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## Second Sunday of Lent, Year B, 25th February 2024

**'This is my Son, the Beloved.'**

Trust in the Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity – if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him.

In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined.

The Psalmist gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In the **Second Reading**, echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the immensity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son. With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him and not speak of the wonder of what they have witnessed on the mountain top.

This week we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we too might walk in his presence.

### 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 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

### 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**

**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. Knights of Columbus, Pancake/Tapsilog Breakfast.

The monthly pancake/tapsilog breakfast will be held on **Sunday, 25th February**, in the Parish Centre after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Bring your appetites.

### 2. Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm**, immediately before the Mass at 7:00pm.

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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.

**5. 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.

## Archdiocesan Events

**Together for Good Marriage Workshop - \$60 per couple** - All married couples are welcome

One day could change your marriage! Thousands of couples across Canada have dedicated one day to building a marriage that stays together for good.

In partnership with FamilyLife Canada ([familylifecanada.com](http://familylifecanada.com)), we are offering the Together for Good Marriage Workshop that will give you tools, exercises and guided conversations to help you and your partner grow a healthier, more joy-filled and resilient marriage.

Location

**Corpus Christi Parish**, 6350 Nanaimo Street  
Vancouver, BC V5P 4K7

**Date and Time**

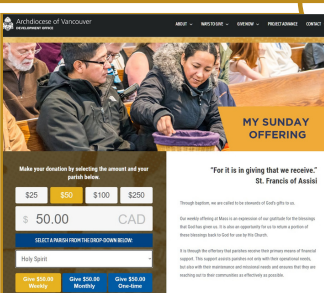
**Saturday, Mar 02, 2024**  
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM



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## Radical Honesty



### Radical Honesty

**St. Francis** knew the **Psalms by heart**, and those who followed him quickly did so too. They learned the Bible's other most famous prayers and could pray them as they walked from place to place, reflecting on what God had accomplished through them in their previous location and preparing for what God might be asking from them in the next place.

Francis was as much subject to self-doubt as any of us. His motives were purified in prayer; his ego became right-sized there. His prayer was both private and public; one without the other tends to lead the person praying into some type of illusion. Instead, prayer leads us into deeper and more radical honesty while enabling us to deal with the consequences of any newfound honesty.

—from the book *Peace and Good: Through the Year with Francis of Assisi* - by Pat McCloskey, OFM

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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.

## Saints for February

### The Story of the Chair of Saint Peter



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This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt, and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene, "The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter." John relates that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: "...[T]hey did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home. There the slowly exploding, impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they waited fearfully behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he said (John 20:21b), and they rejoiced.

The Pentecost event completed Peter's experience of the risen Christ. "...[T]hey were all filled with the holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4a) and began to express themselves in foreign tongues and make bold proclamation as the Spirit prompted them.

Only then can Peter fulfill the task Jesus had given him: "[O]nce you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit—before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the Council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, "...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong... [T]hey were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel..." (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

Second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century.

### Reflection

Like the committee chair, this chair refers to the occupant, not the furniture. Its first occupant stumbled a bit, denying Jesus three times and hesitating to welcome gentiles into the new Church. Some of its later occupants have also stumbled a bit, sometimes even failed scandalously. As individuals, we may sometimes think a particular pope has let us down. Still, the office endures as a sign of the long tradition we cherish and as a focus for the universal Church.

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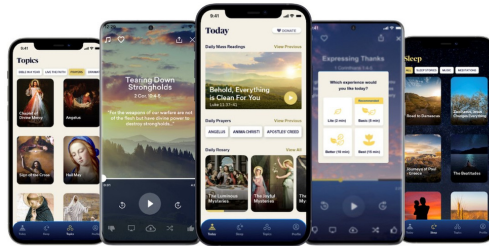


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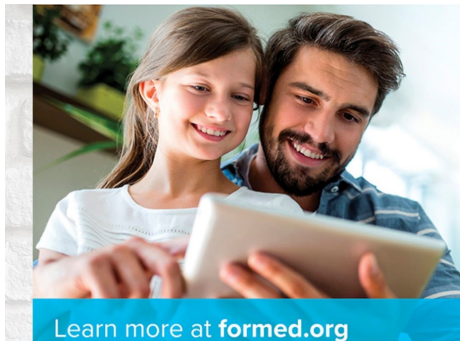


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