



Something to think and pray about this week

When Jesus comes, healing happens. When Jesus enters the scene, the lame walk, the blind see, hearts are challenged, and people are healed. In body, in mind, in heart: Jesus heals.

He healed the sick and the suffering in many ways: sometimes by touch, sometimes by praying over them; sometimes he put mud in their eyes. Sometimes he healed people from a great distance, and other times he healed people not because of their own prayer but on behalf of the prayer of another. Sometimes he healed instantly, and sometimes over time. Sometimes the recipients of healing nagged Jesus, and sometimes they barely asked at all but their faith was so strong, that was all that was needed—Jesus would be moved by strong, humble faith. Most often, Jesus would heal simply by telling the truth—about who we are, about our sin, about himself.

This same Jesus is intensely interested in entering the scene of your life and healing you. Do you believe it? Do you believe that Jesus wants to make you well and free? What might you be willing to risk to receive the healing of his choice? Is there anything standing in your way?

—Excerpted from *Jesus Approaches*



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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

June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord

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Jesus has prepared the way and gives us the Holy Spirit to help us along.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, St Luke recounts the many times that Jesus presented himself alive to his Apostles and the promise of the Holy Spirit to come. Jesus was lifted up and *a cloud took him from their sight*. St Paul prays that the Ephesians may have wisdom and knowledge of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus witnessed to the things that had been written and fulfilled. Then Jesus blesses them and is *taken up to heaven*.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Acts 1.1-11

Psalm: 47

2nd: Ephesians 1.17-23 or

Hebrews 9.24-28; 10.19-23

Gospel:

Luke 24.44-53

PARISH UPDATES

Ministry Replacement – Please welcome Fr. Patrick Davis, S.J., a Jesuit from Ireland who will be filling in for Fr. Robert from June 3rd to June 11th. We thank him for his availability.

Save a Date – Our Parish Ministry Fair will be on September 21 and 22. Please mark it on your calendar.

Project Advance 2019 – Building our Future upon a Foundation of Faith is theme. Our archdiocesan commitment is \$26,000. Our total parish goal maintains at \$75,000. Your participation in this annual appeal gives witness to our faith in action. We have met our commitment. Thank you!

We need our registered parishioners to pledge your gift for this year's appeal. May God bless you always!

New Hot Water Boilers (Our PA's response to 'Laudato Si') – The work is now done. You can see the *before and after* pictures in the foyer. Our 2019 rebates from Project Advance have been earmarked for this important and necessary upgrade. Thank you for your on-going support.

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
- Psalm 47 -

4th Degree Knights Pope John Paul I Assembly 2485, hosting a FESTA, fund raising event next Saturday, June 8, St Paul Parish Centre, 8251 St Albans Rd., \$40 per ticket. Contact Kevin @ 604-808-1187 or Jose @ 604-351-2142 for more info.

Thank you for your support!

Project Advance Stewardship Prayer

*O God, the Father of every gift,
all that we are and have comes from your hand.
In Jesus Christ, your Son,
you have given us the greatest of all gifts.
Fill our hearts with his love,
so that we may be parish communities
of faithful, caring people.
Grant us the grace to be good stewards
who, in the name and spirit of Jesus,
Share our gifts of time, talent and treasure
for the building up of your Kingdom
in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.
May we see Project Advance as our way
to live gratefully and give generously
for your honour and glory.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Pro-Life Sunday is June 16

"Now I know I'm not alone and that there's a light towards my future," said one mother who received support because of the Pro-Life Sunday collection. Your support for local pro-life efforts has healed families and changed minds. With \$191,238 from the Pro-Life Sunday collection last year, thousands of lives were impacted thanks to your gifts. Can we raise more this year on Father's Day, June 16? Donate online at rcav.org/prolife or at our parish on June 16.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples - Information Session

If you got married civilly and would now like to have your marriage recognized by the Church, it will be on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will be celebrating a wedding Mass for a large number of civilly married couples. Attend an information session with your spouse on Monday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel School auditorium, Surrey. For more info., contact the OLGC parish office at 604-581-4141 or Deacon Greg Barcelon at 604-771-2975 or email filipinoministry@rcav.org

An Evening with Archbishop Miller

Save the Date! The eighth annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. This year, in partnership with Providence Health Care and with St. Mark's College, Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds to help foster Catholic health-care ethics in the education of health-care providers and in the support of their day-to-day practice. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve your table(s) please contact development@rcav.org.

Stewardship Reflection

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Mass Intentions June 2 - 8, 2019

Mon, Jun 3 - Jackie Garcia Lao (RIP)
Tue, Jun 4 - Kathleen/Eugene Fernandez (RIP)
Wed, Jun 5 - 9:00am, Willy Paez (TG)
7:00pm, Yeung Au Chung-Kin (RIP)
Thu, Jun 6 - Ip Mo Pui Hing (RIP)
Fri, Jun 7 - Alma & Aida Goco (TG)
Sat, Jun 8 - 9:30am, Lydia Martinez (RIP)
5:00pm, Morana Ramor ()