Today we celebrate the feast of God’s Mercy. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “God of everlast- ing 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 receive.

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**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.**

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**CWL INFO:**

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 vancouverdiocesanwlc.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 **same date at same time.** Check for further information on your email.

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**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 Anna Schurmann, rip.

**Thursday**

7:00pm Brian Saks, rip.

**Saturday**

5:00pm Dec. mem. John Poirier Fam.

5:00pm Frances & Brian McNeil, int.

5:00pm For all Parishioners

**Sunday**

10:00am Linda & Sylvia int.

10:00am Heinz Scherra, rip.

10:00am Erin Merth, int.

**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.

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**ST. ANN’S, 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.**

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The Gospel of Mark: Good News Announced, Opposed, and Vindicated:

On the Feast of Saint Mark, join Father Nick Meisl as we celebrate his feast day, his memory and his promise of divine mercy. Mark provides a remarkable glimpse of Jesus’ life and mission, and in 1 Peter 5:5b-11 we see a mature Christian’s advice to young leaders: to be patient, to be humble, to be of good cheer, to pray constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to free us from our temptations, our heaviest of stones. Christ the one who rolls back from our heart the heaviest of stones.

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 and 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?" Pope Francis

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**St. Ann’s Childcare Centre**

**Childcare Open Monday - Friday 7am - 6pm**

**For Ages 18mo - 36mo**

**Full-time space is available**

- Parents can register by calling the Parish Office at 604-852-5602 to leave their contact information

- Parents will be contacted by Sister Suzana Tairo to complete the registration

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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.