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5th Sunday of Lent—March 18, 2018

Making Holy Week a Spiritual Success

Someone once said if we fail to plan, we plan to fail. Whether we're pleased how our Lent went or not, we all have an opportunity for a glorious Easter, spiritual growth, and greater peace—Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.



disciples' feet, have an opportunity to express your devotion to His cross, and listen to some of the most moving music in the Church's tradition.

Sharing the beautiful liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil takes some planning, especially for busy families. But the benefits are beyond measure. So why not take this bulletin home and grab your calendar?



If you are completely new to the special liturgies of the Sacred Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), why not pick one this year you've never attended and plan to participate for the first time?

The same parishioners—God bless them—attend all three of the Triduum liturgies year after year. Perhaps others are afraid that the Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil are too long. Yet neither is any longer than the average movie (and a lot shorter than some!).



Of course, it all starts with a clean heart. This week, there are penitential services at St. Stephen's and Holy Trinity on Thursday. Here at Christ the Redeemer, we have a penitential service next Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.



The schedule for all of our Holy Week services is inside.

Plan now to make next week something wonderful for you and your loved ones. You will hear dramatic readings from Scripture, observe the reenactment of Christ's washing the



The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church, 571

A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Monday	March 19	7:00 p.m.	Ladies' Evening of Recollection	McCarthy Room
		7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	March 20	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Mallon Room
Wednesday	March 21	9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity (Changed Time)	Mallon Room
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
		7:00 p.m.	C.W.L. General Meeting	Mallon Room
Thursday	March 22	Cancelled	Adult Faith Formation (St. James)	Back March 29
Friday	March 23	6:00 a.m.	Commuter Club	Mallon Room
		6:00 p.m.	Soup and Silence (Final Evening)	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun		9:00 a.m.			
Mar 18		11:00 a.m.	Kevin O'Connell †		
		5:00 p.m.		<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	
Mon		8:15 a.m.	Martin Lehoczky †		<i>St. Joseph</i>
Mar 19					
Tues		8:15 a.m.	Maureen Martin †		
Mar 20					
Wed		8:15 a.m.	Richard Lesinski †		
Mar 21					
Thu		8:15 a.m.	Ynes Ondarza & Humberto Bustamante †		
Mar 22					
Fri		8:15 a.m.	Jason Costa (int)		
Mar 23					
Sat		9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Gregory Smith (int)		
Mar 24					
Sun		9:00 a.m.	Neil Smith †		
Mar 25		11:00 a.m.			
		5:00 p.m.		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	



Regular Confession Times

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

Please note the Penitential Services offered this week at St. Stephen's and Holy Trinity, and next week here at Christ the Redeemer.

Thank You!



Thank you to our generous parishioners who responded to the needs of the parish with extra donation amounts for the unexpected snow removal and boiler costs we experienced earlier in the month. Your stewardship is much appreciated!



Our Parish at its Best

The funeral liturgies were fitting tributes to our founding pastor. The presence of Archbishop Michael Miller and Bishop Gary Gordon, along with many of Fr. Tim's fellow priests, was moving. The contributions of our music ministers, CWL members, servers, sacristans, and many others spoke volumes about the regard in which Fr. Tim was held, but also about the strength of our parish community. Thanks to all.

Please Pray For

Ruth Battig
Matt Radosevic



We Continue to Pray for

Jeanne Ainsbury, Kenneth Beesley, Carlos Bolbrugge, Timothy Buckley, Helen Bush, 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, Ken McVey, Juanita Nazareth, George & Nadine O'Leary, Michael O'Brien, Ethan Price, Erich Puchinger, Natalia Pyk, Plunkett Quinn, Gordon Ridgedale, Derek Ridsdale, Tammy Rodriguez, Leonie Roemuss, Margaret Ryan, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Milan Sikich, Linwood Trask, Maria Magdalena Velázquez, Rolly & Molly Waechter, Lucienne Watson, Amy Wheeler, Joseph Willgot, and Simon Wong



Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Emma Grace Radziminski (granddaughter of Chris and Iwona Radziminski)



Holy Week

at CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Join us as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Palm (Passion) Sunday—March 25

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

– Mark 11:9b

9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass
11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mass
5:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Mass

North Shore Penitential Services

March 22	10:30 a.m.	St. Stephen's Parish
March 22	7:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Parish
March 27	7:00 p.m.	Christ the Redeemer

Chrism Mass—March 28

5:00 p.m.	Holy Rosary Cathedral
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Holy Thursday—March 29

"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." – John 13:8

7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 p.m.	Adoration (until 10:00 p.m.)
9:55 p.m.	Night Prayer

Good Friday—March 30

"They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!'"

– John 19:15

11:00 a.m.	Children's Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—March 31

The Church refrains from the celebration of the Mass today until the solemn Vigil in the evening.

10:30 a.m.	Blessing of the Easter Foods
8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 1

"He is not here, but has risen." – Luke 24:5

9:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Mass
5:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday Mass

Please note that there will be no morning Masses during the Triduum (March 29–31).

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.

Catholic Women's League News



Our next general meeting will take place **this Wednesday, March 21** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** We are pleased to welcome guest speaker Jacqueline Gresko, a highly respected history professor at Douglas College.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will not be in session today, March 25, and April 1 because of **Spring Break** and Easter. We will resume on April 8.



Soup and Silence

Join us for our final Soup and Silence this Lent, in a spirit of gratitude and reflection, this Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Mallon Room, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



Formation Corner

Excerpted from Loyola Press' blog, Sunday Connection. Full article at <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fifth-sunday-of-lent-cycle-a-sunday-connection>

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. Today's reading invites us to reflect what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus... and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.



40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in Canada and around the world. 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, please visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/vancouver-2/>.



Redemptoris Mater Seminary Spring Gala

Join Fr. Giovanni for the third annual Spring Gala of Vancouver's Redemptoris Mater Seminary, which he attended, at the Italian Cultural Centre on **April 27**. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information please contact the seminary at 604-709-8509 or speak with Fr. Giovanni after Mass.



Egg Decorating Session for the Homeless

Are you interested in donating a dozen hard boiled eggs and decorating them with others on Holy Saturday from 10:30 a.m. at the Parish Grand Hall? (in front of the Gym) All eggs will be distributed to homeless youth at Covenant House and Directions Youth Centre in Downtown Vancouver. Hope to see you then! For more information, contact Melissa Lim at mglim5@gmail.com.



Host Homes Needed

NET Canada is a Catholic missionary organization that "Challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church". We currently have a team serving in Vancouver since October and will be staying till the end of May. We are currently looking for generous people to take 2-4 of the missionaries into their home for a period of 1-2 weeks. Please contact Mickenzie Kinahan at Mickenzie@netcanada.ca or 403-715-7983 for more information and to sign up to host.

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