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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 11th February 2024

'Whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God'

The theme of today's readings is God's loving compassion and healing. We, too, are called to be loving, as well as pure and holy.

Two of the readings speak of leprosy: a disease that can now be cured, but at the time was seen as a punishment for sin. The belief was that either the leper or one of their family had offended God in some way. The **First Reading** reveals the requirements imposed on lepers. They were to make themselves physically unattractive, so that people would know they were unclean, and to live apart, outside the city walls. They were thus sentenced to indefinite exile from their community and excluded from worship.

The leper we meet in the Gospel breaks the law because of his faith. He approaches Jesus, pleading to be made clean. We see Jesus's compassion, mercy, and healing power in curing him. The leper can be readmitted to his community once he has seen the priest, though conversely, Jesus now becomes the outcast.

In the **Psalm** we hear the joy of the psalmist who, in acknowledging and repenting of his sins, is confident of the Lord's forgiveness.

The **Second Reading** calls us to be witnesses to Christ's teaching in everything we do, whilst always being sensitive to others.

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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



In his intention for February 2024, Pope Francis prays:

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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

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Coordinator: Armando Cordova

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Building Committee

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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**

ANointing 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. Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February this year. There will be two Masses; the morning Mass will be at 9:00am and the evening Mass at 7:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses on Ash Wednesday.

2. Old Palms

If you have any old palms that were distributed at previous Palm Sundays, please bring them to the Church to be burned for Ash Wednesday. There will be a box in the main entrance of the Church to place them in.

3. Fast and Abstinence.

Fasting and Abstinence are required on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, Abstinence is required on all Fridays in Lent. For more detailed information about these two penances, look in your Catholic Calendar on the back of the December page.

4. 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes

A reminder that there are still some Sunday Offering Envelopes that haven't been picked up yet. They are located next to the votive candle stand in the main entrance to the Church.

Please discard any envelopes that you have from previous years as your number is different this year.

5. Volunteers.

All of the choirs are looking for new members. If you have an interest in singing they would love to hear from you. Talk to any of the members and they'll be more than happy to help you.

The Sunday collection counters need more helpers. If you are able to count, please talk to Rita Graham, John Neilson or Liezel Javier.

For information about, or to join any of the other Ministries, talk to Fr. Jack or the Ministry coordinator.

Archdiocesan Events

Grief: A Complicated Journey

[Register \(Free\)](#)

About this Event

Please join us for a talk about grief, with popular speaker and **registered psychologist Denis Boyd**. Grief can be unpredictable. It comes and goes, sometimes in waves. It affects our sense of well-being and changes us forever. In this talk, Denis Boyd will discuss healthy and unhealthy grief, the reactions to grief, and the factors that influence grief. He will also provide some coping strategies and tools to help handle important anniversaries and post-holiday times.

Location

Our Lady of Lourdes, 828 Laval Square
Coquitlam, BC V3K 2E6

Date and Time

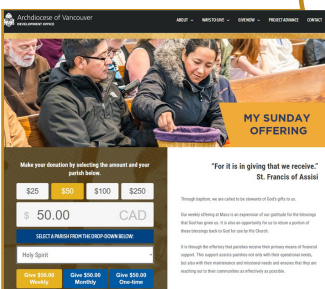
Saturday, Feb 24, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



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Boundless Love



Richard Rohr, OFM - Minute Meditations

God always entices us through love.

Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we changed. In fact, God loves you so that you can change.

What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change, is the experience of love and acceptance itself.

This is the engine of change. If the mystics say that one way, they say it a thousand ways. But because most of our common religion has not been at the mystical level, we've been given an inferior message—that God loves you when you change (moralism). It puts it all back on you, which is the opposite of being saved. Moralism leads you back to navel-gazing, and you can never succeed at that level.

You are never holy enough, pure enough, refined enough, or loving enough. Whereas, when you fall into God's mercy, when you fall into God's great generosity, you find, seemingly from nowhere, this capacity to change. No one is more surprised than you are. You know it is a total gift.

—from the book *Yes, And... Daily Meditations* by Richard Rohr

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Saints for February

Saint Jerome Emiliani - Feb 09



A careless and irreligious soldier for the city-state of Venice, Jerome was captured in a skirmish at an outpost town and chained in a dungeon. In prison Jerome had a lot of time to think, and he gradually learned how to pray. When he escaped, he returned to Venice where he took charge of the education of his nephews—and began his own studies for the priesthood.

In the years after his ordination, events again called Jerome to a decision and a new lifestyle. Plague and famine swept northern Italy. Jerome began caring for the sick and feeding the hungry at his own expense. While serving the sick and the poor, he soon resolved to devote himself and his property solely to others, particularly to abandoned children. He founded three orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes and a hospital.

Around 1532, Jerome and two other priests established a congregation, the Clerks Regular of Somasca, dedicated to the care of orphans and the education of youth. Jerome died in 1537 from a disease he caught while tending the sick. He was canonized in 1767. In 1928, Pius XI named him the patron of orphans and abandoned children. St. Jerome Emiliani shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8.

Reflection

Very often in our lives it seems to take some kind of “imprisonment” to free us from the shackles of our self-centeredness. When we’re “caught” in some situation we don’t want to be in, we finally come to know the liberating power of Another. Only then can we become another for “the imprisoned” and “the orphaned” all around us..

Saint Jerome Emiliani is the Patron Saint of: Orphans and Abandoned Children

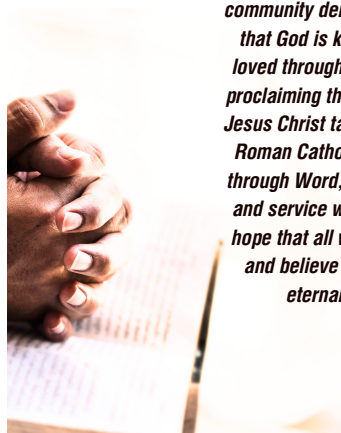
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Mission

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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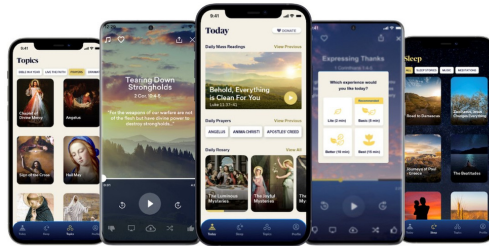
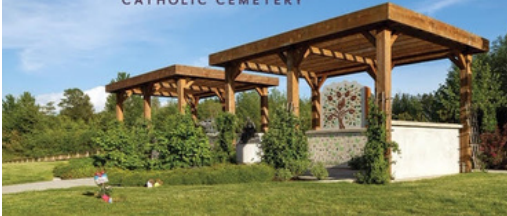
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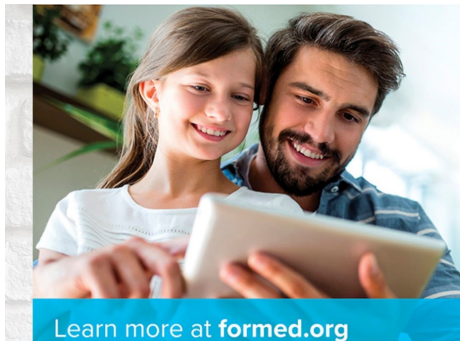
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