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Feb. 26, 2023 — 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"Jesus fasted forty days and was put to the test." —Matthew 4.1-11

Annunciation Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon Feb 27 @ 8am

Tue Feb 28 @ 8am

Wed Mar 1 @ 7pm

Thu Mar 2 @ 8am

Fri Mar 3 @ 7pm
(Stations of the Cross)

Sat Mar 4 @ 5pm
David Gaffney+

Sun Mar 5 @ 10am
OUR PARISHIONERS



Parish Activities

Exposition & International Rosary: First Friday of the month @ 7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Rosary.

Rosary: Saturday @ 10:15 am.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm before Mass.

Catholic Women's League: Please check out our national website: cwl.ca and provincial: bcyukoncwl.com.

Confessions: 30 mins before weekday and weekend mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Call the office for appointment with Fr. Terry.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months in advance.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Congratulations to our Sacrament of Confirmation candidates and their families last June 17, 2022.

Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory! Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!**



ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL

Where Children Learn to Love & Love to Learn

Kindergarten Registration for 2023-2024

Annunciation School is now accepting kindergarten enrollment applications for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Catholic students and siblings of current students. Registration forms can be obtained from the Annunciation School office.



First Communion:

Christina Nguyen
Marco Ciccone
Emily McDonald
Valerie K. Payabyab
Rhea Magbojos
Leah Malthus
Princess A. Yap
Juan G. Hojas
Azalea Beach

Confirmation:

Claire Guzman
Sam Nundal
Ballack Dantas
Rylan Dixon
Nathan Bautista

! The Annunciation Church CWL Council Notice.

March 5, 2023: CWL Sunday/ Installation and Pin Service after 10am Mass. Council Luncheon to follow at the Pavilion restaurant.



At 103 years old, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is known by most as simply "Sister Jean" or the "basketball nun."

"Dear God, help me understand what I should do, but please tell me I should become a BVM sister."

Parishioners should always pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. Many of our priests and Religious brothers and sisters in the diocese come from far away countries. There was a time in Canada and USA where we sent priests, brothers and sisters to foreign countries. Having a surplus of vocations is a sign of a lively Church. Please pray for your children's discernment. The prayer above was a young woman's prayer ... who is celebrating her 60th of religious profession.

Reminder!

During Lent the church is not to be decorated with flowers. Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts are exceptions to this rule. Flowers used on these days should be removed after Evening Prayer II. Artificial flowers and plants should not be used. Dried flowers, ferns and sprays may be used, particularly in winter months.



St. John Of Kronstadt said: “A strange illness has appeared in our days – the passion for distractions. Never before was there such a desire for distractions; people have forgotten how to lead a serious life for the good of others; they have no spiritual life and are bored. They exchange the profound content of a spiritual life for distractions! What madness!”

Can we lay aside our phones and turn away from social media long enough to reflect on this? Distractions are pulling us away not only from God, but also from one another. Distractions have become obstacles to even hearing God knock on the door of our hearts, because distractions fill our minds and hearts constantly with noise. Here’s one example. How many of us can sit in silence for ten minutes, without looking at our phone, without listening to music or talking with one another, without any noise? How many of us can sit peacefully meditating or reflecting in silence? Not many adults, no less our youth who have been raised with iPhones in their hands. Too quickly we get bored and find the need for some type of distraction to fill the silence. Our ability to sit in silence has been one of the biggest victims of all these distractions, and yet, it is precisely in silence that we come to know God. As the Psalmist noted, *"Be still and know that I am God."* (Psalm 46:10)



Let us struggle to heed the words of St. John – let us not exchange the pearl of great price, the one thing needful, the profound content of the spiritual life, for the passing and failing distractions of this fallen and sinful world.

Fulton J. Sheen:
"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain a perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love—which is the definition of God. In pursuing that happiness, we find happiness."

Mass Schedule for Lectors and Psalmists

Mass Date	Time	1 st & 2 nd Reader, Prayers of the Faithful	Psalmist	Ciborium	Ushers
Mar 4, 2023	5:00 pm	Noreen Carignan Mimmo Ciccone	Cres Rosario	Michael Turla	Patricia & Juliette
Mar 5, 2023	10:00 am	Melissa Cada Shawna Flaten	Angeline DeVera	Sandra Olaskew	Jocelyn Hortel

Saturday Morning Bible Study with Fr Terry:



Bible Study

Formed has a series on St. Matthew’s Gospel: Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew - FORMED. We will follow as best we can the journey of Christ, his birth, life, death and Resurrection. During these weeks we will have a few Sundays of ordinary time, then Lent. We will end the series (during Lent) with the Resurrection Story, week 10.

Date: Every Saturday from Jan 14 to Mar 18 (10 weeks)
Time: 9:30am-10:30am
Where: Downstairs at Annunciation Church in the Meeting Room

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We would like to ask any Parishioner who is interested in helping to please make a donation, your gift will help a needy family and the parish will send the assistance to the school for a family.

Mass Collection
Feb 19th, 2023

Envelopes
\$ 1,580.⁰⁰

Loose
\$ 444.⁷⁰

Soup Kitchen
\$ 15



Grief to Grace Retreat

Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse find healing. The next retreat is May 23 – 27, 2023 in Kelowna.

For more information please email:
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