

APRIL 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*“Blessed are you, who have come
in your abundant mercy!”*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly exalted him. Jesus humbled himself and became the suffering servant for our salvation. As stewards of the good news entrusted to us, we too may suffer for the faith from time to time. Jesus completely emptied himself in serving God’s purpose, and ultimately his suffering was rewarded. For us, being God’s servants has its rewards in the life to come, but also in the life we enjoy here and now. Rewards like peace of mind that comes from trusting in God, and the feeling that we are making a difference in the lives of others. Still, we may occasionally suffer rejection for being good stewards of what we profess to believe. So, we pray this Holy Week that we may empty ourselves of pride or fear, and have the humility, wisdom, and courage to share our faith where and when needed.

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; Darlene Erskine; Leo Verstraete; Bearl Hall; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Gloria Peralta; Edward Chan; Ernesto Hidalgo; William O’Brien; Alex Cameron; Lawrence Cameron; Romeo Samson; Lorna Keras; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Vivian Tepoorten; Mildred Tamondong, Sister Mary Shea; Melody Carruthers & 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

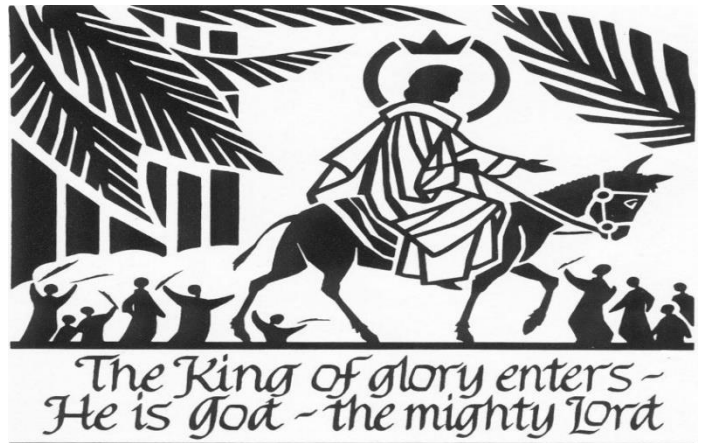
Marc-Ernest Serrano & Kunigunde Drescher

SECOND COLLECTION

Friday, April 14th – The Good Friday Collection is in support of the Holy Land.

MOMS & TOTS

There will be no Moms & Tots on Tuesday, April 11.



Next Sunday, Apr. 9, 7pm: “Hang Out Night” We’re hangin’ out in the youth room and gym and having fun. Board games and active games will be made available. Bring a friend and a snack to share!

We need teen volunteers to help hide eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Please let us know if you can help out DURING the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses on Easter Sunday. There will be treats for those teens who help out.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

DONATION:

IC Life Teen will be hosting the annual Easter Egg hunt again this year for the little ones of our parish. We need chocolate eggies to hide for the kiddies. Donations of eggs can be dropped off at the parish office in a bag clearly marked “IC Life Teen – Easter Egg Hunt” or brought to Life Nights prior to Easter Sunday.

EGG HUNT TIMINGS:

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the playground on Easter Sunday after the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses. This hunt is open to all children aged 3 to Grade 3. Please bring your own basket!

GREETERS NEEDED FOR THE HOLY WEEK

Our parish is looking for people to greet at the front door of the church before Holy Week celebrations. Would you be interested and able to come about 20 minutes before any of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Easter celebrations? Are you able to greet as people leave or visit in the Gathering Area? If you are able to help, please contact Margaret Taddei at mtaddei@telus.net.

THANK YOU

"Thank you" to all the parishioners for your generosity, for without it, Development and Peace-Caritas Canada will not be able to support its partners especially in countries affected by famine in South Sudan, and the humanitarian crisis in Somalia, Yemen and Nigeria.

CWL NEWS

GENERAL MEETING

All members of the CWL are invited to attend the General Meeting on Thursday, April 20. Mass begins at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm in the Gathering Area. Kindly bring finger food to share.

SCHOLARSHIP

Students who are currently in grade 12, whose grandmother or mother is a CWL member in good standing for at least two years, are eligible to apply for a scholarship of \$500 for post-secondary education. Essay submission deadline is April 28. Contact Mee Ching at msmcchan@hotmail.com for details.

CROCHET & KNITTING FUNDRAISER

Women of all ages and abilities are invited to learn or share your skills. Meetings are held every Monday in April (except Easter Monday) at 9:15am in meeting room #4. Donation of medium weight (#4) yarn and various sizes of crochet hooks and knitting needles are welcome. Contact Mee Ching at msmcchan@hotmail.com for details.

I.C. COMMUNITY FAIR – JUNE 10

We would like to tell everyone about our first biggest Sponsor - **Ford Canada**. With their Ford Drive4UR School/Organization Program we have the potential to receive a maximum **\$6000** cheque. Ford dealerships will bring a line of fully loaded vehicles and for every test drive our Parish will receive \$20. Please come out with your families and friends and make sure to bring your Driver's Licence. This is an easy goal of 300 drivers (1/household). Spread the word so we can take advantage of this program. We are still looking for volunteers to join the committee. Sponsorships and donations are needed for entertainment and prizes. If you are interested to help make this another successful Fair or you (or your company) are interested in being a Sponsor/Donor, please contact Jane Rashed at jane_hidalgo@hotmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL

100TH Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 10 Day Pilgrimage to Portugal offered over three dates in October 2017. We will be visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santarem-Portugal, Lourdes-France and Barcelona-Spain. For further information please call Mr. James Adair at 1.855.564.1008 or email: jlmadair@thecatholictour.com

I.C. SCHOOL – DRAMA CLUB & CHOIR



Come see the Broadway Junior version of Disney's The Lion King Jr., put on by the Immaculate Conception School Drama Club and Choir. The production will take place on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 4th at 1:30pm and 7:30pm and Friday, May 5th at 7:30pm** in the school gym. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 & under. Tickets can be ordered through the school office at 604.596.6116. Order your tickets soon!

SALUBONG AT I.C.

"**Salubong**" (English translation: welcoming or to welcome) is an Easter Sunday pre-dawn ritual or ceremony that reenacts the Risen Christ's meeting with His mother. The IC version of "Salubong" will be held at 8:00am, April 16, Easter Sunday followed by the 8:30am Easter Sunday Mass. For this event, we will need volunteers to help in the preparation. Young girls ages 6 - 10 to act as angels, males and females to join the procession and male musicians who can play drums or trumpet. If you are interested please contact Chi Medrano at 604.596.6508 or via email at chimedrano82@gmail.com.

VISITA IGLESIA (7 CHURCHES VISITATION)

Everyone is invited to join the Visita Iglesia on Thursday, April 13 - ONLY 45 spots are available.
Assembly Place: Gathering Area (right after the Holy Thursday Mass).
Departure Time: Approximately 8:45pm.
Itinerary: Holy Spirit Parish, St. Peter's Parish, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Francis de Sales, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Precious Blood Parish, St. Matthews, Immaculate Conception-Delta (ETA 12:30am)
Cost: \$5.00/per person (to offset the cost of transportation)
Deadline to reserve a seat is April 12. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. The fee will be collected upon boarding the bus.

SERRA CLUB

The regular meeting of Serra-Fraser Valley West, that would normally take place Thursday, April 13 will not be held due to it being Holy Thursday and no pressing business.



Guide me
O Lord
in your truth.

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