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8 Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration 2:30-4:30pm Holy Family meeting 2-6pm (PH)	9 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH)	10 PREP class 6:30-7:40pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45pm (RH)	11 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道理班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	12 Immaculate Heart Circle 10-12noon (PH)	13 Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am	14 Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Cantonese RCIA 2:30pm (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道理班 2:30 pm 廣東話彌撒 4:00 pm
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Coffee, Cookies & Community after the 9am & 11am Mass	30 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH) PREP Confirmation 7:00pm with Bishop Monroe	PREP class 6:30-7:40pm (PH) Guadalupe Faith Study Grp 6:30-7:45pm (RH)	2 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道理班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	3 FLL Evening Recollection in Cantonese 6:30 pm	Crofton Manor Mass 10:30am First Friday Devotions Benediction at 6:30 pm 7:00 pm Mass Knights of Columbus Execu- tive Meeting 7:30pm	Legion of Mary 8:45am (PH) Fatima Ladies Circle 10am-noon Cantonese RCIA 2:30 (PH) Cantonese Mass 4:00pm 廣東話道理班 2:30pm



April 8, 2018

## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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## Sunday of Divine Mercy

## April 8, 2018

### Pastor

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Emergency sick call only: 604-729-7638

## **Administrative Assistant**

Melita Soriano

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

#### **Weekend Masses**

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Sat 4 PM (Cantonese), 5:30 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

#### **Weekday Masses**

Mon-Sat 8 AM
Public Holidays 9 AM

#### Confession

20 minutes before all weekend Masses and 15 minutes before all weekday Masses

#### **Morning Prayer**

Mon-Sat7:30 AM

#### Adoration

Fri 8:30-9:30 AM

1st Fri 8:30 AM-6:30 PM

#### **Holy Rosary**

Mon-Sat after the 8 AM Mass

## **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10 minutes before all weekend Masses

#### Visit to the Sick

Please call Parish Office or Emergency number 604-729-7638

### Baptisms

by appointment

#### Marriages

at least 6 months notice

## April 8, 2018 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 07 First Saturday Easter Octave (W)...S. Catherine Wong & family (AM) INT

Mary Louise Chan (PM) +

Felix & Cecilia Chan (PM) +

April 08 Sunday of Divine Mercy (W)......J. Bruce Smillie +

April 09 Monday, Annunciation of the Lord (W)......Cecilia Chan +

April 10 Tuesday, Ferial (W)......Julie Anne Seibold +

April 11 Wednesday, St. Stanislaus (R).....Arden Leung +

April 12 Thursday, Ferial (W)......Angelina Au INT

April 13 Friday, St Martin I (R).....Tianli Tang INT

April 14 Saturday, Ferial (W).....Luis Lim (AM) +

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you would like to become a member of the St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND USE OF PARISH SUNDAY ENVELOPES: Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary School. The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register in the parish and the regular use of envelopes so that when the time comes, it will be based on official records. This is to avoid unnecessary frustrations and misunderstandings when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not use envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

# Please Pray for the Sick

Joan Archer, Dympna Borowski, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Jeannine Tattrie, Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Margaret Browne, Mane Galbraith, Ramon & Maria Marfori, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Guaik Tanjuaquio, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond

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# Adults Catechism Classes: (RCIA)

English: Wednesday 7:00 pm Mandarin: Wednesday 6:00 pm Cantonese: Saturday 2:30 pm

廣東話道理班:星期六下午二時半 普通話道理班:星期三晚上六時

## FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

CELEBRATION AND CONSECRATION SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018



All are welcome to join us to celebrate and consecrate to Divine Mercy even though you are not participant of "33-Days to Merciful Love Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy" OR unable to complete the Retreat. For the Consecration prayer please remember to

bring your consecration certificate (from 2016 for renewal) OR prayer card OR book.

TIME: 2:30pm – 4:30pm (Holy hour 3pm to 4pm)

- Confession
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Consecration
- Benediction
- Reception (praise and rejoice and share)



**PLACE: SJA Church** 

Contact: Resela <u>rwongsing@shaw.ca</u>

## **Guadalupe Faith Study Group**

Pivotal Players in the Catholic faith by Fr. Robert Barron will be featured at the Guadalupe Faith Study group on **Tuesday evenings in the Rectory basement at 6:30pm beginning April 10**th **through May 15**th. Come join us as we learn about the contributions to the faith by St. Francis of Assisi, B. John Henry Newman, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Thomas Aguinas.

#### **Fatima Ladies Circle**

Meets every Saturday at 10am-noon in the Parish Hall. Prayers, DVDs and sharing. Next meeting will be on April 7th. For more information please contact the Parish Office

#### New Initiatives for St. John the Apostle Parish

- 1. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 10 minutes before all weekend Masses. Please come early to church before Mass to prepare oneself spiritually for Mass and Holy Communion and to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Let's pray together for the gift of conversion and the for the work of evangelization at our parish.
- 2. New website: **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

FORMED is the revolutionary digital platform that gives unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. 300+ episodes of video-based study programs, 35+ feature films and movies, 45+ audio presentations, 25+ eBooks Available in English and Spanish!

The access code of **SJA.FORMED.ORG** for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F** 

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## IMMACULATE HEART CIRCLE

For both Men and Women Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 10:00am to 12 noon



# Archdiocesan Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, along with other members of the faithful throughout the archdiocese, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, intensely focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." The next one is Thursday, **April 19** at St. Anthony of Padua, Vancouver, from 7 - 8 p.m.

This is to kindly remind everyone that the parking lot across the street is owned by the church. Please let us make use of it and be mindful of our neighbours.



## A friendly reminder

On the side street of the church, along 39th & Trafalgar, the area between the hydrant and the driveway should be kept clear for those who need it. Thank you.

## Please do not read bulletin during Holy Mass! Thank you!

## **Mother Genevieve inspired Therese**

On December 5, 1891, Mother Genevieve of St. Teresa, foundress of the Lisieux Carmel, died. Regarding Mother Genevieve, St. Therese wrote, "what a joy it was to have lived for some years with a soul whose holiness was not inimitable, but lay in the practice of simple and hidden virtues. More than once she was to me a source of great consolation."

Mother Genevieve was born Claire-Marie-Radegonde Bertrand on July 5, 1805 in Poitiers. She entered the Carmel of Poitiers in 1830. In 1838, the Carmel of Lisieux was founded and Mother Genevieve served as subprioress and novice mistress. A few years later the prioress, Mother Elizabeth, died and Mother Genevieve succeeded her, and so it was Mother Genevieve who was considered the "foundress." The religious sisters loved Mother Genevieve very much and they elected her prioress as often as the Rule allowed until her health prevented her fulfilling the office any more.

When Therese's older sister, Pauline, entered Carmel on October 2, 1882, it was one of the periods when Mother Genevieve was not eligible to be elected a third term; Mother Marie de Gonzague was prioress at the time. On January 31, 1883, Mother Genevieve was re-elected for the last time. Hence she was the prioress when Pauline received the habit. At the end of 1884, Mother Genevieve became an invalid. When the elections came around on February 3, 1886, it was clear that the 80-year-old foundress was not well enough to serve, and Mother Gonzague was elected again. Hence, Mother Gonzague was prioress when Marie (October 15, 1886) and Therese (April 9, 1888) entered Carmel. Still, a close spiritual bond existed between Mother Genevieve and the Martin sisters, especially Pauline and Therese. Mother Genevieve called Pauline, "our angelic novice".

The priest who supervised the Lisieux Carmel, Canon Jean-Baptiste Delatroette, vigorously opposed Therese's entrance at such a young age. When the priest was visiting Mother Genevieve, she bravely (but in vain) asked him to consent to Therese's entrance.

When Mother Genevieve was sick, Therese visited her. Therese recalled: "One Sunday I went to the infirmary to pay her a visit, but, as two of the older nuns were there, I was retiring quietly, when she called me and said, with something of inspiration in her manner: 'Wait, my child, I have just a word for you; you are always asking me for a spiritual bouquet, well, to-day I give you this one: Serve the Lord in peace and in joy. Remember that Our God is the God of peace."

As Mother Genevieve was dying, Therese was placed at the foot of the bed and witnessed her slightest movements. Therese described her experience at the time of Mother Genevieve's death: "In an instant I was filled with an indescribable joy and fervour, as if the soul of our blessed Foundress made me share in the happiness she already enjoyed—for I am quite convinced she went straight to Heaven."

After the death of Mother Genevieve, The religious sisters hastened to claim something belonging to her. Therese noticed that during Mother Genevieve's agony, a tear glistened. That last tear of Mother Genevieve did not fall, and Therese still saw it shining when her body was exposed in the choir. When evening came, Therese approached with a little piece of linen to wipe the tear, and kept it as a relic.

Therese had a consoling dream regarding Mother Genevieve. She described: "I thought I saw her giving to each of us something that had belonged to herself. When my turn came, her hands were empty, and I was afraid I was not to receive anything; but she looked at me lovingly, and said three times: 'To you I leave my heart.'"