

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are entering into a most beautiful and meaningful time in the liturgical year: the Holy Week. Some of the first uses of the name Holy Week appeared in the 4th-century from St. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, and St. Epiphanius of Constantia when just Good Friday and Holy Saturday were recognized as holy days. Before the Nicene Creed of 325, the early Christian Church focused its observance on the feast of the Christian Passover the night before Easter Sunday.

By the end of the 4th century, the tradition had been established of honoring the various events on the days of the week on which they happened:

- Judas's betrayal and introduction of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday
- the Passion and death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday
- His burial on Holy Saturday
- and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb. The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to take up His Cross and undergo the passion and death. It is symbolic that we too enter with Jesus into this Holy Week where we are called to meditate on Jesus' passion and death on the cross and thus draw meaning to our own cross and suffering. The waving of palms or olive branches indicates that Christ is our victorious King.

Let us also, like the people of Israel, put our best on the way of Jesus and accept him as our King who brought victory through his cross and death.
I wish you all a very fruitful and spiritual Holy Week.

Fr. Joseph



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2nd, 2023

AT A GLANCE

Holy Week Mass/Confession
Schedule

CWL Membership Drive

Legion of Mary Drive

Share Lent

Free Throw Tournament

Good Friday Collection

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

April 6 - **HOLY THURSDAY**

5:30PM, 7:30PM (Washing of the Feet)

April 7 - **GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00PM, 7:00PM

April 8 - **EASTER VIGIL**

9:00PM

April 9 - **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM
(tagalog)

5:00PM, 7:00PM

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

April 6 - **HOLY THURSDAY**

4:00PM - 5:15PM

after 5:30PM Mass until 7:15PM

after 7:30PM Mass until 10PM

April 7 - **GOOD FRIDAY**

10AM - 12PM, 1:30PM - 2:45PM

after 3:00PM Mass until 6PM

after 7:00PM Mass until 9:30pm

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April 8 - **EASTER VIGIL**

4:00PM - 6:00PM

April 9 - **EASTER SUNDAY**

NO CONFESSIONS

Sunday Mass Readings Year A

First Reading
Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8
(R.7b)

Second Reading
Romans 8:8-11

Gospel
John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,
33b-45



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ANNOUNCEMENTS News EVENTS

CWL Membership Drive

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all ladies to visit our information booth at the foyer and church basement on Sunday, April 15/16/23, from 10am to 2pm. Our council hopes to showcase all our contributions and achievements to the parish and community. Come and meet our CWMemberships and see for yourself what the sisterhood of faith, fun and fulfillment can do for you!

Legion Of Mary Columban Drive

The Legion of Mary is a spiritual organization composed of Catholic lay men and women who voluntarily render spiritual service to the community under the leadership of the Blessed Mother Mary. Everyone is invited to join the ranks of legionaries. Sunday April 16 from 8am-3pm at the front entrance of the church.

Safe Environment Info Session

All St. Mary's Parish Volunteers aged 19 and older are encouraged to attend an information and screening session on Tuesday April 25, 7-9pm in the church basement.

Deacon Bruce from the Archdiocese will be conducting this meeting. Please note that all Parish Volunteers must be screened to be a Bonafide volunteer. Upon completion a safe environment Certificate will issued.

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ROSALINA JIMENEZ
VIRGINIA BALAGTAS

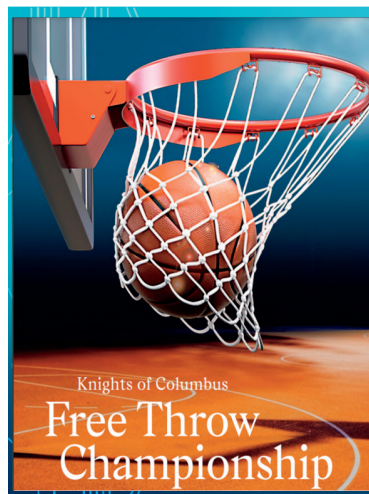
May the souls of the Faithfully Departed
through the Mercy of God, REST IN PEACE



Anyone who has information regarding the whereabouts of MARIE

PAULINE PROFETANA is requested to contact

Fr. Joseph Le at jle@rcav.org



Who: Open to All
Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14

When: 9:30am, Saturday April 15, 2023
(Registration begins at 9:00am)

Where: St. Mary's School Gym, 5251 Joyce St.
Vancouver BC, V5R 4G8

Cost: Free

If I Win: Go on to the Regional, and State levels

Sign-up: Just show-up & bring your friends-
Bring completed entry form

Sponsor: Knights of Columbus
St. Mary's Council # 13072

More Information :

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete within their own gender and age division and progress from local / district level, regional and state/province competitions. Participants are required to fill out an entry form prior to competition.



Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

The second collection on Good Friday, April 7, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, which is so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. Donations can be made through the parish or online at support.rcav.org

Thank you for giving from the Heart!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Stand for the Land campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, it will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the collection basket, donation box at the back of the church, or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship Reflection

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."

Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

CONFESSION	Weekdays	After mass
	Sundays	Before and after mass
DAILY MASS	Monday to Friday	8:00 am
	Wednesday to Friday	7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:30 am 5:00 pm (anticipated mass)
	Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm
		3:00 pm (Tagalog) 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
DEVOTIONS	Monday to Friday	7:15 am Rosary and Lauds
	Wednesday	6:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Thursday	6:00 pm Rosary and Prayer for Vocations
	Friday	3:00 pm Divine Mercy
		6:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary
		7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 pm Benediction
	Saturday	7:45 am Rosary and Lauds

CATECHISM & Sacraments

MARRIAGE

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. Contact us at least six months prior to the wedding. Make no wedding arrangement until you have met with the priest. For details, call Lorna ext. 6



INFANT BAPTISM (under 5 yrs. old)

The family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish. For more information, call ext. 0 or email reception.smarvercav.org.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Contact rcia.smarvercav.org or call ext. 5.



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



VANSPEC (one-on-one special needs catechism)

Vanspec classes are led by volunteer catechists and aides who, with the assistance of the Program Director, adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs of the individual student. For more information, email vanspec.smarvercav.org.



ANointing OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office to schedule a visit, to speak to a priest or to arrange a service.



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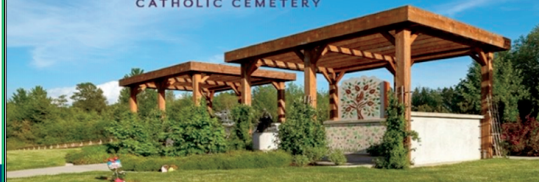
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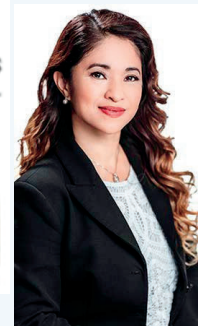


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