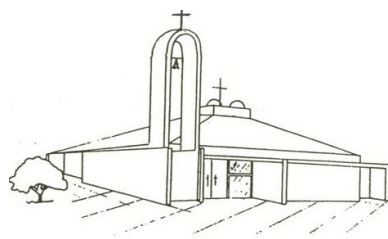


Holy Spirit



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Readings for the week:

Feb 5 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7: 1-4. 6-7, Ps 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6, 1 Cor 9: 16-19. 22-23, Mk 1: 29-39

Feb 6 Mon: Paul Miki, p, mt, & co., mts M

1 Kgs 8: 1-7. 9-13, Ps 132: 6-7. 8-10, Mk 6: 53-56

Feb 7 Tue: Ordinary Week-day

1 Kgs 8: 22-23. 27-30, Ps 84: 3. 4. 5 and 10. 11, Mk 7: 1-13

Feb 8 Wed: Ordinary Week-day, Jerome Emiliani, p, rf, Josephine Bakhita, v

1 Kgs 10: 1-10, Ps 37: 30-31. 39-40, Mk 7: 14-23

Feb 9 Thu: Ordinary Week-day

1 Kgs 11: 4-13, Ps 106: 3-4. 35-36. 37 and 40, Mk 7: 24-30

Feb 10 Fri: Scholastica, v, r M

1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19, Ps 81: 10-11ab. 12-13. 14-15, Mk 7: 31-37

Feb 11 Sat: Ordinary Week-day, BVM, Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34, Ps 106: 6-7ab. 19-20. 21-22, Mk 8: 1-10

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Harry Potter Meets the Saviour of the World



The success of the Harry Potter fantasy books has been called an “unbelievable phenomenon” in publishing. Over 450 million copies of the 7 books have been sold. Still, **the Bible has sold from 2.5 to 5 BILLION** copies. Sounds like a lot!

Some churches debate whether the Potter stories introduce children to magic and the occult; or do they actually help children subtly distinguish between forces of good and evil? Well, let’s look carefully at how Jesus deals with demons and diseases caused by evil forces.

Today, Jesus comes near to Peter’s mother-in law when he learns of her illness, takes her by the hand, and lifts her up. In Harry Potter, evil is usually attacked at a distance—by pointing a wand and reciting symbolic words.

But with Jesus, his very touch brings healing. Why?

There is no evil that Jesus has not penetrated; he is deeply immersed in the swirl and storm of life’s good and evil. He was once described as “A man of sorrows, and acquainted with iniquity.” There is an intimacy, nothing distant about his care and healing. In fact, he heals those on the margins of society—women, lepers, those who are thought to be insane.

But above all, Jesus isn’t channeling some unknown dark power, such as Lord Voldemort’s. Jesus is the Son of God. He has the power of the Creator of all life filling him, lifting him up even from death. There’s nothing to fear in Harry Potter, as long as we remember, Jesus does not need to point a magic wand, because he himself IS the conduit of life: He IS the Way.

Go in peace and glorify God by your Life

I do not think there will be a judgment for victims of Divine Love. Rather the good God will hasten to repay with eternal delights His own love which He will see burning in their hearts!”

Saint Theres of the Infant Jesus



That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him..

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A Faith Card from the UK

As a Catholic, I am called to share with others the joy of knowing Jesus Christ, pray, celebrate the sacraments regularly, love my neighbour as myself, use the gifts I’ve been given wisely, forgive as I have been forgiven. In the event of an emergency please contact a Catholic priest.”

An adapted quote from Blessed John Henry Newman. “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. I shall do good and be a preacher of truth in my own place.”

World Day of Sick: February 10th, 2012

The world Day for the Sick, will be celebrated on **Friday February 10th, 2012** with mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Mass will commence at **11.00 a.m.** the main celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

There will also be a mass at **10.00 a.m. in the parish** where the anointing of the sick will also take place.
There will be no evening mass that day.

Prayers for the Sick of the Parish and for those who have requested them: Mrs. Palmira Bordignon; Mr. & Mrs. Cassty; Mrs. D. Conradi; Mrs. Lancien; Mr & Mrs Zanocco; Mrs Anita Sunga; Mr. & Mrs. F. Zenone; Lindsay Murray. Ms. Nicole Fletcher; Mr. Joe Rizzo, Mrs. Sue Murphy; Nerista De Jesus; Mrs. Yano; Mrs. Irma Morgan; Mrs. Charita Wilson. Fr. Joseph Swoboda; Fr Hughes; Bishop David Monroe; Mr. Ron Filiatrault; Mrs Norma Camello; Mr & Mrs Brian D'Sousa; Mrs. Elsa Lontok; Kate Derry; Mrs. Patricia Neufeld. Mr. Gerry Gomez; Mr. Andrew Dixon.

"Where are the Christians today who would be ready, I do not say to give their lives for God, but even to put up with the least unpleasantness or inconvenience rather than disobey Him?" - Cure of d' Ars

That we may generously share our time, talent and treasure to make our parishes and our schools Alive in Christ.

Income Tax Receipts:

The tax receipts for 2011 have been prepared, I am waiting for the Project Advance Tax Receipts to arrive, these should be arriving this week. Hopefully, all will be ready for pick up next week-end.

**An issue of Life—
Signal Hill 24hr helpline
1-877-88woman or visit
Www.thesignalhill.com**

**Knight's of
Columbus—
General
Meeting—
Thursday February
23rd, 2012 at 8.00 p.m.**
In the vestibule of the
Church



European evangelization initiative to spread to 72 cities

The president for the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization has announced that the metropolitan missions that are taking place in 12 European cities this Lent will expand to 72 cities in Lent 2013.

"Lent was seen as a providential opportunity: that the reading of the Word of God, the bishop's catechesis, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, united with the sign of charity, can still be an evident sign of the commitment of Christians to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in our day," said Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella.

40 days for Life – Inaugural Mass

The Mass to begin the campaign will be celebrated by Msgr. Jensen at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 4925 Cambie Street on Tuesday, **Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

Marriage Can be Great, No, Really!

Marriage Seminar by Denis Boyd, R. Psychologist—Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a FUN and RELAXED setting. It is never too late (or too early!) to get some practical tips on how to relate more effectively with your spouse. No group sharing required, individuals are also

welcome to attend on their own. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more... Please choose one of the following options:
Mon., Feb.13 - Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta (\$25/ person) - Special Valentine's Edition!

Mon., Feb.27 - Denis Boyd & Associates, Coquitlam (\$30/ person or \$50/couple)
 Pls. call 604.931.7211 to save your seat! Individuals MUST pre-register/pre-pay at least one week before seminar date. Time: 7 – 10pm. Pls. visit: www.denisboyd.com for more info.



One Faith, One Body Conference February 17th—18th

Full Conference Package: Covers general admission to Friday Concert, Saturday Conference: Sessions, Exhibits, and Mass. **Saturday Only:** Covers general admission to Saturday Conference: Sessions, Exhibits and Mass. **Concert Only:** Covers general admission to Friday Concert only. Please arrive early at event to receive your conference package. *No refunds will be issued.*
Fees jump up in price on February 10, so sign up early



Pope's blessing silenced possessed men, says veteran exorcist

An outspoken veteran exorcist has reported that two men who were apparently possessed by demons reacted dramatically when Pope Benedict XVI blessed them.

Father Gabriele Amorth said that the two men fell to the floor, then howled and raged as the Pope arrived for an audience. When the Pope blessed them, the men flew backwards and were silent.

Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said that Pope Benedict did not perform an exorcism. If the two men attended a public audience, he said, the Pontiff would have known nothing about them, and only gave his blessing as he usually does.

Father Amorth, who has already written several books about exorcism and demonic possession, recounts the incident in another forthcoming book.

Convenient On-line Giving to Project Advance

The 2012 Project Advance Campaign starts in April but you can use the convenient on-line giving process at www.rcav.org/donate or call the Project Advance office at 604-683-0281 to give now and spread payments monthly through the year. Giving to Project Advance helps secure the future of your parish and the charitable works of the Archdiocese.

Faith Formation

PREP Needs for

2012/2013 School Year:

At the end of May this year I have a number of teachers completing five years of volunteer service to the Parish Religious Education Program.

I will be in need of replacing them. If you have experience in teaching the faith, and would be interesting giving one hour a week to this ministry, would please contact the

parish office. I am also in need of a Co-coordinator of the program as well.

Following the Archdiocesan Requirements all have to undergo a Police Check, when working with children, therefore it is important to start that process now. Parish Office hours are Tuesday to Friday



Annual Summer Camp Fundraiser

VanSpec Dinner Dance
 Saturday, March 17, 2012
 6pm to Midnight
 Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall
 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver, BC
Tickets are \$40.00 each

Music by DJ Eddy M.
 Raffle – 1st Prize: IPAD 2
 For more info call: 604-253-2233
Or email
 'vanspec.centre@gmail.com'

Birthright Vancouver

Birthright Vancouver is a crisis pregnancy service located at 1107-207 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, V6B 1H7, dedicated to providing pregnant women the love, support, and help they need. Our mission especially requires support through charitable donations, which are tax-deductible. You can also help Birthright by volunteering with us and by 'liking' our "Birthright Vancouver" Face book page. For further information about Birthright or volunteering, please call 604-687-7223.

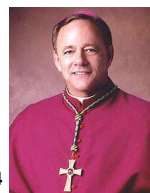
A Day of Discernment – March 10, 2012

Personal Talents and Christ's Voice in My Life - In preparation for Lent, the Stewardship Office presents a Day of Discernment with Father Elton Fernandez SJ, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. These talks and interactive sessions will encourage us to examine where personal gifts and Christ's invitation come together in our lives, examining topics such as:

What is discernment? How do I know which voices in life are from God? How can I make decisions in life in light of Christ's voice? The sessions will also encourage personal reflection: How can I more clearly identify the gifts that Christ has given me? Can these gifts help me to discover my personal vocation more deeply? How am I called to live

out these gifts for the good of others? **9 a.m.**

Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, with workshop from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Breaks and lunch (provided). Watch for details .



Catholic Women's League Bake Sale.
 The CWL Ladies will be holding a bake sale after all masses on March 4th, 2012. There will be more information forthcoming regarding the arrangements. **NEXT MEETING FEB 21**

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Baptism

By appointment within a minimum of **two months notice (during the pregnancy)**; so that instructions can be given to the parents and godparents, about their duties and responsibilities in this Sacrament. **The family must be registered in the parish and attending mass in the parish.**

Marriage:

A minimum of six months notices with one of the parties registered in the parish and attending mass in the parish each Sunday. The Marriage Preparation course is mandatory. Please ask for the - - *Guidelines for the celebration of Marriage*

FUNERALS:

Please contact the parish office before making any arrangements with the Funeral home.

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

Parish Office: Closed on Mondays -Weekday Masses: Tuesday & Friday 7.00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9.00 a.m. Eucharist Adoration on the First Friday of the month 5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. followed by Benediction.

Sunday Masses: Saturday Evening – 5.00 p.m. Sunday 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

Rosary: 20 minutes before 9.00 a.m. Sunday Mass

Catholic Women's League:-

Meet on the Third Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m.

President: Dr. Audrey Zelman's -604-321-2505

Secretary:

Treasurer: Mrs. Victoria Moya: 604-759-9682

Knights of Columbus:

Meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8.00 p.m.

Grand Knight: Mr Theo Vanden Hoven 604-525-3447

Deputy Grand Knight: Mr. Mark Rizzo – 604-524-8749

Treasurer: Mr Alfred Yano – 604-526-8454

Financial Secretary: Mr Arturo Tonido – 522-4924

Development & Peace Representative:

Mr. Andrew Conradi – 604-522-8417

Parish Religious Education Program:

Parish Office: 604-521-0334

Grade's One to Seven Thursday Evenings 6.30 p.m. 7.45 p.m. Pre registration is required. Classes at being held at **Queen Elizabeth Elementary School** in Queensborough

Music Ministry

Saturday 5.00 p.m.

Sunday 9.00 a.m.

Dr. Audrey Zelman's -604-321-2505

Sunday 11.00 a.m.

Mr. Francis Dinglasan – 604-834-1767

Project Advance Chairperson:

Mr. Armando Cordova – 604-307-8009

Church & Hall Cleaning Coordinator

Mrs. Sharon Apolonio -604-540-8248

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God

A Presentation sponsored by Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild

A presentation by Fr. Comey of his Crucifix collection will take place on **Feb. 11 -12:30 p.m.** at St. Jude's R.C. Church Hall, 3078 Renfrew, Vancouver. Bring current work. Artists and friends welcome. Info: 604-944-4904 or www.epiphanyarts.org



FUTURE DATES

Please mark your calendar now for the following dates
February 10th—World Day for Sick.

Ash Wednesday – the Beginning of Lent 2012
Wednesday **February 22nd, 2012.**

Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6.30 p.m. Followed by Mass

We will be having Forty Hours of Exposition beginning **March 20 through to March 22.**

Focus on Life Gala Dinner **May 28th, 2012** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Moral Courage in the Practice of Medicine: Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians Societies 4th Annual Conference April 27-28th— The Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver— Flyers in the vestibule of the Church.