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**Parishes in the
 Vancouver West Deanery**

**Lenten Penitential
 Services**

Blessed Sacrament Parish
 February 20th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
 March 6th at 7:00pm

Saint Augustine's Parish
 March 12th at 7:00pm

Saints Peter & Paul Parish
 March 13rd at 7:00pm

Immaculate Conception Parish
 March 13rd at 7:00pm

Saint John the Apostle Parish
 March 15th at 7:00pm

Saint Mark's Parish
 March 17th at 2:30pm

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
 March 21st at 7:00pm

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish
 March 24th at 6:30pm



March 3rd, 2024
 3rd Sunday of Lent

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Symbols of Solidarity

Lent is a time of conversion that invites us to draw closer to God, to Jesus, and to our sisters and brothers here and in the Global South. During this Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada, invites us to turn our eyes and hearts to the work of its partners around the world and the communities they accompany.

Our symbols of solidarity celebrate their bravery. They reflect people's determination to live with dignity and to decide their own futures. They also remind us of our responsibility to these communities.

Reaping Our Rights means standing in solidarity with the present and small-scale farmers of the world who feed humankind while caring for the Earth, our Common Home. Together, let us *Create Hope* for a better world, and fight against the root causes of poverty, inequality and oppression.

This Sunday, these symbols will be presented in our Church as a part of the Offertory:



A watering can, to illustrate the care that must be given to seedlings to ensure their growth, which is like the care that Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partners give to the communities they accompany so that they can reap their rights.



A notebook with the image of a hoe (a gardening tool), to illustrate the willingness of young villagers to learn farming; their desire to ensure that agriculture as an occupation survives into the next generation; and their preference for sustainable, eco-friendly production methods.



A transparent glass, Mason jar or beaker containing soil, water and oil allowed to naturally settle into three layers, to represent the contamination of land by decades of socially irresponsible oil extraction in Nigeria.



A milk container, to illustrate how small-scale pastoralists are learning sustainable dairy farming techniques and transforming their milk production into cheese, yogurt or ice cream to diversify and increase their families' income.

This weekend we welcome to our Parish community Karno Bitran, who is the man pictured on the poster for Development and Peace. He is the Director of Paya Payo which organizes women to do sustainable farming in Indonesia. Karno is giving talks all over the lower mainland and Vancouver Island thanking parishioners for their support. He will speak with us after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, March 3 prior to going for another presentation at another parish. We ask you to be generous in supporting Development and Peace and our Share Lent Campaign. You can bring your Share Lent envelope next weekend.

NEWS & NOTICES

Collection Numbers

For January 2024: \$46,654.68

2023 Tax Receipts

We are working on the 2023 Tax Receipts and will notify everyone when they are available. Thank you for your patience.

Stations of the Cross Sign Up

During the season of Lent, the Parish will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6:30pm. After the prayer in the Church, all parishioners are invited to go downstairs for a bowl of soup and bread roll. This is a simple meal in solidarity with all of our brothers and sisters in the global south. There is no charge for the light supper. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for each evening for food bank. To sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-47718437-walking#/>

This is a beautiful way to meditate on and recognize what Jesus endured for us. We hope to see you there!

A Big Thank You!

A big thank you to COBS Bread on 4th Avenue for providing the dinner rolls for March 1st.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Sunday Coffee Sign Up**

Two volunteers are needed for Sunday Coffee each week. Please use this link to find out more and sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CAEA728A7FC1-sunday6#/>

- **Inner Hope Society Meal Prep**

Volunteers are needed to help with meal prep for Inner Hope Society on the second Saturday of each month. The sign-up for March – June 2024 is up. Please use this link to find out more and sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BAFAA2DA1FB6-46459533-inner#/>

Baptisms during Lent

During Lent we will not be scheduling baptisms. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert *preparing* for new life – the resurrection. Baptism is when we first encounter new life with Jesus. Therefore, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

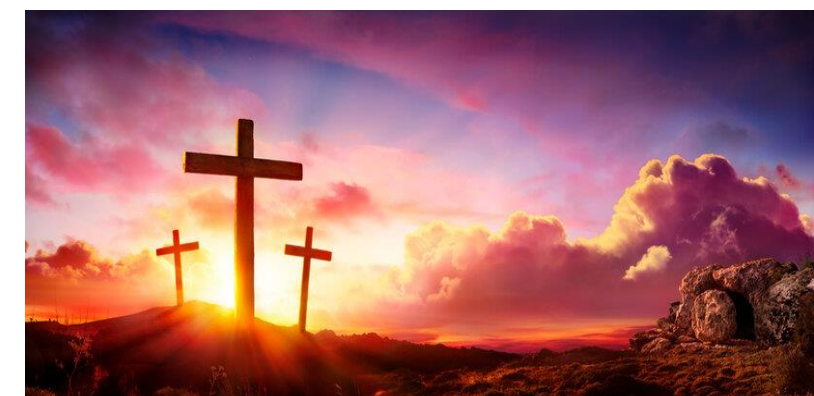
A Message from Fr. Leo

Please consider joining us on **Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm** for celebration of God's Mercy. A number of priests will be available to help you experience God's forgiveness. This is a tremendous part of every pilgrim's journey into the sacred mysteries of Easter. As Lent continues, each of us are asked to stand in the truth of our own lives and to seek God's help in becoming the best version of ourselves. Even if you are unable to be with us on Wednesday March 6, we humbly ask that you pray for the priests and those who come to celebrate the Sacrament. May we truly stand on Holy Ground and know deep within the freedom, the grace and the mercy of our loving God. The children of OLPH School are helping us by presenting their exhibit on forgiveness in the Parish Hall. After each Mass this weekend, we invite you to go to the hall and reflect on God's mercy through the eyes of a child. Lord, bless us and give us the mind and heart of a child as we come before you.

Peace with gratitude ... Fr. Leo

UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Bank Donations	Every Weekend	Before and after Masses, Foyer
Fridays of Lent	March 8, 15 & 22	6:30 Stations of the Cross 7pm Soup & Presentation
Children's Mass	March 3	9:00am mass
Penitential Service	March 6	7:00pm
Holy Thursday	March 28	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper – Adoration until 11:00pm
Good Friday	March 29	11:00am Children's Mass 3:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	March 30	9:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	March 31	9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm Masses
Easter Monday	April 1	9:00am Mass
Children's Mass	April 7	9:00am Mass
First Communion	May 5	2:00pm
Confirmation	June 3	7:00pm



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

SLOW DOWN BE PRESENT

- Tuesday, February 20**
Sr. John Mary Sullivan, FSE
Eucharist: The Sacrament of Love
- Tuesday, February 27**
Fr. Gilles Simard, OP
A Lenten Reflection
- Tuesday, March 5**
Fr. Jaroslaw Dziuba, SDS
Divine Mercy: Hope for Our Time
- Tuesday, March 12**
Fr. Ernie Rush,
I have told you these things that My Joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete
- Tuesday, March 19**
Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
Living Holy Week with the Church

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5pm
 Sunday Masses: 9am, 11am, 5pm
 Mon – Fri Masses: 8am
 Thurs OLPH Novena: After 8am Mass
 Sat & Holidays: 9am Mass
 Sat Adoration: 9:30am – 10am
 Reconciliation:
 Sat 4pm – 4:45pm
 Or by appointment: 604-224-4344

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4pm

CLERGY & STAFF

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Fr. Leo English, CSsR

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Fr. Alfredo Medina Ramos, CSsR

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