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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Help Line: 604-434-1328

### Domestic Abuse

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

9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

### Extra Time for Confessions

Friday March 22

5:00pm to 6:30pm

### Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass

First Friday's at 6 pm

## Sunday, March 17, 2024



*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 @ 6:30 pm and Holy Mass @ 7:00 pm

*"Jesus made Himself like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to give life. Our hope springs from that love filled life."*

*Pope Francis*

## Sunday, March 17, (John 12:32)

*When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself. ( John 12:32)*

This is not the first time in John's Gospel that Jesus uses the image of being "lifted up" to describe his crucifixion (John 12:32). Earlier, Jesus compared Moses' lifting of the serpent in the desert to himself "lifted up" (3:14). Then, speaking to the religious leaders, he said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM" (8:28).

Of course, after Jesus was nailed to a cross, he was physically lifted up. But John's repeated use of the phrase goes beyond that. Jesus' crucifixion as horrible and painful as it was, was also an exaltation. That's because through his cross and resurrection, Jesus saved the world. It was a victory over sin, Satan, and death.

This is the paradox of the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering and death that he was glorified and brought glory to his Father's name (John 12:28). It was by becoming that grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies that Jesus was able to produce "much fruit" (12:24). That "fruit"- our salvation, is why we reverence the cross. It is also why Jesus could talk of his impending death as a lifting up. It was truly a triumph of love over death.

Jesus also promised to "draw everyone" to himself (John 12:32). This, too, was the fruit of his sacrifice. The cross removed the barrier of sin that blocked our relationship with the Father. Now, forgiven and made blameless through Jesus' blood, we have become sons & daughters of God. Drawn into the heart of the Trinity, we can enjoy eternal life with God, both now and forever.

Today at Mass, gaze at the crucifix above the altar and let it speak to you of God's infinite love for you. Then praise and thank Jesus for his willingness to suffer and die so that you might live.

### We Welcome and Congratulate

*Theodore Harryson Browne*

*Elrond & Eloise Lecitona*

**Baptized in our parish this weekend**



### Christian Life Program

**Conducted by Couples for Christ SFDS Unit**

**Starts with Orientation & Talk 1**

**on Saturday April 6, 2024, 6:30pm**

**SFDS Church Hall**

**Contact Persons:**

**Jojo & Chay Facun**

**(778-995-4968)**

**Rex & Yvonne Calderon**

**(604-603-3032)**

## No Registration Required

Join in the Spring for  
**THE WILD GOOSE**  
*Series*  
Every Wednesday | 7:30pm | Church Hall

- April 10** • God's Love Poured Out
- April 17** • The Breath of God
- April 24** • Baptism in the Spirit and Fire
- May 1** • The Spirit and Our Lady (a)  
• Gifts of the Holy Spirit (b)
- May 8** • The Spirit and the Eucharist
- May 15** • The Spirit of Adoption
- May 22** • The Spirit and the Sacraments (a)  
• The Fruits of the Holy Spirit (b)
- May 29** • The Spirit and the Desert
- June 5** • The Spirit Convicts
- June 12** • The Spirit Freedom (a)  
• The Spirit Gives Witness (b)
- June 19** • The Spirit Remembers



## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

**This Sunday March 17  
After 9 am & 11 am Masses.**



**Easter Lilies** If you would like to donate an Easter lily to help decorate the Church for Easter, please bring it to the office **between Monday, March 25 and Holy Thursday, March 28**. We will have a special dedication placed on the bulletin board for those who would like to donate their lily in memory of a loved one.







# 2024 LENT

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES

EACH SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 7:00PM

Mon, Mar 18	St. Peter's, New West
Tues, Mar 19	Holy Spirit, Queensborough
Wed, Mar 20	St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Thurs, Mar 21	Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby
Mon, Mar 25	St. Michael's, Burnaby
Tues, Mar 26	St. Cyril & Methodius, New West.



"Our Lord himself I saw in ... this venerable sacrament. I felt as if my chains fell, as those of St. Peter, at the touch of the divine messenger."

-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

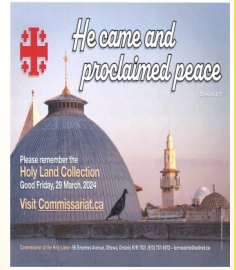
### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29, 2024

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during your Parish's Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to [terresainte@bellnet.ca](mailto:terresainte@bellnet.ca) or online at [Commissariat.ca](http://Commissariat.ca). Tax receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada.



## S F D S Schedule

for the tail-end of Lent, before and including HOLY WEEK

Wed., March 20	7:00 pm	SFDS Penitential Service
Fri., March 22	5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	• Extra Time for Confessions • Stations of the Cross • Mass
Sat., March 23	During daylight hours	Pro-Life Prayer Vigil at Willow St. at 32nd Avenue
	5:00 pm	Anticipated Mass for Palm Sunday
Sun., March 24	9:00 am	• Palm Sunday Mass
	11:00 am	• Palm Sunday Mass
	7:00 pm	• Palm Sunday Mass
Thurs., March 28	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
	9:00 pm	Extra Time for Confessions
Fri., March 29	8:00 am	• Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1)
	12:00 pm	• Good Friday Liturgy
	3:00 pm	• Good Friday Liturgy
Sat., March 30	8:00 am	Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)
	9:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass (followed by reception/celebration in the hall)
Sun., March 31	8:00 am	• Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)
	9:00 am	• Easter Sunday Mass
	11:00 am	• Easter Sunday Mass
	7:00 pm	• Easter Sunday Mass



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

# DIAPER Drive

- WE NEED:
- DIAPERS (NB, 1 and 2)
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  - WASH CLOTHS
  - ONESIES, SLEEPERS
  - SOCKS
  - FORMULA (Enfamil A+)
  - NEW BOTTLES



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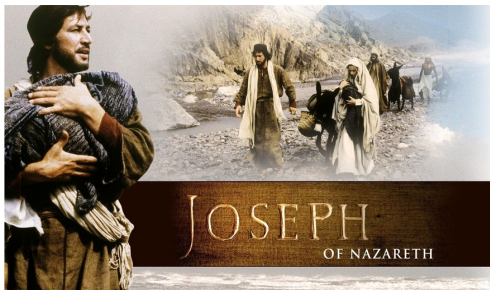
Supplies Will be donated to and given out to families in need by: Burnaby Crisis Pregnancy Center

Drop Off MARCH 23rd and 24th Before All Masses Bins in Church Foyer

[www.willowpointofview.com](http://www.willowpointofview.com)

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 17, 2024



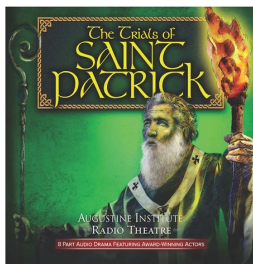
## Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



## An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



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