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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

March 6, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Bible Verse for March 7: Col. 2:12

When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Stewardship Reflection:

"So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have left over? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

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Mass Intentions:

Monday	Mar. 7	Zachary Restiaux	health
Tuesday	Mar. 8	Tony Bettencourt	+
Wednesday	Mar. 9	Jacinto Narciso	+
Thursday	Mar. 10	Valentina Tan	+
Friday	Mar. 11	Oscar Gochuico	+
Saturday	Mar. 12	Lauro & Eleonor Croyonan	+

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday	Mar. 5	5pm	Lucia Macaranas	+
Sunday	Mar. 6	9am	Roddy Leon	+
Sunday	Mar. 6	11am	Jose Garcia	+

Be Part of the Synod 2022/2023: Come join the conversation about the church. We will be meeting to discuss topics relating to **Communion, Participation and Mission** within the church. If you would like to be part of the conversation, please come and join us. We invite all who want our church to be better! **Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30pm.**

Synod Snippets: "Synodality is the call of God for the Church in the 3rd millennium ... It is a shift of culture and a move toward protagonism for all the people of God." (Sister Nathalie Becquart)

First Communion and Confirmation dates:

First Communion: Sunday, May 29, 2022 at the 11am Mass.

Confirmation: Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7pm. Those who missed Confirmation in previous years, contact Fr. George.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 7:00pm during the Season of Lent.

100 days New Testament Reading plan: Let the word of God guide your Lenten journey. God's WORD will transform you; nothing else can! Go to the parish website to download the plan.

Lenten Journey 2022: Encouragement for the journey delivered right to you! Each week we will have practical suggestions to live out your faith and grow closer to God. Let's journey together as an Archdiocese! Visit rcav.org/lent to sign up for weekly emails and find resources to support you this Lent.

The Letters of St. Paul: Paul the Problem Solver: St. Paul articulated some of his most profound insights in response to concrete challenges faced by early Christian communities. Join us as we explore how Paul tried to solve problems related to such topics as marriage, ministry and fraught relationships with governing powers. His insights still provide vital guidance for us today.

Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour: Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes. **Friday, March 18 at 6:30pm.** Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

The Impact of Technology on Relationships: Should We Worry?: Our daily choices are resulting in disintegrating conversations, distracted brains, and reduced human empathy. How should we respond? In this dynamic presentation, Dr. Carol Bruess will address the current state of our relationship to technology and provide practical approaches to help each of us re-evaluate our relationships both to each other and to the devices we adore. **Thursday, March 24 at 7:00pm.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Into the Deep: Mary's Fiat, Our Fiat: Featuring a panel discussion with Father Paul Goo (Director of Vocations and Seminars for the Archdiocese of Vancouver), Sister Mary Sabina Demuth, OP (Archbishop's Delegate for Consecrated Life), and Richie Aldaba (Coordinator with the Ministries & Outreach Office). **Fri., March 25 at 7pm.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

St. John Brebeuf Regional Secondary School is currently accepting applications for the 2022/2023 school year. We strive to bring faith to life while developing Christian leaders, responsible citizens, and life-long learners. For information and to apply online, visit www.stjohnbrebeuf.ca/application.

SOS

for Ukraine people fleeing a senseless war!

Refugees fleeing into Poland need our help. We can do our little through the family of one our parishioners (The Lichtenbergs) who now live near the Ukrainian border in Poland. During the next two weeks we will be receiving cash donations to help the fleeing Ukrainian families.

Kindly make your cheques in the name of "**St Joseph's Parish, Mission, BC**". If you wish to make donations through *interac*, kindly use our email: **sjmissionbc@gmail.com** specifying clearly "Aid for Ukraine" in the memo. Using this email, the funds will come directly into our parish account securely and without any need for a password. I will be informed about your donation immediately.

Thank you and God bless you!

Fr. George

(Here is an excerpt from the letter of *Richard and Agnieszka Lichtenberg*:)

Hello Canada.

Well, Tanks, helicopters, multinational forces are all around here. We purchased our farm really close to the Ukrainian border. You should see it here now. Gas and all fuels are rationed.

We've just opened up our place for Ukrainian refugees and they are coming. We have contacts and friends with the Ukrainian Catholic Church and convents.

I've never done fundraising before but we are over our heads and this is just the beginning of the conflict. We need tents, food, clothes, medical supplies, diapers and things that I can't even think of yet.

Young Ukrainian families are coming here to Poland and just hang out at the border. The fathers and men have to stay and fight while the women and children are allowed to leave the conflict.

We ask for your prayers and help. Maybe someone from our Parish has a family in Ukraine. We can give them somewhere safe to sleep but we are tapped out for funds and are not budgeted for anyone else.

I'm passing out tired from stress and I hope that I'm making some sense. Please pass this on to Father George, unless there is a new Parish Priest at St. Joseph's already.

Thanks very much and God Bless!

Richard Lichtenberg

Online Lenten Mission by Ken Yasinski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UTn1ShbfE>

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Session 1: Created for a Purpose

Questions for Reflection:

- What stood out to you in this presentation and why?
- St Pope John Paul II wrote the following: “Sometimes even Catholics have lost or never had the chance to experience Christ personally: not Christ as a mere ‘paradigm’ or ‘value’, but as the living Lord, ‘the way, and the truth, and the life’ (Jn 14:6).” (1)
- What do you think St Pope John Paul II meant by “to experience Christ personally?”
- St John Pope II says that Catholics may have never had the chance to experience Christ personally. Why would a Catholic never have had the chance to experience Christ personally?
- St. Pope John Paul II says that sometimes Catholics have lost experiencing Christ personally. How or why would this happen?
- As a result of hearing this presentation, how would you answer the following question: “What is the purpose of your life?” 1. Pope John Paul II, L’Osservatore Romano (English Edition of the Vatican Newspaper), March 24, 1993, p.3