

Third Sunday of Lent

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MASS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY MASSES

Our Lady of the Mountains

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am

St. Christopher's

Sunday at 11:00 am

St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday at 12:30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

(March 25th to March 29th)

Our Lady of the Mountains

Monday, Mar 25th at 5:45 am

Tuesday, Mar 26th at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, Mar 27th at 7:00 pm

Friday, Mar 29th at 5:45 pm

St. Christopher's

Thursday, Mar 21st at 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, Mar 22nd at 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after daily Mass.

Also, at Our Lady of the Mountains,

Saturdays at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm,

Sundays at 8:00 am to 8:45 am

or by appointment by calling

Fr. Dale at 604-938-6643

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday

St. Francis of Assisi 9:30 am

Our Lady of the Mountains 7:00 pm

Scripture Reflection

On this third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Lord who frees us from our slavery to sin, if only we listen to His warning to repent.

We are tempted to view repentance as something unimportant. On the contrary, it is an important step to salvation. It is a way through which God's grace is mediated to us. Repentance is, feeling sorry for the sin we committed, and a firm resolve not to deliberately commit it again. Sincere repentance provokes God's compassion, mercy and love.

In our second reading, Paul kindly reminded us of the consequences of deliberately going contrary to God's will. He carefully traced the death of the Israelites to their inability to please God. That is to say, because they sinned against God. Paul concluded by warning us that: "*All these happened as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age.*" In his letter to the Romans he puts it directly: "*The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life*" (Rom 6, 23.)

In today's gospel, Jesus was very direct in his words when he said: "*Unless you repent you will perish.*" One might say that this is too harsh to come from Christ who is merciful and compassionate. The truth is that when Jesus speaks this way, it does not diminish his compassion and mercy. Rather, he does so because he actually cares for us and sees what we cannot see. He simply warns us of the negative consequences of living a sinful life and wants us to repent and live a better life.

This Sunday, the good news is that we are given the opportunity to learn from the failures of our ancestors and the consequences of their actions. We are given another opportunity to call upon the Lord who is "*merciful, compassionate and love*". This is a call to repentance for the times we neglected and failed both God and our neighbours; for the times we chose evil over good; and for those moments we despaired and displayed remarkable lack of faith in God.

Women's Faith Study Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

Please join us for a short 5-week faith study during Lent at the parish. We will be reading Jacque Philippe's "Searching For and Maintaining Peace". Cost: about \$10 for the book.

To register or for more information contact: sarah@adamneilson.com

Office Hours

**Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

In important matters please call
the rectory at 604-938-6643

The Diocese of Kamloops

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



† EMC (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday: **Arlene**

Sunday: **Edita**

† Lectors

Sat, Mar 30th: **Christian**

Sun, Mar 31st: **Rebecca**

Coffee

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Pro-life Fundraising

Pot Luck Dinner, Kamloops

Saturday, April 13th, 6:30 p.m.,
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Kamloops. Tax receiptable.

** Bring your favourite dish**

Contact: 1-778-220-5584.

Vocation live-in

April 5-7, Mission BC

For boys or young men thinking
of priesthood or consecrated life
The Seminary of Christ the King
Call 604-826-8715.



Retrouvaille Vancouver

Spring Program, April 5-7 2019

Is Your Marriage in Crisis? –
Repair your marriage,
rediscover romance and gain the
tools you need for healthy,
loving communication!

www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

Welcome to Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

We are a small Parish serving a very large visitor community. The majority of people you see in the church today are visitors from around the world. We rely on everyone's generosity to help us cover our daily operating costs. We want to sincerely thank you for being with us today and sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you also for your generous donation.

The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass at Our Lady of the Mountains, Mon, March 25th at 5:45 pm

Again Lent's austerity is interrupted as we solemnly keep a feast in honour of the Annunciation. The Annunciation is a mystery that belongs to the temporal rather than to the sanctoral cycle in the Church's calendar. For the feast commemorates the most sublime moment in the history of time, the moment when the Second Divine Person of the Most Holy Trinity assumed human nature in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Thus, it is a feast of our Lord, even as it is of Mary, although the liturgy centres wholly around the Mother of God.

The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch.

This day is also the historical feast of St. Dismas, the good thief and St. Margaret Clitherow, wife and mother who was one of the English martyrs.

The 7 corporal works of mercy:

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

The 7 spiritual works of mercy:

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive others.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

2019 Share Lent Week 3: March 24

Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Development and Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace.

Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingya! devp.org/give

Share Lent Collection – Solidarity Sunday – April 7th, 2019

Calendar

Mar 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

Apr 14th World Day of Youth

Apr 14th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Apr 18th Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Apr 19th Good Friday, Passion of the Lord

Apr 20th Holy Saturday, The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Apr 21st Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord