

FAITH FORMATION

CYCLE A, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 06, 2011

QUITE AN IMPRESSION

Who has influenced your life most for Christ? It's a tough question, but most of us can narrow the list down to two or three Christians who brought faith to life for us. Take a moment and remember what made these individuals so special. You might remember a brightness about their spirits, how they made life a little shinier, warmer, as if you'd moved a little closer to the sun. Or maybe it was the way they brought the flavor of God's love into the simplest of conversation, how their words seemed to drip with humility, compassion, a true taste of Christ. And that salt, that light was infectious. You wanted what they possessed and they gave it almost invisibly. This is what it means to be the light and the salt of Christ: touching with the light of love and compassion, carrying the salt of truth and mercy to all those around us. What image, what taste are you leaving behind today?

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK FEBRUARY 11, 2011

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Let us pray especially for: Vincenzo Bortolin, Aldo Caon, Giuseppe Capozzi, Caryl D'Souza, Lew Glavina, Kathleen Hong, Harold Hopkinson, Francis Xavier, Jim Kagan, Rose Kamm, Steven Kastro, Irma Kowalczyk, Ines Cappon-Lomas, Donna Losorelli, Ted Lund, Diana Marino, Giovanni Mauro, Marcy McCarthy, Francisco Nery, Alice Quek, Margaret Rozario, Carmela Sorace, Ronald J. Scott, Hy & Bill Yang.



CYCLE A, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 13, 2011

SIMPLE LOVE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

How should a Christian handle hurt and rejection? The answer is both simple and difficult. Simple, because the answer is always "respond with love". Difficult because loving the hurtful or hateful we encounter goes against our basic human nature. We want to hit back, hurt back, and we forgot the blessings God has promised for those who love instead. And while He knows our sinful struggles with hate, God still expects an obedient attempt. It doesn't have to be grandiose. Try the simpler solutions. When someone scowls, smile in return. When they curse, whisper a prayer for them. When they push you away, slip an arm under theirs and pull them into a hug. It's a matter of trying simple love in difficult times, and letting God do the rest. Are you up for it?



Dear Parents & Friends of the Holy Cross Community, We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to each of you for all of your incredible support, sharing of talents, time, and sacrifices that you give each day to make it possible for us to come

to Holy Cross Elementary. We are extremely proud to be Titans. On Monday, February 7th, we begin our celebration of Catholic Schools Week! We have lots of fun activities planned with our fellow students; such as a dance, visiting with important members of our community, outreach activities, and a special Mass. During our Mass we will pray for all of you and thank God for all of the incredible blessings that make Holy Cross the amazing school that we are so proud of! Love and blessings,

The Student Council Members:
Steven, Michael, Tie, Adam, Danielle, Domo
on behalf of all the Holy Cross Students

Sun. Feb. 6, 10am - Mass, Liturgy #2 for all students & families preparing for First Holy Communion (Church)
Mon. Feb. 7 - Kindergarten Changeover 9am-5pm - Kindergarten Interviews
Tues., Feb. 8, 7pm - Confirmation Sponsors/Candidates Meeting (Gym)
Thurs., Feb. 10 9:15am - School Mass Theme: Love/Catholic Schools /Grade 1 (Church)
Fri., Feb. 11 - Valentine Colours Day
Mon., Feb. 14 & Tues., Feb. 15 - No School; Catholic Educators' Conference.
Thurs., Feb. 17 - Geography Challenge /Grades 4 - 6

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HOLY CROSS PARISH
*Janitorial Service/General Maintenance (permanent part-time position)
Contact Father Maciej Wos, SDS. Apply by February 29, 2011.
ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER
* Director of Development
CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S HOSTEL
* Guest Advocate (full-time)
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, COQUITLAM
* Building Maintenance Coordinator.
Visit www.rcav.org/employment for full details.
LUKE 15 HOUSE
* Administrative Assistant (part-time)
Visit www.Luke15house.com
ST. MARK'S/CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGES
* Accountant/Bookkeeper (part-time)
Visit www.corpuschristi.ca/employment
<http://www.stmarkscollege.ca/employment>

oney Counters Feb. 13 M. Balonero & Margaret Shamku
Feb. 20 Claudette Lund & Marissa Costales
Altar Workers Feb. 19 Elvine Kelly & Teresa Rasquinha

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Please pick up your 2011 box of envelopes in the church foyer. Do not use old envelopes. To those who have not used their envelopes regularly in 2010, please call or come to the Rectory Office to request a box. Kindly write clearly the amount on your envelopes. Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY Feb. 7 - 13, 2011

Mon. 8:15am Intentions of Lew & Rose Glavina /Family (54th Wedding Anniversary)
10:30am Funeral Mass +Angelo Mutis
Tues. 8:15am Joe & Santina Zuccaro /Barbara Bathgate (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Wed. 8:15am Special Intentions for Fidelity Hong & Elvine Kelly /Kathleen Hong
Thurs. 8:15am PARISHIONERS
9:15am School Mass Theme: Love/Catholic Schools /Grade 1
7:00pm Special Intention Health for Stephen Boren /Knights of Columbus
Fri. 8:15am Special Intention & Thanksgiving /May Chan
11:00am Special Intentions for SICK & ELDERLY
7:30pm Special Intention Elvine Kelly /Lopez Family
Sat. 9:00am +Marcelina Gazzola /Maria & Family
5:00pm Thelma Ortiz' Thanksgiving /Adolfo Ortiz
Sun. 8:00am +Phil Rockbourne /Joe & Nancy Yamauchi
10:00am PARISHIONERS
12 Noon Special Intention for Charles Gobin /Family
7:30pm ++Dorothy Allen & Robert Stevenson /Family

Feb. 14 - 20, 2011

Mon. 8:15am ++John & Del Nelson /Wray Family
Tues. 8:15am +Giuseppe Guttadauro /Wife
Wed. 8:15am
Thurs. 8:15am
7:00pm /CWL
Fri. 8:15am ++Kathryn & Joseph Chomanczuk /Family
7:30pm Special Intention Kathleen Hong /Elvine Kelly
Sat. 9:00am
5:00pm +Tommaso Di Fine /Maria Bellano
Sun. 8:00am +Adriaan Van Essen /Family
10:00am +Mary Cretone /Bernice D'Andrea
12 Noon PARISHIONERS
7:30pm +Mafalda Pasqual

PARISH ACTIVITIES Feb. 7 - 13, 2011

Mon. 7:00pm CWL Executive Meeting (RCIA Room)
7:30pm Holy Cross Prayer Meeting (Music Room)
Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg. (Gym)
Wed. 7:30pm Gospel of Matthew (Basement)
Thurs. 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg. (Music Rm.)
Fri. 11:00am World Day of the Sick & Elderly (Church)
Reception follows (Basement)
6:00pm Challenge Girls (Basement)
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (RCIA Room)
3:00pm RCIA
6:00pm VALENTINE DINNER DANCE by CWL (Gym)

Feb. 14 - 20, 2011

Mon. 7:30pm Holy Cross Prayer Meeting (Music Room)
Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
Wed. 7:30pm Gospel of Matthew (Basement)
Thurs. 7:00pm CWL General Meeting (Music Room)
Youth Ministry (Gym)
Fri. 6:00pm Challenge Girls (Basement)
7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (RCIA Room)
3:00pm RCIA
Sun. Religious Articles Sale by CWL (Church) after all Masses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS & FOR EGYPT

Archbishop J. Michael Miller is asking the Faithful to pray for Christians persecuted for their faith around the world. Also, as the conflict in Egypt intensifies, the Archbishop of Vancouver released a statement on



January 31 asking the faithful to remember the people of the Middle East in their prayers. See <http://busycatholic.blogspot.com/2011/01/prayers-for-egypt.html>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2011 Please join our neighbours in celebrating their faith in Jesus Christ, shared by Christian women of other countries and cultures, on Friday, March 4th, 4pm at St. Timothy Anglican Church, 4550 Kitchener.



The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** presents a special talk by our **PASTOR, FR. MACIEJ WOS**, on "**THE SACRAMENT OF THE PRIESTHOOD**", in the Music Room of Holy Cross Church on Thursday, February 10th, after 7 pm Mass. All are welcome.

INTERESTED IN PRIESTHOOD/CONSECRATED LIFE? Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life will be held on the weekend of Feb. 11 - 13 at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B. C. For more information call 604-826-8715.

The **HOLY CROSS WORLD YOUTH DAY GROUP** will have a 3-point shootout fundraising on Saturday, February 26, 10am, at the Gym. Open to anyone 13 years old and up. Registration is \$15 by February 24 and \$20 at the door. Prize is \$200! E-mail wydholycross@gmail.com for more info.

In recognition of the **19TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** on Friday, February 11, **MASS OF ANOINTING** will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church at 11:00 A.M. A complimentary lunch for the elderly, hosted by the CWL, follows after Mass in the Music Room. Please make sure you to mark this date on your calendar and bring all the elderly and sick in your family, friends, or neighbor. Kindly call the Parish Office to let us know of how many will be attending. Thank you!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING on Monday, February 7th, at 7pm in the RCIA Room. **GENERAL MEETING** on Thursday, February 10th, after Mass at 7pm in the Church Basement. **ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE** on Saturday, February 12th. Tickets (\$30.00) will be on sale, at the entrance of the church after all Masses. REMINDER: Members and ladies who would like to join, you may put your dues (\$20.00) in an envelope marked "CWL" and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank You.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II Come and join us on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, on April 25 - 04 May, 2011 with an extension to Poland to visit his birthplace and the Divine Mercy Shrine (04-09 May, 2011). Basic package price: \$2950/person sharing a twin accommodation. For more information, please contact Sheila of Silver Tours, 1-888-755-1988 or e-mail mssil@telus.net.