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### Sunday, March 3, 2024

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**Help Line:** 604-434-1328

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**Help Line:** 604-640-7549

**Confessions:**

**Monday to Friday**

**7:55 am to 8:10 am**

**Saturday**

**9:30 am to 10:00 am**

**4:00 pm to 4:45 pm**

**By Appointment**

Please call the Parish Office.

**604-434-1328**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**8:15 am Monday-Friday**

**9:15 am Friday March 8**

**(school Mass)**

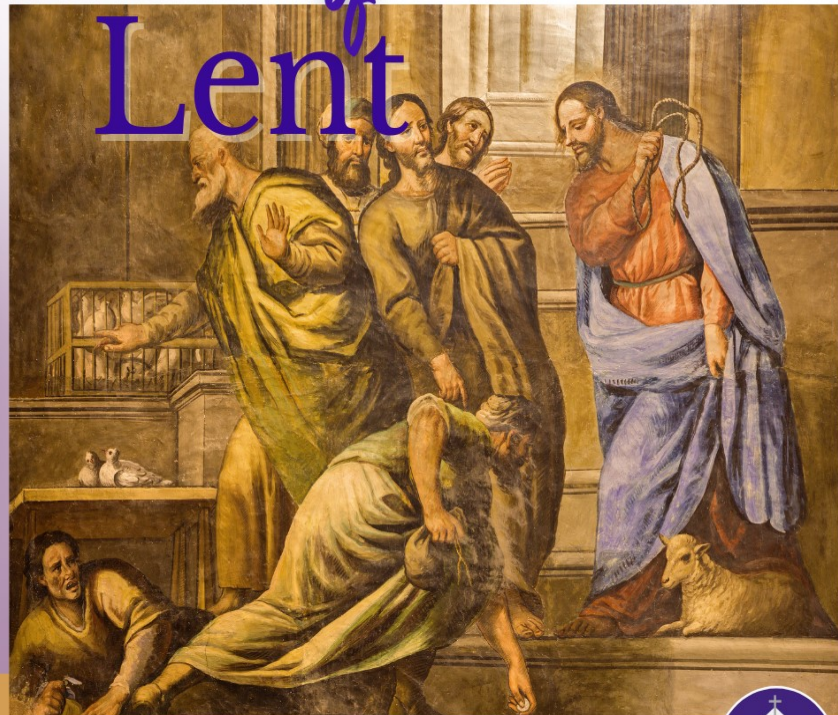
**9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays**

**Holy Hour**

**Thursday mornings after Mass**

**First Friday's at 6 pm**

## Third Sunday of Lent



*Mass Times:*

**Saturday: 5:00pm\***

**Sunday: 9:00am\*, 11:00am & 7:00pm**

*\*) with The Liturgy of the Word for Children*



**Every Friday during LENT**

Stations of the Cross @ 6:00 pm and Holy Mass @ 7:00 pm

*"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security, and as a consequence, benefits someone else, it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him."  
Pope Francis*

## Sunday, March 3, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

*...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)*

Today the words roll off our tongues so easily. Of course Jesus is God's wisdom and power! He's the Son of God, after all. But what do these words mean? Today's readings can help us.

First, there's Jesus as the wisdom of God. The story of the Ten Commandments in the first reading shows us that God's commands are nothing more and nothing less, than a revelation of his own divine wisdom. They reveal how he wants his children to live, by loving God and one another. This is the wisdom that Jesus lived out perfectly. In everything he said and did, he showed us what it is like to love God completely and to pour ourselves out in love for the people around us. And nowhere is it revealed more powerfully than when he laid down his life on the cross!

As for Jesus being the power of God, what could be more astounding than his promise in today's gospel to rebuild the "temple of his body" after three days (John 2:21)? Imagine the kind of power it took for Jesus' crucified, lifeless flesh to come back to life! Imagine the power that transformed his body into something radiant and glorious! That was a work that only God, by his own mighty power, could do!

These are not just historical facts. The power and wisdom of God are present today, and they are yours in Christ! Every act of love, forgiveness and generosity, that you perform demonstrates his wisdom to a world lost in folly. Every time you pray in confident intercession, every time you rely on God's grace to say no to temptation, and every time you lay down your life to care for someone, you are revealing the power of God. That's right. You can be God's revelation to this world!

**We Welcome and Congratulate**  
*Bella Aurora Torino Ngiong*  
Baptized in our parish this weekend

### OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† **Teresita Dipasupil**

Passed away on Thursday February 29, 2024

Predeceased by her husband Celedonio

Loving mother to Lorna, Vicente +

Marites, Maria Cecilia,

Luisito, Roberto & Cristina

Grandmother to 17 grandchildren,

Great grandmother to 15 great grandchildren

Funeral details to follow

*Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord*

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2024

The campaign for Vancouver 40 Days for Life started on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and will end on Sunday, March 24 this year. We encourage all parishioners and their families to take part in this year's campaign. Our parish date is on **Saturday March 23, from 8 am to 6 pm**, Please consider spending at least one hour or more on March 23rd to stand and pray outside St. Joseph's Residence on Willow Street at 32nd Ave, (by the fire hydrant) as witness to the sanctity of life. Invite your families and friends to support this important endeavor to speak up for the unborn human babies, who have no voice of their own.

Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church after all



### Sleep Out 2024 Catholic Street

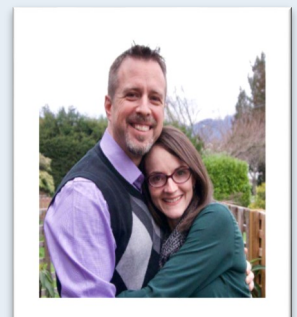
Missionaries invites you to make a bold and courageous decision to join SLEEP OUT. You will be making a true sacrifice by experiencing what it's like to be homeless and spend one night outside in the cold. The reality is that many people sleep on the street and experience the discomfort that we often forget about. Change starts with us. Are you up for the challenge? From March 15-16 at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver.

**Registration deadline: Monday, March 11.** Learn more and register via [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).



### And guess what??

We made a hire here at our SFDS office. And you may know her... We congratulate Mrs. Fiona Dwan! Fiona is our new, part-time, administrative assistant. Here's Fiona with her husband Chris, below. Their 7 kids were behind the camera. Nice shot, kids!





Maurice Desa March 1, 1999  
 Harold (Ted) Kidd March 1, 2007  
 Bianca Del Rio March 2, 2014  
 Rodolfo Beleno Sr. March 2, 2003  
 Erlina Patelo March 2, 2017  
 Gil R. Nicolás Sr. March 4, 2015  
 Miriam De Vera March 5, 2013  
 Ljuba Brenko March 5, 2000  
 Florencio Almazin Mina March 5, 1995  
 Leo Van Koeveringe March 6, 2018  
 Sy Ka Kang (Hao Tai) March 6, 1980  
 Catarina De Wit March 6, 1954  
 Anne Marie De Wit March 6, 1964  
 Carolyn De Leon March 6, 2022  
 Louis Pinto March 7, 2018  
 Gilberto Castellanos March 7, 2021  
 Veronica Leenders March 8, 1949  
 Chiarina Marrone March 8, 2021  
 Alexis Bawagan March 8, 2014  
 Oscar Maceda March 8, 2008



Angeles Orbita Gomez March 12, 1999  
 Margaret (Cahill) Petrie March 12, 2015  
 Luciano De Simone March 14, 2017  
 Jacky Kusmanto March 16, 2004  
 Mr. Tse Yim March 16, 2018  
 Verna de Vito March 16, 1928  
 Baldomero Patelo March 17, 2003  
 Margo Goldsmith March 19, 1976  
 Maria Ching Ng-Haing March 19, 2011  
 Ernesto Gerada March 19, 1982  
 Pablo Cruz March 20, 1988  
 Zenaida S. Galvez March 21, 2023  
 Yvette Ahkong March 22, 1970  
 Jesusa Velasco Mina March 23, 2019  
 Vincente A. De Vera March 24, 1995  
 Ciriaco Dimayuga March 25, 2006  
 Antonio Soriano Jr. March 26, 2009  
 Frank (Franz) Braeuer March 26, 2019  
 Caridad Madarieta March 26, 1997  
 Edward Masse March 28, 1998

### SFDS SPRING FAIR 2024

Get ready for the highly anticipated parish and wider community event of 2024, our **Spring Fair!** And here is a special pitch to businesses... As a business owner within our community, your in for a special treat from the Spring Fair organizing committee. Elevate your business' with social media presence with personalized shout-outs through a small donation. Your contribution not only supports the success of this fun-filled event but also ensures a memorable experience for all. For details and to take advantage of this unique opportunity, send an email to [spring.fairsfds.burnaby@gmail.com](mailto:spring.fairsfds.burnaby@gmail.com).



And to keep up to date with Spring Fair happenings check out the link below. **Website :** <http://www.sfdsspringfair.ca>

### KOFC Annual Memberships

Please note that payment can be dropped off at the parish office Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. ( Closed for lunch from noon to 1 pm).



SAVE the DATE

St. Francis de Sales

# SPRING FAIR

MAY 25, 2024

FROM 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM 6656 Balmoral Street, Burnaby

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of March 03, 2024



### Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



### The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



### Death, Where is Your Sting? w/ Sarah Kirchner | Fearless | Episode 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

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