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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter—April 8, 2018**

## It Was the Worst Easter EVER! ...or was it?

- The congregation blocked the door and the wireless microphone stopped working at the Easter Vigil.
- The pastor was hoarse well before the end of the long celebration.
- The power went out half way through the 11 a.m. Mass. No organ, no microphones.
- And Fr. Giovanni had to hear Sunday afternoon confessions in the dark, and waited until 4:55 p.m. to find out whether or not he had power for the afternoon Mass!

The worst Easter ever. Or was it?

Is the success of Easter measured by what happens at our liturgies? Or is it not a matter of what happens afterwards?

We will not be able to judge whether Easter 2018 was a “success” until we know the difference it made in the lives of those who gathered on Sunday.

One sign of that difference will be seen **this Thursday**. At our special Easter Event, we will see whether the proclamation of the resurrection touched some of our visitors. We will discover whether you, the parishioners, felt called to invite family and friends to hear more about the Risen Lord and the difference his friendship can make in their lives.



Our “Easter Evening” event is this Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the Mallon Room. Dessert will be served, we’ll watch an introduction to ALPHA, hear live testimonies of faith, and watch a very moving short film, and be on our way by 8:30.

Invite neighbours, family, and friends—and make Easter matter!

## A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	April 8	6:00 p.m.	Youth Alpha	Mallon Room
Monday	April 9	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	April 10	9:00 a.m.	CWL Parish Breakfast	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Mallon Room
Wednesday	April 11	9:15 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		10:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
Thursday	April 12	9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation (St. James)	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	Easter Evening	Mallon Room
Friday	April 13	6:00 a.m.	Commuter Club	Mallon Room

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

	9:00 a.m.		
Sun	11:00 a.m.		
Apr 8	5:00 p.m.	Klaus Teufel †	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Mon	8:15 a.m.	Russell Sheehan †	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Apr 9			
Tues	8:15 a.m.	Robert & Eileen Wood †	
Apr 10			
Wed	9:15 a.m.	Timothy Harrington †	<i>St. Stanislaus</i>
Apr 11			
Thu	8:15 a.m.	Fr. Xavier Royappan †	
Apr 12			
Fri	8:15 a.m.	Edwin Stone †	
Apr 13			
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Francesco Schiesari (int)	
Apr 14			
Sun	9:00 a.m.		
Apr 15	11:00 a.m.	Myrl Gomes †	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
	5:00 p.m.		

### Easter Evening Features Alpha

Our special Easter Evening this **Thursday, April 12**, at **7 p.m.** includes a look at the new ALPHA film series. If you didn't see it last year, this is a chance to have a look. You will also hear parishioners' faith stories, and watch a short video that can change how you think about God as Father. Come discover the rest of the Easter story and what it can mean in our lives. Invite your friends and family to this happy event which will be over by 8:30 p.m.

Dessert will be served. RSVP to the Parish Office at [office@ctrwestvan.ca](mailto:office@ctrwestvan.ca) or call at 604-922-1371.



### We Continue to Pray for

*Jeanne Ainsbury, Helen Bush, Rose Cullen, Jeannine Gillis, Margaret McCormick, Ken McVey, Juanita Nazareth, Erich Puchinger, and Molly Waechter*



### St. Anthony's Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten

Application packages are now available for parents interested in enrolling their children at St. Anthony's School **Kindergarten** and **Junior Kindergarten** for the 2018-19 school year. For more info, please contact the school office at 604-922-0011.



### Parish Gift Shop

Are you looking for Sacramental gift ideas or inspirational readings? Visit our Parish Gift Shop, open Sundays after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. You will find ideas for all age groups in two display cases in the church foyer.



### Redemptoris Mater Seminary Spring Gala

Join Fr. Giovanni and your fellow parishioners for the annual Spring Gala of Vancouver's Redemptoris Mater Seminary at the Italian Cultural Centre on **April 27**. Tickets are \$100 each. For more information, speak with Fr. Giovanni after Mass.



### Youth Ministry News

Youth Alpha continues on **today** after the 5 p.m. Mass. All teens are welcome, even if you haven't attended a session before! Dinner and discussion will take place from **6-8:15 p.m.**, followed by open gym until 9 p.m.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Love one another, as I have loved you.” -  
*John 15:12*

Find out how to live this out in your marriage. Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. The next weekend is non-residential (couples do not stay overnight), and takes place from April 28-29 at the JPPII Pastoral Centre.

Any marriage over 5 years are welcome! It is not counselling and there is no public sharing. For more information and to register please contact Steve & Mary Bohnen at 604 876-7298, at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or at [rcav.org](http://rcav.org).



## Retrouvaille — Last Call for Next Weekend

Retrouvaille offers superb help for couples struggling with their marriage.

It has helped many stay together, happily, and grow. The next program is scheduled this upcoming weekend, April 13-15. Couples interested in attending should contact Msgr. Smith immediately or call Retrouvaille leaders Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710. For more information: [www.retrouvaillevancover.com](http://www.retrouvaillevancover.com).



## Easter Gratitude

Year after year, I am awed by the teamwork and generosity that makes it possible to celebrate the great liturgies of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum with beauty and devotion.

We thank our tireless sacristans—Robert Hickson, Rina Teo, Gail O’Mahony, and Helen Setiawan, and acknowledge with admiration the fine job done by Sam Mok as MC at all the liturgies. The flowers, as always, were magnificent, the talented work of Maureen Giefing. Our choirs and musicians, whose names would fill this bulletin’s available space, contributed immeasurably, as did our dedicated servers, lectors, and Ministers of Welcome. Equally to be thanked are our RCIA team members, Glen Goh and Nicole Bitelli, who made it possible for our three new parishioners to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

We’re grateful also to our custodian, Rey Acayayan!

A word of thanks also to each and every one of our parishioners who contributed to the Easter collections. You were particularly generous this year, and it eases some of the concern about parish finances in the wake of an expensive winter.

—GNS

## Dessert with Sr. Ann Shields



The parish is pleased to welcome Sr. Ann Shields from Renewal Ministries to speak at a special event for all women on the evening of April 22, 2018. Come hear this warm and engaging speaker—known for her radio program and books—and prepare to be inspired. Please contact Rina Teo at [rina@rteo.ca](mailto:rina@rteo.ca) to make sure there’s enough dessert for all.



## Fr. Jim Nisbet Catholic Bible Seminar

The popular Biblical scholar returns to St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church to present The First Book of Samuel on April 27-29. Registration is \$70, and married couple registration is \$130. Registration is available at [www.biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration](http://www.biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration).



## Formation Corner

*Excerpts from an article by Lydia M. Borja on Our Sunday Visitor. Full article can be found at <https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Story/TabId/2672/ArtMID/13567/ArticleID/2604/Divine-Mercy-Sunday.aspx>*

Since the year 2000, the universal Church has concluded the Octave of Easter by celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. This great solemnity calls the faithful to rejoice in the merciful love of God as it is most profoundly manifested in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ.

In his 1980 encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* (“Rich in Mercy”), Pope John Paul II writes, “Believing in [God’s] love means believing in mercy. For mercy is an indispensable dimension of love; it is as it were love’s second name and, at the same time, the specific manner in which love is revealed” (No. 7).

Simply speaking, then, the “Divine Mercy” is another name for the revelation of this magnificent love of God, which culminates in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Christians have long known and praised this abundant mercy. In this sense, devotion to the Divine Mercy is not new. The feast of Divine Mercy, then, is a continuation of the celebration of Easter; it is, as Pope John Paul once said, Christ’s “Easter gift” to the world.

The feast is not only a beautiful reminder of the love of God, but also a challenge to a deeper understanding of who He is, and who we are in relation to Him. St. Faustina recognized this truth and responded in her weakness to the power of Christ’s mercy.



## 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 of two young men and two young women serving in Vancouver since October and who will be staying until the end of May. We are currently looking for generous people to take some of the missionaries into their home for a period of 1-2 weeks. Please contact Mickenzie Kinahan at [Mickenzie@netcanada.ca](mailto:Mickenzie@netcanada.ca) or 403-715-7983 for more information and to sign up to host.



## Holy Hour for Vocations

Join the Vocations Office and seminarians in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer for Vocations. The next one will take place on April 19, from 7-8 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Vancouver.

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Society



### Helpline Volunteer Training by Domestic Abuse Services

You can make a difference in the lives of victims of abuse. Join us for our spring training. Sessions are on Friday April 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. as well as Saturdays April 7, 14, and 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish, North Vancouver. Call 604-585-6688 to register or for more information.

## Dementia Care Series



Come learn more about spiritual care for people with dementia and caring for these family members or friends. This series of events are co-sponsored by St. Mark's College and begin April 3. For more information please visit <http://carey-edu.ca/portfolio-item/alzheimer-cafe-full-schedule>.

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