

MARCH 22, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the light of the world."

THIS WEEK

Weekday Mass during Lent: Monday - Friday
8:30am & 7:00pm
Friday evening: 6:00pm - Benediction
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross
7:00pm – Mass
Wednesdays: 6:45pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual
Help followed by Mass

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7) How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we show that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Edna Cachero; Almira Steeds; Kay D; Shirley Papuc; Louella D'Penha; Cecilio Peralta; Darlene McHale; Helga Wolters; Dominga Carrion; Maria Santos; Jean Van Loo; Marie Connor; Nick Krueger; Maria Amato; Ailaj Fulton; Joseph G. Savoie; John Galea; Annie Singh; Lucia Schad; Elizabeth Ellis; Fr. Fred Buttner; Anna Feld; Marion Maxwell & Fermin Orimaco.

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

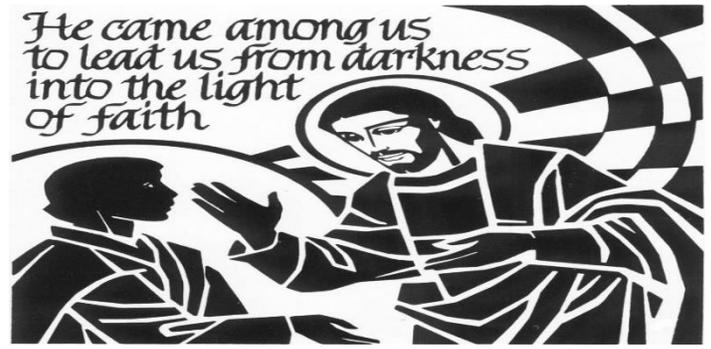
Legion of Mary: *In the spirit of faith and in union with Mary, we will visit families, the sick both in their homes and hospital.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Carmine D'Alessandro

SALUBONG

Due to the current situation we are going through in relation to COVID -19 virus, Salubong which will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12 is cancelled. Thank you to all those who signed up to help, participate and gave cash donation. The proceeds will be forwarded to the Parish Building Fund.



For the most updated information and spiritual resources, please follow our social media channels and keep up to date on our parish website (icdelta.ca/lifeteen or icdelta.ca/edge)

Please comply with the recommendations from our provincial health authorities and pray.

Follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook! ([iclifeteen](https://www.instagram.com/iclifeteen) or [icdeltaedge](https://www.facebook.com/icdeltaedge)).

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Fave p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com



LEGION OF MARY - ACIES

*****This event is CANCELLED*****

All Legionaries (active and auxiliary) along with their families are invited to re-dedicate themselves to Our Blessed Mother at the Acies service to be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, Surrey at 1pm on Sunday, March 22.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

A gentle reminder to our parishioners that with reference to the current pandemic situation, we would like to limit the traffic flow of public entering the parish office. We have recommended the following:

- Parishioners interested in Pre-authorize for Sunday donations can download the form at our parish website at icdelta.ca→About→Finance.
- Documents, mass intentions or Sunday collection envelopes can be dropped off in the parish office mailslot.
- For any other inquiries, please contact the office info@icdeltaparish.ca or 604.591.2271.

2000 HAIL MARYS

Couples for Christ invites you to join us in prayer during our 2000 Hail Marys in Meeting Room #3 on Saturday, March 21 from 9am Mass until 5pm. Please come at any hour of the day.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK REGARDING SUNDAY OFFERING

During this worldwide crisis affecting each one of us, the work of our local Church and our parish is crucial.

As a community, we are continuing to care for the spiritual and emotional needs of many individuals and families – and we are looking for new ways to reach out to those isolated and afraid. With Mass attendance greatly reduced and an unknown future ahead, the Sunday collection has taken a major hit while our parish's expenses continue.

I do recognize the financial impact this crisis has had on so many. We ask only that you offer your continued support of our parish according to your means.

To make it easier for you to help the parish help others, the Archdiocese has set up a simple way to give online. This will make it easy for parishioners to support their own parish by a weekly or monthly gift made by credit card or direct debit. Funds go directly to our parish. Please ensure you select **'Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta'**.

Click here to reach the donation site:

www.rcav.org/sunday-offering

Thank you to those parishioners who have already committed to pre-authorized giving at our parish – your support has been and will continue to be critical for our parish operations during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Fr. Amador M. Abundo

PRAYERS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The **Saint Josemaria Escriva** often taught this version: "I wish, Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints."

Saint Alphonsus Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. John Vianney said, "If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again. After the reception of the Sacraments, when we feel ourselves slacken in the love of God, let us have recourse at once to spiritual communion. When we cannot go to church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God."

I.C. PARISH GROUPS

The following parish groups have cancelled their meetings/events for indefinite period:

Miracle Hour Prayer Group	Jesus Youth group
Line Dancing Class	Stewardship Committee
P.R.E.P.	Secular Franciscan
R.C.I.A.	Serra Club
Legion of Mary	Knights of Columbus
Bereavement Group	CYAS-Catholic Youth Gr
Women Bible Study	

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

PRAYER TO SAINT ROCH

O great St. Roch, deliver us, we beseech thee, from the scourges of God; through thy intercession, preserve our bodies from contagious diseases, and our souls from the contagion of sin. Obtain for us salubrious air; but, above all, purity of heart. Assist us to make good use of health, to bear sufferings with patience; and, after thy example, to live in the practice of penance and charity, that we may one day enjoy the happiness which thou has merited by thy virtues. St. Roch, pray for us. (3 times)

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.