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2nd Sunday of Lent—February 25, 2018

Continuing our Lenten Journey

Growing in Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving



*Excerpted from Ralph Martin's
February 2018 Letter*

I try to increase my prayer as much as I can during Lent by adding extra prayer times or visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Recently, though, I gained an insight into almsgiving that has been pretty inspiring. It began with encountering one of the Mass readings that mentions almsgiving.

“But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.” (Lk 11:41)

Jesus said this to the Pharisees. Sometimes it is translated somewhat differently, but Dr. Mary Healy, a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and a colleague at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, says this about it: “I think Jesus here is referring to literal almsgiving, not an analogy. In the context of the previous verses, the Lord seems to be saying that almsgiving has to come from a heart full of generosity and kindness (as opposed to the extortion and wickedness of the Pharisees).”

I feel that I’m getting a new insight into how these three “disciplines” that the Church focuses on in a special way during Lent, but which are good practices as a regular part of our life, move us out of a tendency to organize our lives around comfort and convenience.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving require a regular pattern of self-denial, turning to the Lord, and trusting in Him that is really important for “keeping our edge” and remaining alert to the Lord and eager for His kingdom. Anne and I are experiencing a new joy, a new eagerness, and a new freedom in almsgiving and are indeed finding “you can’t outdo

God in generosity.”

So let’s continue, in the midst of the normal pain that self-denial brings, picking up our cross with joy this Lent in increased prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, so that sinners may be converted, mercy may be granted to the world, and reparation may be made for sin—both our sin and the sins of others who may not be aware of their need to do penance.

It’s good to be in this together. (And Easter is really only around the corner!)



Renowned lay evangelist Ralph Martin will be giving our parish mission May 29-31. He is the president of Renewal Ministries, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization.

Ralph Martin holds a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome and is a professor and the director of Graduate Theology Programs in the New Evangelization at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He was named by Pope Benedict XVI as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.

Ralph is the author of a number of books, the most recent of which are The Urgency of the New Evangelization, The Fulfillment of All Desire, and Will Many Be Saved? He and his wife Anne have six children and sixteen grandchildren and reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Monday	February 26	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	February 27	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Mallon Room
Wednesday	February 28	10:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
Thursday	March 1	9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation (St. James)	Mallon Room
Friday	March 2	6:00 a.m.	Commuter Club	Mallon Room
		9:30 a.m.	First Friday Adoration	Church
		2:30 p.m.	Benediction	Church
		6:00 p.m.	Soup and Silence	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church
Sunday	March 4	6:00 p.m.	Youth Alpha	Mallon Room

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Feb 25	9:00 a.m.	Mary Liston †	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		
Mon Feb 26	9:00 a.m.	Gina Bosco †	
Tues Feb 27	8:15 a.m.	Noel Doig †	
Wed Feb 28	9:15 a.m.	Harry White †	
Thu Mar 1	8:15 a.m.	John Sheehan (int)	
Fri Mar 2	8:15 a.m.	Helena & Antoni Rudol †	
Sat Mar 3	9:00 a.m.	Ellen Sheehan †	
Sun Mar 4	9:00 a.m.	Maria Lim (int)	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		

First Friday Adoration

This **Friday, March 3** is the first Friday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after morning Mass concluding with Benediction at 2:30 pm.

Please sign up for Adoration or come for a short time to pray.

2017 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for donations made to the church and to Project Advance in 2017 are now available for pickup in the church foyer. Please retrieve them at your earliest convenience.



Confession Times

Saturdays 9:30-10:00 a.m.
Sundays 4:15-4:55 p.m.

Priests are also available for confessions by appointment.

Please Pray for

Helen Bush

Molly Waechter (*wife of Rolly Waechter*)



We Continue to Pray for

Kenneth Beesley, Carlos Bolbrugge, Timothy Buckley, Kacey Caldarella, Gerald Carrol, Veronica Chan, John Choi, Elias Chong, Robert Coles, Rose Cullen, Sofia Curalli, Barry Cutler, Cecilia Donahoe, Dana Donelson, Margaret Fry, Jeannine Gillis, Eric Greenwood, Nicholas Havemann, Maria Helbig, Patrick Hickey, Patricia Keough, Benita Lameo, Young-pyo Lee, Marcos Lopes, Lawrence Marchant, Margaret McCormick, Tom McCusker, George & Nadine O'Leary, Michael O'Brien, Ethan Price, Erich Puchinger, Natalia Pyk, Plunkett Quinn, Matt Radosevic, Emma Grace Radziminski, Gordon Ridgedale, Derek Ridsdale, Tammy Rodriguez, Leonie Roemuss, Margaret Ryan, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Milan Sikich, Alix Smith, Linwood Trask, Maria Magdalena Velázquez, Rolly Waechter, Lucienne Watson, Amy Wheeler, Joseph Willgot, and Simon Wong

Soup and Silence



You are invited to grow this Lent as we gather around a table in silent reflection and gratitude with a simple but nourishing meal every Lenten Friday evening. We begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Mallon Room, with Stations of the Cross following at 7 p.m. All are welcome, including families.





Redemptoris Mater Seminary Spring Gala

Join Fr. Giovanni for the third annual Spring Gala of Redemptoris Mater Seminary, which he attended, at the Italian Cultural Centre on

April 27. It will be a packed evening of dinner, dancing, door prizes, live entertainment, and more! Tickets are \$100 per person, and proceeds go to assist the seminary and their seminarians. For more information contact the seminary at 604-709-8509 or talk with Fr. Giovanni after Mass.



40 Days for Life

This year's campaign runs from February 14 to March 25. A big part of the campaign is an around-the-clock prayer vigil outside B.C.

Women's Health Centre—the largest abortion facility in B.C. We invite all parishioners to take part in this campaign by committing to an hour of prayer at the Hospital. If you would like to learn more information about the Vancouver campaign, visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/vancouver-2/>.

Prison Ministry Intentions



Please pray for the intentions of our brothers and sisters in prison:

NS: Please pray for me and my family, for strength and forgiveness from my sins and so I can give myself to God and not into temptation, and also so I can let go of all my

sins and be at peace.

RP: I pray to the Lord to accept N.C. into His heaven, to bring her back to us, to let her know I'm here for her, Bless my father RP Sr.

NVK: Pray for my Mom and little brother; pray for my girlfriend; pray for all men/women incarcerated that they get home to their families; pray for me and my soul

WCR: Please pray Lord that the truth be shown in my case.

For more information and to get involved please contact Karen Magee at kdmagee60@gmail.com and Anita Callahan at anitacallahan2@gmail.com.



St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas High School's Drama Department is proud to present its brand new and original production of *Hoedown* - a romping two-act "dramedy" with a western flair! Performances are on March 1-3 at 7:00 p.m. at The Kay Meek Centre for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Please contact STA at 604-987-4431 for more information or for tickets.



FORMED

Our parish has renewed our subscription to FORMED, an online Catholic service full of movies, Bible studies, and clips available for you to access. Please take advantage of this service for your own personal faith formation and growth in your spiritual journey. To register, visit formed.org and use our parish Access Code: T86P8N. Enjoy!



Formation Corner

Excerpted from the Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes from Vatican II: The Church in the Modern World, no. 21

The answer to atheism is to be sought in the appropriate exposition of the church's teaching and in the total life of the church and its members. For the church's function is to make God the Father and his incarnate Son present and almost visible by continually renewing and cleansing itself under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This is brought about in the first place by the witness of a faith which is living and mature, and which is educated to be able to view difficulties clearly and overcome them. Outstanding evidence of such faith has been given, and is being given, by numerous martyrs. It should show its fruitfulness in permeating the entire life of believers, including their secular life, and in stimulating them to justice and love, especially towards the needy. And the greatest contribution to making God's presence manifest lies in the brotherly and sisterly love of believers who are united in spirit to collaborate in the faith of the gospel and to provide a sign of unity.

Cardinal Tagle in Vancouver



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, the Archbishop of Manila, will celebrate Mass on **Monday, March 19**, at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. (in place of the usual 12:10 Mass.) That evening, beginning at 6 p.m., he will give a public address at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver. Highlighting one of our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals: Strengthening Marriages and Families, Cardinal Tagle will speak with about *Keeping Families in Faith: The Domestic Church in a Global Village*. For tickets, please visit <http://rcav.org/cardinal-tagle>.

Spiritual Exercises for Men



The Miles Christi priests will be hosting a retreat for men, using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, on March 16-18 at Westminster Abbey in Mission. For more information and to register, contact Jody Garneau at 604-825-5391 or email her at adultfaith@stannsabbotsford.ca

Minimize Your 2018 Tax Bill by Tax-Gain Donations



Taken from the December 2017 Issue of The Vancouver Sun

In 2018, be strategic in your charitable giving by making a budget for your annual donations. Ideally, if you're holding significant appreciated securities in your non-registered portfolio, consider donating them 'in kind' to charity. Not only will you get a receipt equal to the fair market value of the securities donated, but you won't pay any capital gains tax on the accrued appreciation, saving you up to 27 per cent tax, depending on your province of residence.

Interior Freedom: Our Desire, Our Need



Come explore the freedom we need for ourselves, with others, and with God in this Lenten Day of Reflection at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre on Saturday, March 3, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ends with Mass with Archbishop Miller at 4:30 p.m. The day is open to all, and costs \$20 including lunch. To register and for more information, go to <http://rcav.org/courage>.



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