



Archdiocesan Announcement



Archdiocese of Vancouver
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each year during Lent, Catholics are called upon to accompany our Lord in his forty days of trial in the desert. The Church encourages us to fast, pray and be generous in our almsgiving. Catholic Social Teaching compels us to act in word and deed with a preferential option for the poor and for the care of our common home.

In response to the Holy Father's recent call for us to "create a world of hope," this year's Share Lent campaign from Development and Peace - *Caritas* Canada asks each of us, once again, to be generous in aiding our needy brothers and sisters in the Global South: Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The theme of Share Lent this year is "Create Hope. Stand for the Land." On March 26, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please respond to this appeal as generously as you can. Together we can bring relief to our suffering brothers and sisters who are struggling desperately to protect their lands – their very source of life and hope – against ruthless exploitation by mining, agribusiness, climate change, and war. Let us create hope in the Global South.

Through your selfless generosity in the past year, DPCC has supported 86 projects in 40 countries, all acting in concert with the core principles of Catholic Social Teaching: solidarity with the poorest of the poor.

With gratitude to you for standing with those of our brothers and sisters who are in desperate need, and with the assurance of my prayers for you and your families during this Lenten season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH BULLETIN

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Parish Office Hours

Tue-Fri 8:30 AM-4 PM

Weekend Masses

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Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),

5:30 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 5:30 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-Sat 7:30 AM

Adoration

Fri 8:30-9:30 AM

First Friday Mass

6:00 PM

Holy Rosary

Mon-Sat after morning 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

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March 19 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

"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 showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 18 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Georgette Trudeau +
- 20 Monday, St Joseph (W).....Salas Family INT
- 21 Tuesday, Ferial (P).....Ralph Michael Soriano INT
- 22 Wednesday, Ferial (P).....Lisa K. Chan INT
- 23 Thursday, Ferial (P).....Fr. Anthony Ho INT
- 24 Friday, Ferial (P).....Ping Yee Wong +
- 25 Saturday, Annunciation of the Lord (W).....Fr. Anthony Ho INT

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, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Bernadette Percy, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Warren & Sean Hughes, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Margaret Redmond, Megan Maddock, Shirley Sullivan, Sheila Murray, Katherine Griffin, Valentia Abbott, Maravilla Melchor, Ma. Lourdes Limcangco, Catherine Fox, Divinia Magbanua

OUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**Lenten Penitential Services at
St. John the Apostle Parish
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 7:00PM**

Do not be afraid of Confession! Jesus is there...and He receives you with so much love." - Pope Francis



JOURNEY THRU LENT WITH FORMED
thru our Parish website SJA.PARISH.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. Hope this resource will help us to love Jesus more and to be more well equipped for the work of evangelization.

Participate in the Into the Desert Video Study

* Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video based study with daily meditations in the participant's guide.

Watch a Daily Lenten Reflection Video

* Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with Lenten reflection videos from Dr. Tim Gray. It takes less than 5 minutes a day!

Relive the Most Important Week in History

* Join us for the first ever FORMED-wide book club as read and discuss Pope Emeritus Benedict's masterpiece, Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week.

Make your Screen Time Spiritual

* Watch programs that will strengthen your love for Jesus.

- > The Shroud of Turin > Convinced
- > The Silent Witness > Prayer: A Surge of the Heart

Pray Stations of the Cross

* This beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross from Saint Alphonsus Liguori is accompanied by the chanting of Stabat Mater, a traditional Catholic hymn.

Give your Commute to Jesus

- * Listen to Lighthouse Talks that will draw you into Lent.
- > My Beloved Son > The Passion of Christ
- > Love-Sacrifice-Trust > 3 Days that Changed the World

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Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent,
there will be Mass at 6PM followed by
Stations of the Cross at 6:30PM



**Solemnity of St. Joseph
Monday, March 20, 2023**

Everyone is welcome to join us to
an evening Mass on Monday,
March 20, at 6:00PM



Second Collection for **Share Lent**
will be collected on all weekend masses,
next Sunday, March 26th.

Thank you for your generosity.



Lenten Penance Service

Vancouver West Deanery

Thursday, 16th March 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament

3040 Heather Street, Vancouver

Saturday, 25th March @ 11:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

2465 Crown Street, Vancouver

Sunday, 26 March, 2023 @ 2:30 pm—4:00 pm

Saint Marks

5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver

Tuesday, 28 March 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Holy Name of Jesus

4925 Cambie Street, Vancouver

Wednesday, 29th March 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Saint Peter & Paul Parish

1425 West 39th Avenue, Vancouver

Thursday, 30th March 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Saint John the Apostle

5457 Trafalgar Street, Vancouver

Thursday, 30th March 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Saint Augustine

2028 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunday, 2nd April 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Saint Anthony of Padua

8891 Montcalm Street, Vancouver

Tuesday, 4th April @ 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception

3778 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver

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

“Seraphic Doctor” defended the Mendicant Orders

Saint Bonaventure was born around 1217. His original name was Giovanni di Fidanza. As young boy, Giovanni was seriously ill, and his mother sought the intercession of St Francis of Assisi. Through the prayer of the saint Giovanni recovered.

Giovanni went to Paris for studies, and, at the age of 25, joined the Franciscan community there. Many years later he wrote, “I confess before God that the reason which made me love the life of blessed Francis most is that it resembled the birth and early development of the Church. The Church began with simple fishermen, and was subsequently enriched by very distinguished and wise teachers; the religion of Blessed Francis was not established by the prudence of men but by Christ”

Around the year 1243 Giovanni received the Franciscan habit and took the name “Bonaventure”. He studied Sacred Scripture, the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard, and other important theological authors at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Paris. The title of Bonaventure’s dissertation was “Questions on the knowledge of Christ”. The thinking and theology of Bonaventure was very Christocentric.

In Paris, there was strong opposition against the Mendicant Orders. The right of the friars to teach at the university was contested and some even questioned the authenticity of their consecrated life. St. Bonaventure and his friend, St. Thomas Aquinas, defended the Mendicant Orders. Bonaventure wrote the book “Evangelical Perfection”. Pope Benedict XVI commented: “In this work he shows how the Mendicant Orders, especially the Friars Minor, in practising the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, were following the recommendations of the Gospel itself. Over and above these historical circumstances the teaching that Bonaventure provides in this work of his and in his life remains every timely: the Church is made more luminous and beautiful by the fidelity to their vocation of those sons and daughters of hers who not only put the evangelical precepts into practice but, by the grace of God, are called to observe their counsels and thereby, with their poor, chaste and obedient way of life, to witness to the Gospel as a source of joy and perfection.”

In 1257, Bonaventure was elected Minister General of the Franciscans. Benedict XVI said, “He fulfilled this office for 17 years with wisdom and dedication, visiting the provinces, writing to his brethren, and at times intervening with some severity to eliminate abuses. When Bonaventure began this service, the Order of Friars Minor had experienced an extraordinary expansion: there were more than 30,000 Friars scattered throughout the West with missionaries in North Africa, the Middle East, and even in Peking. It was necessary to consolidate this expansion and especially, to give it unity of action and of spirit in full fidelity to Francis’ charism.” Hence, Bonaventure wrote the “Life of St. Francis” present the authentic charism of Francis, his life and his teaching.

In May 1273, Pope Gregory X named Bonaventure Cardinal Bishop of Albano. The Pope also asked him to prepare the Second Council of Lyon (May 7–July 17, 1274). Bonaventure died on July 15, 1274, two days before the council ended. Pope Gregory X administrated the Sacrament of the Anointing to Bonaventure before death and the council as a body attended his funeral. A papal notary composed a eulogy which stated: “A good, affable, devout and compassionate man, full of virtue, beloved of God and human beings alike.... God in fact had bestowed upon him such grace that all who saw him were pervaded by a love that their hearts could not conceal”.

St. Bonaventure was declared a doctor of the Church in 1588. He is called the “Seraphic Doctor”. Father Augustine Kalberer wrote, “Love of God, prayer, and contemplation were his great preoccupations. ‘Prayer,’ he wrote, ‘is the source and origin of every upward progress that has God for goal.’ And again, ‘Contemplation demands the greatest simplicity, and the greatest simplicity demands the greatest poverty.’” The saint once said, “The fear of God forbids a man to give his heart to transitory things, which are the true seeds of sin.”