

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

Thursday, April 11
LENTE PENITENTIAL SERVICE – 7 PM

Sunday, April 14
PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY – 9 AM & 11 AM

Wednesday, April 17
CHRISM MASS – 5 PM
Holy Rosary Cathedral

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 18
LORD'S SUPPER – 8 PM
ADORATION UNTIL 11 PM

Good Friday, April 19
WAY OF THE CROSS – 11 AM
PASSION OF THE LORD – 3 PM

Holy Saturday, April 20
EASTER VIGIL – 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21
9 AM & 11 AM



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April 7, 2019
5th Sunday of Lent

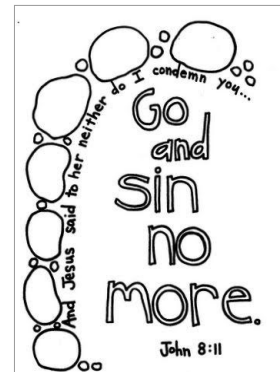
God is always doing something new – he is mercy and forgiveness for those who seek him.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah assures the people of Israel that the Lord is *doing something new*. Saint Paul professes to the community at Philippi that he considers all things as rubbish in order that he may gain Christ and may attain the resurrection from the dead. Jesus, in the gospel, saves the woman caught in adultery from stoning and he forgives her.

Today's Readings:

1st:
Isaiah 43.16-21
Psalm: 126
2nd:
Philippians 3.8-14
Gospel:
John 8.1-11



PASTOR: Rev. Robert Wong, SJ

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: 9:00 am
SATURDAYS: 9:30 am & 5:00 pm
SUNDAYS: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
SATURDAYS: 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm
CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
WEDNESDAYS: 7:00 pm
MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA & BENEDICTION

BAPTISM COURSE
EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6 pm

BAPTISMS
4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH UPDATES

Lenten Penitential Service – This *Thursday, April 11 at 7pm* is our Parish's Confessions. Please make it your spiritual priority.

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Kudos – A special thank you who gave witness to the **40 Days for Life Campaign (Mar 6 – Apr 14)**, last Saturday. May Our Lady of Peace smiles on you!

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National Catholic Mission 2019 – Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto Archdiocese is the Mission Leader. He will reflect with us on JoyTV, Part 1 – *The Penitential Psalms*, Mon. April 15 and Part 2 – *Conscience & Reconciliation*, Tue., April 16, 8:30pm.

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Fridays in Lent – This is a day of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute with acts of charity or piety.

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Development and Peace – Share Lent: Today's collection shows our solidarity with migrants who are forcibly displaced by war, oppression, and human trafficking. Your donation will be directed to Caritas Canada through D & P. Thank you for your support!

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Mexico Pilgrimage – Fr. Robert is the spiritual guide to the Shrines of Mexico, just after Thanksgiving, Oct. 15 to 24. For more information, you can pick up the brochure from the parish office or ask Fr. Robert to send it to your email address. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Marriage Anniversary Mass 2019

Celebrate your Milestone Anniversary with us! This Mother's Day, Archbishop Miller will be honouring couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th & 60th+ years of marriage. Register your anniversary with us today at rcav.org/marriage-anniversary. Mass will be on Sunday, May 12, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Parish, Richmond. Reception to follow in St. Paul Parish Centre. All are welcome to witness and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of others! Register today: <https://rcav.org/marriage-anniversary>

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Non-residential Weekend

The Non-residential Weekend has the same format as a regular Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, but there are no overnight accommodations. Participants return to their homes Saturday evening and resume the program early Sunday morning. Meals are included in the registration fee (\$250/couple). Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. to Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Register at <https://rcav.org/worldwide-marriage-encounter-weekend>.

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Vocation Weekend at the Carmel

Come and See! Are you discerning God's call to the religious vocation? You may be interested in spending a weekend of Prayer and Discernment at the Carmel of St. Joseph, the weekend of May 17 to May 19. Your chaplain will be Father Paul Simms, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Kamloops. Please RSVP at 250-546-8801.

Quo Vadis - Men's Discernment Events

Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Join us for a Discernment Evening with Fr. Juan Lucca who will be talking about celibacy Wednesday, April 24, 7-9 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.

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Fiat: Women's Discernment Events – Fun Night

Open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Takes place on Saturday, April 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Convent in Surrey. E-mail womensvocations@rcav.org for more information.

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Annual Retreat for Men

Join us for a spiritually uplifting experience at the Annual Retreat for Men at Westminster Abbey in Mission. Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 14 with retreat master Fr. James Comey. Cost: \$170 (all inclusive except for transportation). To register or for more information, contact Chris at 604-250-2844.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. - Psalm 126

There will be NO 7 pm mass on Wednesday, April 17 due to the Chrism Mass at the Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Mass Intentions Apr 7 - 13, 2019

Mon, Apr 8 - Beatriz Diaz (RIP)
Tue, Apr 9 - Simon Ip (RIP)
Wed, Apr 10 - 9am, Vanessa Ng (RIP)
7pm, Jason D'Silva (RIP)
Thu, Apr 11 - Georgina Velcoff (INT)
Fri, Apr 12 - Victoria Fernandes (TG)
Sat, Apr 13 - 9:30am, Valerie Mould (INT)
5pm, Pacita Santos (RIP)



WAY OF THE CROSS - During Lent, we will make the Way of the Cross on FRIDAYS after the morning Mass.