# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Welcome

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord —March 24, 2024



### MISSION STATEMENT: To follow Jesus Christ and to invite others to do the same.

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#### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH 1153 Fir Street

White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekend Mass Saturday 4PM Sunday 10:30AM **GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** 

2250 - 150th Street, Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass Monday—Saturday 9AM 6:30PM Mass EVERY FRIDAY during Lent followed by STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weekend Mass Saturday 5PM Sunday 9AM 11AM 7PM

#### LIVESTREAM Mass 11AM

**Confessions** Wednesday 6:30PM Saturday 10AM

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Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Pray for us!



available in the foyer of both churches, and drop off your completed form in the Sunday Collection basket.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAR 25: Good Shepherd Church 9AM

TUESDAY, MAR 26: Good Shepherd Church 9AM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 26: Good Shepherd Church 9AM (No regular 6:30PM Confessions; priests at Chrism Mass)

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MAR 28

Stations of the Cross: Star of the Sea Church 9:55AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper: Good Shepherd Church 7PM - followed by Adoration until Midnight

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MAR 29

Stations of the Cross: Good Shepherd Church 9AM and 6:30PM Confessions (last before Easter) 10AM

Stations of the Cross: Star of the Sea Church 11AM



The Passion of the Christ Movie at Good Shepherd Church 12Noon and after Good Friday Liturgy ( around 4:30PM)

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday Good Shepherd Church 3PM Star of the Sea Church 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MAR 30 (No 10AM Confessions)

Blessing of Easter Food Good Shepherd Church 12Noon

Easter Vigil Good Shepherd Church 8PM - Adoration until Midnight

EASTER SUNDAY, MAR 31Good Shepherd Church 9AM, 11AM, 7PMStar of the Sea Church 10:30AM

### SECOND COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY: NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND

This Good Friday, support the Church of the Holy Land. Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects. Thank you for making a difference!

Use your 2nd Collection envelope or donate online at: <u>https://support.rcav.org/parishes/second-collection/needs-of-the-church-in-the-holy-land/</u>

# Palm Sunday Mass Readings:

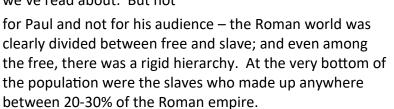
Reading 1: <u>Isaiah 50:4–7</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 22:8–9</u>, <u>17–20</u>, <u>23–24</u> Reading 2: <u>Philippians 2:6–11</u> Gospel: <u>Mark 14:1–15:47</u>

In today's Passion reading according to St. Mark, we hear that "At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon" (Mark 15: 38) when Jesus cries out with his last breath and dies. The veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn in two from top to bottom (v38). It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

St. Paul writes in today's Second Reading: "...though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, rather emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in the human likeness. And

being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." (Phil 2: 6-8)

We cannot imagine Paul's world. Most of us here in the Western world have no firsthand experience of slavery; perhaps only seeing it depicted in movies, or something we've read about. But not



If we have little experience of slavery, we have no experience whatsoever with crucifixion. The Cross has become a religious symbol that hangs in our churches; a piece of jewelry many of us wear around our necks or something hanging from our rearview mirrors. But not for Paul and certainly not for his contemporaries.

So then, if we are to enter into the mysteries that we are about to celebrate this week, we need to do everything we can to try to grapple with what Paul is saying and if possible try to understand what that world was like. Can any of us even remotely begin to grasp the horror of crucifixion? Jesus or any crucified man would have looked nothing like the images that we have around our churches, around our necks or in our cars.

There are libraries of books written about the Jesus and The Cross... One of those is a book written by Fleming Rutledge called **THE CRUCIFIXION** – **UNDERSTANDING THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST**. In that book there is a chapter called the 'Godlessness of the Cross'. The following excerpts might be helpful to us as we prepare to enter into those days that the Church often simply calls "**The Great Week**" (Holy Week):

"To speak of a crucifixion is to speak of a slave's death. We might think of all the slaves in the American colonies who were killed at the whim of an overseer or owner, not to mention those who died on the



infamous Middle Passage across the Atlantic. No one remembers their names or individual histories; their stories were thrown away with their bodies. This was the destiny chosen by the Creator and Lord of the universe: the death of a nobody.

*Thus the Son of God entered into solidarity with the lowest and least of all his* 

creation, the nameless and

forgotten, "the offscouring of all things" (I Cor.4:13).

Crucifixion was specifically designed to be the ultimate insult to personal dignity, the last word in humiliating and dehumanizing treatment. **Degradation was the whole point.** ...

Crucifixion as a means of execution in the Roman Empire had as its express purpose the elimination of victims from consideration as members of the human race. It cannot be said too strongly: that was its function. It was meant to indicate to all who might be toying with subversive ideas that crucified persons were not of the same species as either the executioners or the spectators and were therefore not only expendable but also deserving of ritualized extermination.

Therefore, the mocking and jeering that accompanied crucifixion were not only allowed, they were part of

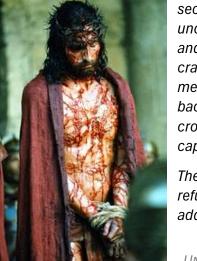
the spectacle and were programmed into it. In a sense, crucifixion was a form of entertainment. Everyone understood that the specific role of the passersby was to exacerbate the dehumanization and degradation of the person who had been thus designated to be a spectacle. Crucifixion was cleverly designed - we might say diabolically designed – to be an almost theatrical enactment of the sadistic and inhumane impulses that lie within human beings. According to the Christian gospel, the Son of God voluntarily and purposely absorbed all of that, drawing it into himself....

The first phase of a Roman execution was scourging. The lictors (Roman legionnaires assigned to this duty) used a whip made of leather cords to which small pieces of metal or bone had been fastened. Paintings of the scourging of Jesus always show him with a loincloth, but in fact the victim would have been naked, tied to a post in a position to expose the back and buttocks to maximum effect.

Josephus, who was a first century Jewish historian describes scourging by Romans in his book, THE JEWISH WAR. He writes: [The Romans] had them scourged until their entrails were visible... The men [were then] dismissed, all covered in blood, a spectacle that struck such terror into their menacing foes that they dropped their arms and fled.

The idea was to weaken the victim to a state just short of collapse or death. It was common for taunting and ridicule to accompany the procedure. In the case of Jesus, a crown of thorns, a purple robe and a mock scepter were added to intensify the mockery.

Those being crucified were then paraded through the streets, exposing them to the full scorn of the population. When the procession reached the site of the crucifixion, the victims would see before them the heavy upright wooden posts permanently in place, to which the patibulum (crossbar) was to be attached. The person to be crucified would be thrown down on his back exacerbating the pain of the wounds from the



scourging, and introducing dirt into them. His hands would be tied or nailed to the crossbar... The patibulum would then be hosted onto the wooden post... Passive exhalation, which we all do thousands of times a day without thinking about it, becomes impossible for a person hanging on a cross...each exhaled breath could only be achieved by a tremendous effort. The only way to gain a breath at all would be by pushing oneself up from the legs and feet or pulling oneself up by the arms, either of which would cause intense agony.

> Add to this primary factor the following secondary ones: bodily functions uncontrolled, insects feasting on wounds and orafices, unspeakable thirst, muscle cramps, bolts of pain from the severed median nerves in the wrists, scourged back scraping against the wooden crossbar... it is more than any of us are capable of fully imagining.

> The verbal abuse, spitting and throwing refuse by passersby and Roman soldiers added the final touch."

~ excerpts from THE CRUCIFIXION – UNDERSTANDING THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST written by Fleming Rutledge

(book available in our parish library)

My dear Parishioners,

But remember, none of this *happened* to Jesus. The Eternal Son of God through whom and for whom the universe was made can only be nailed to a cross one way: **He chose it. He wanted to be there**.

And he is there out of love for YOU. To rescue YOU by name. To defeat the power of sin. To defeat the power of death. To defeat Satan. ALL FOR YOU.

Because for some crazy reason, none of us can fully comprehend, WE MATTER TO GOD that much. So this week, **let us take time each day to kneel before our crucifixes, to stare at Love crucified**. And to ask Him to help us understand what He has done for us.



### Please pray for

Marin Robertson,

Ivan Felipe Aragon,

Jean Guy Tardif, Trudy Bishop,

Theresa Desrochers,

Margaret Benoit, Maria Lee,

Givon Santos, Rose Cruz,

Byrne Turner, Bernie Karoway,

Murray Carpenter,

Patrick Hamilton, Marilyn Wolfe, Jason Eddleman,

Delia Antunovich, Julia Nadon,

Ken Prout, Mercedes Sandoval,

Judy Nault, Maria Kasprzyk,

Jola Melone, Brian Hickey,

Jack Plain, Otto Witteveen,

Charles Lefaive, Anna Schott,

Peter Kingsland, Fern McCann,

Nancy Murchison, Karine Tardif,

Angus Heaps, Bob Keith,

Stephanie Wideski,

Edward Drabik, Rob McLellan, Glenn Brooks, Carmina Raponi, Susie Bencherif, Marci Nunez, Adria Tate, Wolf Mashohn,

Amelia Solomon.

Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte, Lydia McGrann, Theresa Kim, Manal Ibrahim, Dirk Post, Marian Nadelko, Maureen McLaren

## Please pray for the Repose of the Souls

of: Salvatore Mauro Arnold Ruskowsky Velma Trowbridge

#### Adoration Chapel OPEN Every Day 9AM - 9PM

*Come* and *Meditate* On the Passion of Our Lord Iesus Christ in His Eucharistic Presence in the Adoration Chapel. Good Friday is the price Jesus paid to institute the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. On the Cross, Jesus was lifted up in hatred. In adoration. He is lifted up in love. As we come to Him in unceasing praise in adoration, we proclaim Him King by giving Him the honour He truly deserves. We take Him off the cross of (our) shame and replace the crown of thorns with a throne of glory by surrounding Him with love.

#### *Free up just one hour for the One who has freed you!* Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

Friday, 3:00pm-4:00pm Saturday, 2:00pm-3:00pm Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm Saturday, 4:00pm-5:00pm Saturday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday, 7:00pm-8:00pm

#### ADORATION will continue UNTIL MIDNIGHT on HOLY THURSDAY & HOLY SATURDAY.

For more information or to schedule a Holy Hour of adoration please call: Donna Sali 604 542 3070

TRUE LIFE IN GOD Prayer Group is inviting you to pray the Holy Rosary with meditations. www.tlig.org Meetings in Good Shepherd Church, Fireside Room on: Tuesdays 10am-11:30am April 2, 16, 23 & 30 Fridays 10am-11:30am April 12

#### Next Baptism Preparation

**Class** for parents wanting Baptism for their child(ren) is on

### Saturday, May 18

10AM—Noon Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room

<u>This class is mandatory</u> for parents and highly recommended for the Godparents.

Please contact the parish office to register 604-531-5739 parish@starofthesea.ca

### Morning Mens Group

**FRIDAYS 7AM** Good Shepherd Church Fireside Room Next meeting: <u>Friday, April 5th</u>

Join other men of the parish on Friday mornings for coffee, fellowship, Biblical discussions. Inquiries, please contact Bill <u>BillDBUK@icloud.com</u>



Saturday April 6 8AM—1PM at Star of the Sea Hall 15262 Pacific Ave, White Rock For more information, contact: Bill 778-682-2519 fleamarket@starofthesea.ca

# St. Thérèse



Widows Group Next Meeting is on Monday March 25 in the Fireside Room after the 9am Mass.

For more info. contact Marlene Johnston -604 538 5899 Mimi Bower-604 535 6288

#### CWL BURSARIES AVAILABLE



National Bursary: For those interested in pursuing studies in areas of spiritual growth, adult faith formation, youth ministry, ministry to patients in palliative care, ministry to shut-ins, parliamentary procedure and literacy tutoring. Please visit https://www.cwl.ca/

forms/ Go to Member forms to find the application form and further detailed criteria and info. Deadline is May 15, 2024

**Provincial Bursary**: Have you been a member of CWL for at least 2 years and wish to advance your skills and education? Do you have a keen interest in parish life and have willingness to serve the Church? A \$1,000 Bursary is open to you. Please visit <u>https://</u> bcyukoncwl.com/resources/ molly-boucher-bursary/ for the application form. <u>Deadline is</u> <u>March 31, 2024</u>.

**Diocesan Bursary:** Two bursaries of \$1000 each will be granted to students who will be in first year full time postsecondary education, whose mother/legal guardian/ grandmother is a CWL member in the Diocese of Vancouver 1 year prior to application. Visit <u>https://vancouvercwl.ca/</u> vancouver-diocesan-bursaryapplication-form-2/ for the application form. <u>Deadline is</u> <u>April 5, 2024</u> Contact Catherine Lewis, CWL Service Chair 780-714-0765

SAVE THE DATE for the following upcoming STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL+PARISH EVENTS:

#### • BINGO!

**Sunday, April 21 12:30PM** STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL GYM — Great prizes; Food, drinks and snacks available for purchase. More info and tickets available soon

#### • GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 7

. THE HILLS AT PORTAL GOLF CLUB — Sponsorship opportunities available Tickets available April 1st email for more info: sosgolftournament@gmail.com

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THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

8 April 2024, 8:30AM-8:00PM

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION, RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, CONFESSION, PRIVATE VENERATION, CONSECRATION AND REPARATION, SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT



Can connections made through the parish office help us help each other? If so, email us at parish@starofthesea.ca

#### **Donations** for those **in need**:

- Queen-size quilt
- Winter Jacket women's XL size
- single bedsheet and quilt set for 10-year old boy

Please contact the parish office if you have any of these items in <u>GOOD CLEAN CONDITION</u>—*PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF* BEFORE CONTACTING US. Thank you!

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Single Mom and her sons,

aged 12 & 17, are looking for a place to rent in the South Surrey/ White Rock area. They have been living in a basement suite in White Rock for the last 4 years—but the suite will soon be unavailable for them. If you can help or need further information, please call Keely at 778-956-0575

**Man with a truck** needed from time to time to pick up and drop off furniture in the South Surrey/White Rock area. Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

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#### SCAM EMAILS ARE MAKING THEIR ROUNDS AGAIN!!

If you receive an email purporting to be from "Father Augustine" asking you to help him with something "in confidence" or <u>"off the</u> <u>record</u>", DO NOT REPLY and <u>DELETE IMMEDIATELY</u>. Call the parish office to verify if you need to 604-531-5739.



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