

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world.”

Stewardship Reflection

“Let your light shine before human beings.” We know that St. Paul was knowledgeable, in fact he was an expert in the law, a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee. (Acts 23:6) Yet, we hear in today’s second reading that he preached, not with lofty words and wisdom, he kept his proclaiming simple – “Christ, and him crucified”. This simple proclaiming is good news for us as we strive to share the gift of faith that we have received with those who don’t know Christ. We can let our light shine through simple words and deeds, praise God! Being a light to others begins with acknowledging God as the very source of our lives, our words, our understanding and skills. This humble disposition creates room in our hearts, and minds, for our words and actions to be entirely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and in this way, we are good stewards of the mysteries of God.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

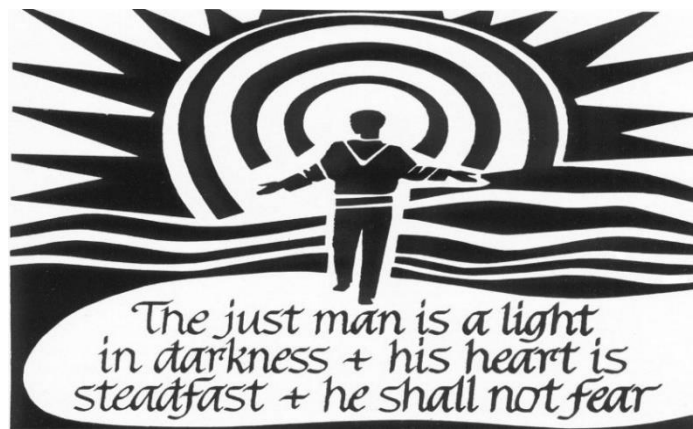
Lorraine Cameron; Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Janet Forsey; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Helen Kutty; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Archie D’Souza; Darlene Erskine; Leo Verstraete; Bearl Hall; Jean Van Loo; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Benedicto Tugade; Gloria Peralta; Edward Chan; Ernesto Hidalgo; William O’Brien; Alex Cameron; Romeo Samson; Ann Pelle; Betty Kovacs; Lorna Keras; Sujay Nazareth & Agueda Rego.

If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 7 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area. All existing members and new members who would like to join the Committee to organize events in the Parish are welcome. We meet once a month to arrange the schedule and set up events for the Parish.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2016 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA



Tonight, Sun., Feb. 5, 7pm: “Belong” We will learn more about the Sacraments of Initiation and how they build our community. For this Life Night, please bring a white t-shirt that you can paint on (ie. it won’t go home white).

Next Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30am-3:30pm: “Let’s Go Downtown” We’re going on a day trip! Meet at the Youth Room and bring your Compass Card. You’ll need to bring at least \$15 for Ice Skating rental at Robson square and lunch.

Keep up to date and find out about upcoming events on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen) For more information about Youth Ministry and Life Teen, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com

SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Syrian Refugee committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of all our fundraising projects so far!

FUND RAISING	
Apple Sales (K of C)	1,227.00
Basket Raffle (Gourmet foods)	2,206.00
Book Sales (Monica O’Reilly)	312.00
Christmas Dinner	237.00
Envelope Donations	12,740.60
Ice Cream Sales	290.70
Knights of Columbus Donation	250.00
Neufelt Farms orders (K of C)	744.00
Samosa Sales	1,967.55
St Martins Guild Collection	6,418.25
Water by donation	99.80
TOTAL	\$26,492.90

We continue our fundraising TODAY with a Samosa sale. Next week we launch our magnificent Quilt Raffle hand made by three parishioners. We have 5 PRIZES... Your chance to win one! Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

LENTEN RETREAT AT IC DELTA WITH FR. LARRE

You are cordially invited to attend the
Lenten retreat at Immaculate Conception
Parish, Delta with Father Larre
Saturday, Feb. 11th to Thursday, Feb. 16th

Mission Talk: 9:15 am & 7:10 pm.

Introductory Mission Sermon

Sat., Feb. 11th

The Most Important Decision in Life

Mon., Feb. 13th

Clinging to Faith in a Godless Society

Tues., Feb. 14th

Maintaining Hope in Hopeless Situations

Wed., Feb. 15th

Building a Loving Home in a Selfish Society

Thur., Feb. 16th

Bringing Love to a Violent, Hateful Society

Confessions Every Night After the Mission Talks.

Don't Be Afraid!. Come Home to Jesus!

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See: www.fatherlarre.ca

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will celebrate a special Mass in honour of the World Day of the Sick. Sacrament of Anointing will be administered after the Homily. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Join us on Feb. 10, from 10:30-1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver. Refreshments to follow in the parish hall after Mass. For more info., please contact CHABC at info@CHABC.bc.ca

In our parish we will celebrate it on February 11, Saturday at 10am, followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. We request volunteers to donate different kind of soups, cheese and buns, coffee and tea for the reception.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

February 12, 2017 at 11am Mass at Good Shepherd Church. Make Valentine special this year by attending the World Marriage Day Mass! The event will include Mass, recognizing Marriages, followed by cake, coffee and fellowship. The newest and longest married couples in attendance will each receive a gift.

PRE-AUTHORISED DEBIT PLAN

Parishioners can use our pre-authorized debit plan towards the Sunday collection. Those who are on pre-authorized debit plan please continue dropping the empty Sunday collection envelopes in the collection basket. For more information please call the parish office 604.591.2271

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MAINTENANCE PERSON

This is a fulltime position which includes "hands on" knowledge of repair and maintenance in and around the parish buildings and grounds; some mechanical aptitude and general knowledge of plumbing/electrical; a healthy person unafraid of heights and climbing ladders. Some janitorial and landscaping work is required together with the setup/take down for parish groups. **The successful applicant will report directly to the Pastor.**

Applications to Rev. Father A. Abundo, Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta.

Acceptance of applications close on February 15, 2017.

CWL - NEWS

General Meeting: All members of the CWL are invited to attend the General Meeting on Thursday, February 16. Mass begins at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm in the Gathering Area. Kindly bring finger food to share.

Appreciation Dinner: There will be a Sisters/Nuns Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the CWL on Feb. 27th at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver, BC. Doors open at 5:30pm. The cost is \$40 which helps to cover the expenses of all the sisters in the Archdiocese. Please contact Liza Tisalonga by February 7th if you plan to attend. Contact No: 778.232.5953.

SERRA CLUB

Why did God create the world?

Why does God allow suffering and evil?

Find out more about these challenging questions. The Serra Club will be sponsoring a talk by renowned speaker Darrell Hall on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area. Open to one and all – please join us! Refreshments to follow.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Next Wednesday, February 8 is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2017

Contribution envelopes for 2017 are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like a box of envelopes and one is not available for you, please PRINT your name on the list provided or call the Parish Office (604.591.2271) and it will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. **Please DO NOT USE any of the 2016 or earlier contribution envelopes that you may have, please recycle them. Since the serial numbers on the boxes for each family changes every year, please put your full name & address on the first envelope you use.** Thank you.