

Today we celebrate the feast of God's Mercy. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In first section of the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, which were instituted to sanctify us.



DIVINE MERCY IN ACTION: A TIME magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a *living icon of mercy*. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." *This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed.*

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

- A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Welcome to St. Ann's Parish

Our Vision Statement: to be a Christ-centered community of missionary disciples.

Our Mission Statement: to work and pray to be a welcoming, Eucharistic community that spreads the good news of Christ. We each strive to share our gifts within and beyond the parish for the glory of God.

SCHEDULE FOR MASSES, PRAYER AND CONFESSIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at **3:00pm today**.

Join us in acknowledging and invoking God's mercy on us and on the whole world.

The Church is open for personal prayer and reflection. **Monday to Friday 9:00 to 1:15 and 2:30 to 5:00pm.**

Daily Masses will be celebrated at **7:00pm** and live streamed.

Every **Thursday** there will be **Eucharistic Adoration** from **2:00pm to 6:30pm**, concluding with a solemn Benediction. Come and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Please call or email the Parish Office to sign up. Church will be open throughout the day for personal prayer and Adoration.

Confessions by appointment... that's our way of being flexible and responding to individual needs. Besides that, on **Thursdays** a priest will be available to hear your confession from **5:00 to 6:00pm**.

The Parish Office is open from **9am to 1:15pm then 2:30 to 5:00pm**.

CWL INFO:

1) 1) **Diocesan Bursary application** is extended to **April 30th**. This is \$1000 bursary to a daughter or son of a League member. Application is available on line at vancouverdiocesancwl.ca.

2) There is on-line learning, but there are no chemistry, biology, or physics labs. That frees up some of your time to consider how you are going to pay for your secondary education. Times are tough for families – parents may have been laid off, on EI, working from home, etc., Help them out and apply for one of two \$1000 bursaries offered by the CWL. Applications available from Frances at Parish Centre or from the counselling center at your school. Good luck. **Due back by May 22nd.**

3) Our **general meeting** for April 20th @7pm is **cancelled** due to COVID19. Instead there will be a **video conference** for a live 40 minute presentation by our Guest speaker Sharon Ciebin on "League of the Future" on that **same date at same time**. Check for further information on your email.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 20TH TO APRIL 26TH, 2020

Monday 7:00pm	Alex & Margaret Yanik, rip.
Tuesday 7:00pm	Elizabeth Ann Hanauar, rip.
Wednesday 7:00pm 7:00pm	Anna Schurmann, rip. Brian Sask, rip.
Thursday 7:00pm	Ed Bellefontaine, rip.
Friday 7:00pm	Arnold Sarauer, rip.
Saturday 5:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm	Dec. mem. John Poirier Fam. Frances & Brian McNeil, int. For all Parishioners
Sunday 10:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Linda & Sylvia int. Heinz Scherra, rip. Erin Merth, int.

FEAST DAYS & READINGS APRIL 20TH TO APRIL 26TH, 2020

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday-St. Mark	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Sunday-3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14,22b-28; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

ST. ANN'S PRESCHOOL will be accepting registration for the 2020-2021 year.

As the Preschool will be closed until further notice **registration forms are available at the Parish Office**. When you come to register please bring the following items:

- copy of your child's immunization records
 - birth certificate & baptism certificate (if they have one)
 - \$40 non-refundable reg. fee
 - 10 post dated cheques (July 1st/20 then Oct 1st/20 etc.)
- Any questions, please call the Parish Office.

St. James and St. Ann's School is seeking to hire a FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER for a maternity leave position beginning in May 2020, and extending for the complete 2020-2021 school year. We also have a 60% P.E. POSITION for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in working in this dynamic, faith-based community, or if you know someone who would be a great fit for our school, please see the full job postings on the CISVA website at www.cisva.bc.ca. Click on "Employment" and then "Teaching Positions", and then scroll down the list to find our school.

The Gospel of Mark: Good News Announced, Opposed, and Vindicated: On the Feast of Saint Mark, join Father Nick Meisl as we investigate the important characteristics and themes of the Gospel of Mark and grow in our appreciation of how its message can inspire our life of discipleship. Join us on **Saturday, April 25 from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.** on Zoom. Register online at rcav.org/calendar

"At times, it seems that everything comes up against a stone: the beauty of creation against the tragedy of sin; liberation from slavery against infidelity to the covenant; the promises of the prophets against the listless indifference of the people. So too, in the history of the Church and in our own personal history. It seems that the steps we take never take us to the goal. We can be tempted to think that dashed hope is the bleak law of life. Today however we see that our journey is not in vain; it does not come up against a tombstone. Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give into resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness. We, as Church, are built on Him, and, even when we grow disheartened and tempted to judge everything in the light of our failures, He comes to make all things new, to overturn our every disappointment...The Risen Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones. So, let us first ask: What is the stone that I need to remove, what is its name?"



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WELCOME!

If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00am & 10:00am Sunday Morning Masses in St. Joachim's Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism
 Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 11:15am. A baptism course is required for parents and Godparents. Registration is required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage

Please contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

Priesthood or Religious Life

Please contact the Vocations Office at: rcav.org/vocations, or for Scalabrinians at: emejia@rcav.org

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday 20 min. before Mass
 Saturdays 10:00am - 11:00am
 & 4:00pm - 4:35pm

MASS TIMES

Weekends
 Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
 Español 1:30pm
Weekdays
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays 8:00am
 Tuesday Evenings 7:00pm
 (Perpetual Novena to St. Ann)
 Miercoles-Español 7:00pm

Other

Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of mnth 7:00pm
 Korean Mass - Last Sat of mnth 7:00pm
 (served by St. Andrew Kim Parish)
 First Fridays 8:00am & 7:00pm
 Saturdays & Holidays 9:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays 8:30am - 6:50pm
 Benediction to follow 6:50pm - 7:00pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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