renew our commitment to the journey of conversion, to overcome the tendency to withdraw into ourselves and, instead, to make room for God, seeing reality daily with His eyes... Being converted means not shutting ourselves into the quest for our own success, our own prestige, our own status, but rather ensuring that every day, in the small things, truth, faith in God and love become the most important things of all.

RECOMMENDATIONS on FORMED, Week of February 26, 2023

Go to signup.formed.org
Enter "Holy Name of Jesus Vancouver"
Enter your name and email
Enter "The Topic" in the Search bar



In Week 1 of this series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland reflects on the theme of the desert and how Jesus wants us to go deep into our hearts with him. 6m



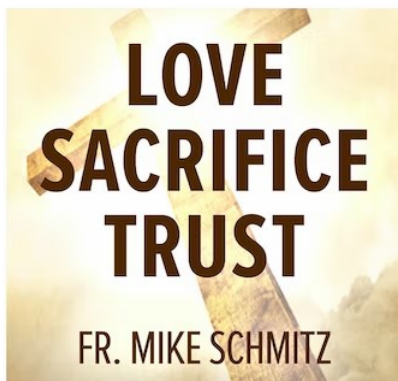
Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Dr Tim Gray as he shares the deep spirituality of Lent with us. 28m



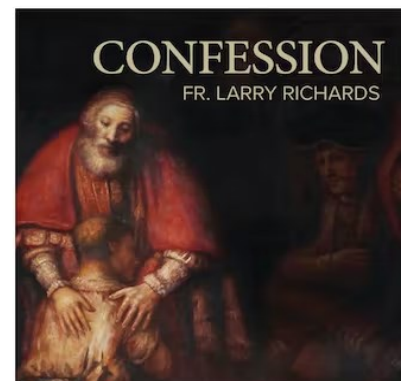
March 3: St. Katharine Drexel - Learn about this American heiress and philanthropist, known as the world's richest nun. 27m



This session with Dr. Edward Sri introduces the four key habits that all disciples of Jesus should commit themselves to. 26m



Fr. Mike shares insights on the meaning of the cross and that love requires sacrifice. Includes Stations of the Cross with reflections. 1h 9m



Fr. Larry's honest and humorous talk on Confession has become the #1 talk in North America for learning more about this Sacrament. 54m