

SHARE LENT SUNDAY

Solidarity with Women in Need

The annual Share Lent collection for Development and Peace will be held on Sunday, April 2, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of Development and Peace and its ability to help, respect, and promote the poor.

This year's campaign, "Women Are at the Heart of Change," echoes the Pope's prayer that women worldwide may be "honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society." You can donate through your Share Lent envelope or online at devp.org/give. Please be generous in helping D&P meet the needs of the suffering worldwide. Below is a message from Archbishop Miller issued on February 27 pointing out the importance of supporting Share Lent Sunday.



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

February 27, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the beginning of Lent, Pope Francis reminds us "in every suffering brother and sister that we embrace, we embrace the suffering Body of Christ."

For 50 years, the Development and Peace Share Lent campaign has called us to solidarity with the world's most impoverished and oppressed. This year's campaign, "Women Are at the Heart of Change," echoes the Pope's prayer that women worldwide may be "honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society."

Sadly, countless women worldwide bear a disproportionate burden of oppression and injustice, and are often denied their God-given human dignity. This sacred season, as we pray, fast, give alms, and repent, let us listen to the cry of the poor in global solidarity with women at the heart of change worldwide.

This campaign will also highlight consecrated women, the Catholic Women's League, and the many lay women in the Church who, in the words of Dorothy Day, devotedly "take the lowest places," washing the feet of their brothers and sisters and loving them with "that burning love, that passion which led to the cross" as they live out the Gospel call to social justice.

Share Lent resources can be found on our website rcav.org. Included are prayers and a Solidarity Calendar that will help guide your Lenten journey and prepare you for the Solidarity Sunday collection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2. You can donate through your Share Lent envelope or online at devp.org/give. Please be generous in helping D&P meet the needs of the suffering worldwide.

As Catholics working and praying for a better and just world for all, Share Lent helps us work to build a world of dignity, respect, justice, and peace. Thank you for supporting your needy sisters, for Women Are at the Heart of Change!

With cordial best wishes and my blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

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Saturday: 5pm
(Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm
Monday – Wednesday 8am
Thursday Mass/Novena:
8am & 7pm
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)
Reconciliation
Saturday: 4-4:45pm
Adoration
Saturday 9:30-10am
Library Hours
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

We were happy to host Fr. Jon Hansen last weekend and share some of his experiences of life in the Arctic. Fr. Jon's stories and photographs about life in -40°C temperatures shared among his confreres, parishioners at last week's talk, some of which are featured on the Our Lady of Victory Parish website, have captivated us all. They were good reminders of how warm and cozy our winters are. On Monday Fr. Jon dropped in on the kindergarten students whose hall display was picture-perfect for his visit – polar animals.

Apart from the good work of Redemptorist priests everywhere, lay Redemptorist missionaries and Redemptorist Associates also help with the work St. Alphonsus set out to accomplish. Redemptorist Associates gather to share prayer and Gospel reflection while developing a deeper understanding of our order's charisms. If you would like to collaborate in this work, please reflect on these three questions:
1) Do you feel a need to find a spiritual home, a community of lay people and professed religious with whom you share life, prayer and mission?
2) Are you drawn to reach out to those to whom no one else is reaching out?
3) Do you want to be "Good News" for the poor, the powerless and the oppressed?

If your answer to each of these questions is a firm and resounding 'YES,' I invite you to join us after the 5pm Masses this weekend. An official commissioning of the Redemptorist Associates will be held in the chapel of the Rectory at 6pm with our provincial Fr. Mark Miller.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Babu Mathew, C.Ss.R



Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you. - Psalm 33

NEWS & NOTICES

2016 Tax Receipts: Your 2016 tax receipt is available for pick-up from the Parish Office. Our hours are Mon-Fri 9am-4pm.

Thank You from Fr. Jon: Fr Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R of Our Lady of Victory parish in Inuvik spoke at all Masses last week and visited OLPH kindergarten children before he left. His message: *Thank you to the pastoral staff and parishioners of OLPH for your warm welcome this past weekend. It was a real pleasure to preside at the weekend Masses and to share a little of the life of a missionary priest in the Arctic with you. If you are interested in staying in touch with western Arctic missions you can find our Facebook page at facebook.com/olvinuvik and monthly newsletters at olvinuvik.com.*

CWL Guest Speaker: CWL is excited to have OLPH parishioner, Lauri Ann Fenlon as our guest speaker at our next meeting. Laurie Ann is a judge on the Court of Appeal and will be speaking on "Judging in a secular society". Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 16th 7:30 in the Madonna Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Spring Break: OLPH School students are on Spring Break March 13-24. Friday Masses remain at the usual time, 9am.

Praise & Worship: OLPH Youth Ministry will host a Lenten Praise & Worship on Sunday March 12 at 4:30pm. The theme is *God's Mercy is Unending.*

40 Days for Life: During the season of Lent, all are invited to a prayerful vigil outside BC Women's Hospital from March 1-April 9. The campaign is a 24-hour vigil. However for safety reason most members pray outdoors in the daytime and at participating churches at night. For the full 40 Days Adoration schedule, please go to rcav.org.

Point Grey Lenten Prayer Series: Each Wednesday during Lent at 12 noon, the Point Grey Ministerial is sponsoring a half hour service in various Churches in the Point Grey Area. Point Grey Lenten Series:
March 15th – West Point Grey United Church, 4595 W. 8th Ave.
March 22 – St. Helen's Anglican Church, 4405 W.8th Ave.
March 29 – Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, 4000 W. 11th Ave.
April 5th - West Point Grey Baptism Church, 4509 W. 11th Ave.

Redemptorist Associates Mandating: If you would like to commit some time to being a supporter of the work of the Redemptorists, we invite you to become a Redemptorist Associate. Provincial Superior Fr. Mark Miller will be here for the mandating to be held on Saturday March 11 and Sunday March 12 at 6pm in the Rectory Chapel.

Lenten Liturgy and Lunch Series 2017: Fill Your Bowl with Life: Join our friends at St Mark's for faith food and fellowship. **Faith:** Join us every Wednesday during Lent (March 1 to April 12), at 12:10 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish, Vancouver for Mass. **Food:** Stay awhile! Get to know our small campus community over a warm homemade meal of vegetarian soup and bread, free of charge. Lunch will be served after Mass each week in Plato's Cave Café. **Fellowship:** Come and listen to compelling stories, and discuss issues threatening human life. A different topic every week during Lent!

Newman Association Winter Lecture Series 2017: Learn more about the issue of physician-assisted suicide, how to talk about euthanasia and palliative care, and what to do now. Join us Saturday, April 8, from 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Mark's College, UBC Campus in Room 101. Presented by Peter Nation from Catholic Voices and hosted by the Newman Association of Vancouver.

PRAYER FOR THE REPOSE OF IRENE MOTTLEY

*The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack,
In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. – Psalm 23*

A funeral Mass will be held for Irene Mottley at 11am Thursday 16.

Stewardship Reflection

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." -- Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of St. Louis

CALENDAR

MARCH

LENTEN TALKS

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love).
Lenten Talks Friday 7:30pm- 8pm after the 7pm Way of the Cross.
Mar 17: Love in Marriage
Mar 24: Towards A Better Education of Children
Mar 31: The Spirituality of Marriage & the Family
Apr 7: Pastoral Perspectives

APRIL

PARISH MISSION April 2 – 5

RECEIVE, GIVE THANKS, BREAK AND SHARE: THE EUCHARIST UNFOLDING THE MERCY OF GOD

Presented by the Mission Team:
Deacon Bob Williston and Joan Williston

Sunday Evening: "Receive the Mercy of God." April 2, 6pm

Like the Father in the Prodigal Son story, the mercy of God is ever-present, and waiting for our return home. The mercy is freely given, with no strings attached. God's mercy is best seen in the encounters between Jesus and those most in need of His mercy!

Monday Evening: "Give Thanks for God's Mercy." April 3, 7pm

Our response to this invitation of mercy is molded deep in our hearts by the Eucharist we celebrate regularly. The Greek word "Eucharistia" means to give thanks! We can fashion a heart of gratitude both in our prayer life and in our relationships with people.

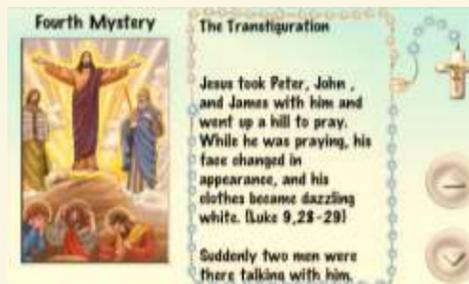
Tuesday Evening: "Our Brokenness Needs the Merciful Touch of Jesus" April 4, 7pm

The healing touch of Christ from the cross reaches out to any wounded heart. His gentleness and compassion can transform and heal us when we find it difficult to love or be loved.

Wednesday Evening: "Sharing the Mercy of God with a World in Need" April 5, 7pm

The Eucharist is meant to transform us into a people of compassion and care. We live in a world so desperately in need of our healing and merciful presence. The mercy we have received is meant to be shared with others.

Simple Lenten Activities for Kids



1. Study the Saint of the Day: The dates of Lent are always changing, so pick a day to do this and learn about the Saint for that day. Read his or her biography and maybe even find a craft or prayer to go along with your study.
2. Browse a Catholic Book Store: Wander around and look for Easter and Lent related items. Maybe even treat your little one to a small gift.
3. Visit a Cemetery: Find a family member in a cemetery and explain how Jesus died so this person could go to heaven.
4. Go to Church: Not just for Mass or Adoration. Instead, just explore the building.
5. Adoration: You might not be able to stay long, but try for 10 minutes or so. Before going, prep your child on what Adoration is, how we behave and what is to be expected. Sit in silence for just a little while or help your child pray. Ask him what he thought of the experience after you leave.
6. A Daily Mass: You might not be able to get the brood out of the house each day to do this, but pick on day to get up early and attend Mass on a weekday. Maybe even have a special breakfast at home afterwards.
7. Rosary: Catholics always pray the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent. It may be hard to get wiggly kids to sit for this, but just practice. Maybe even find a guide for your child to follow along with. If you're feeling really ambitious, consider making your own Rosary while you pray it.
8. Divine Mercy Chaplet: Do this in the same way you did the Rosary. Use a guide if it helps. Or, listen to one using an app for your phone.
9. Take Stock of Sacrifices: Write a journal or talk about how your sacrifice is going this Lent. What can you do better? What are you doing well?
10. Learn an Easter Song: I like Christ the Lord is Risen Today, but I know there is also a Veggie Tales song you could use too.

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RCIA: RITE OF ELECTION

RCIA members now another step closer

By Bertilla Watanabe

This year's RCIA group attended the Rite of Election at Holy Rosary Cathedral last Sunday where in the presence of Archbishop Michael Miller they signed their names in the Book of the Elect.

The Rite of Election is the second major step marking their journey into the final period of preparation for full communion with Christ and the Church. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is also called the enrolment of names because as a pledge of fidelity the catechumens inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation.

From OLPH Parish, 19 catechumens (those who have not been baptized) names were entered. We also had one candidate (one who has been baptized but has not received the other sacraments of initiation. The candidate, along with the other catechumens received a prayer of blessing from the Archbishop. Catechumens and candidates from 43 other parishes were present. The rest of them will gather this coming Sunday.

