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## Easter Sunday, Year B, 31st March 2024

### Christ, our hope, is risen! Alleluia!

We greet this day with thanksgiving and praise. Christ our hope is risen and we want to announce it by our life and our joy.

This is how we see Peter in the **First Reading**. He is addressing Cornelius and his household, recounting Jesus's life and death, and how, as a witness to it, Peter has been ordered to proclaim Christ's resurrection to his people.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**), encourages us with the practical example of getting rid of the old yeast, to be completely renewed through Christ, in sincerity and truth.

The Psalm is a joyful Easter song celebrating Christ's triumph. It will be a refrain for us throughout the season.

In the **Gospel**, after Mary of Magdala finds the stone rolled away from the tomb, she runs to tell Peter and John. By seeing the empty tomb and the discarded cloths, they slowly come to realise that Jesus has truly risen.

Let us pray that we, too, will witness to the resurrection in our lives.

#### MASS TIMES

##### Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

##### Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am  
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

#### Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am  
4 pm - 4.30 pm  
or by appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

##### Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm  
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

##### Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

Office is closed on Monday

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In his intention for March 2024, Pope Francis prays:  
**FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST - MARCH 2024**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

### Altar Servers Ministry

### Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

### Catechetical Ministry

PREP Winnie Bernardo

### Catholic Women's League

President : Cecile Cartago

### Knights Of Columbus

Robert Yang

### Legion Of Mary

Fidel Carolino

### Ministry Of Hospitality

Coordinator: Jose Cruz

### Ministry Of Lectors

Coordinator: Armando Cordova

### Music Ministry

Dr. Audrey Zylmans  
Ana Marie Avendano  
Noreen Nicolas

### Project Advance Team

Art & Violet Tonido  
Jun & Liezel Javier

### Building Committee

Theo Vanden Hoven

### Fund Raising Committee

Ruth & Jeric Alvarez

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

**CONVALIDATION:** If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK :** Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

## Parish Events

### 1. Catechetical Ministry

The Spring break for our **PREP classes** are March 18th to March 31st

**Classes Resume:** Wednesday classes resume on April 3rd Sunday classes resume on April 7th.

### 2. CWL Coffee

The **CWL** will be serving coffee and snacks, including chocolate eggs for the younger children, after the **9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Easter Sunday.**

### 3. Volunteers.

The lectors ministry is seeking volunteers for all the Masses, especially the 5:00pm Saturday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for this, or any other ministry, please talk to Fr. Jack or the ministry coordinator, or call the parish office.

**4. Any ministries, committees or groups** that would like to have their meetings or events announced in the bulletin, please let Father Jack know the time and date at least two weeks ahead of time, to allow for two publications of them.

**5. A big thank you** to all who have **contributed to**, and participated in **Holy Week and Easter celebrations.** May the blessings you have received stay with you and continue to grow in you.

## Archdiocesan Events

### Catholic Faith in Plain English

#### About this Event

[Register Free](#)

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman in their course The Catholic Faith in Plain English. This free, 36-week-long course will be offered both in person and online this year starting on September 3, 2023. This course is suitable for all adult learners, including Catholics and non-Catholics.

**Location** Weekly until May 19, 2024 on Sundays and Mondays - All Day

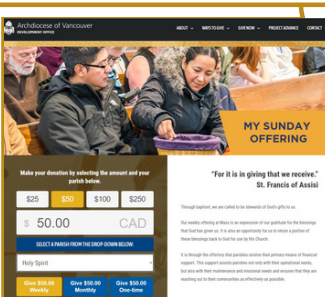
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## Parable of the Two Criminals



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The kingdom of God is made present in the experience of those who seek God's will above all else in this life. Consider the two being executed with Jesus. The second criminal, facing the end of his earthly existence recognized Jesus as the son of God and, having admitted his wrongdoing, proclaims this truth. And Jesus responds: Amen.

Paradise, or the kingdom, is also a reality that is not off in some distant future, but is, as Jesus says, here "with me today." It is easy, with the quickly impending death of the three being executed, to mistake Jesus' words as simply referring to the next life—which, he also surely meant. However, what Jesus is also affirming in his response of "Amen," is the truth that we are called not just to say the prayer Jesus taught us to the Father, but to live it in our daily lives. Thy will be done!

It seems to me that our focus on the Passion of the Lord, especially his death on the cross, has distracted many of us from the last parable the Gospels show us: the parable, as I call it, of the two criminals. It is the parable of how to pray, which is reflected in how we live. So which criminal are you? How is it that you pray?

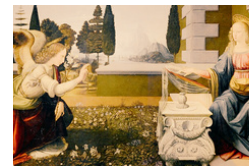
—from the book *The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering* by Daniel P. Horan, OFM Dan Kroger, OFM Franciscan Spirit Blog

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## Saints for March

### Annunciation of the Lord



The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord  
The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human.

Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

### Reflection

Sometimes spiritual writers are accused of putting Mary on a pedestal and thereby, discouraging ordinary humans from imitating her. Perhaps such an observation is misguided. God did put Mary on a pedestal and has put all human beings on a pedestal. We have scarcely begun to realize the magnificence of divine grace, the wonder of God's freely given love. The marvel of Mary—even in the midst of her very ordinary life—is God's shout to us to wake up to the marvelous creatures that we all are by divine design.

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### Mission

*Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life*

### Vision

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.





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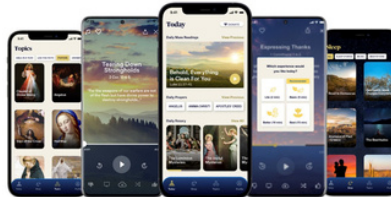
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