

JANUARY 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

There is a common misconception among many that somehow each parish in the world receives some kind of financial support from the Vatican itself. But this is not the reality of the Church as it is lived out in each local church. The Archdiocese of Vancouver and, within it, each parish from the financial point of view operate independently of the Vatican. Each parish must care for its own needs and essentially be self-sustaining. Nothing is received from outside the parish to meet our needs. I say this to make the point that as members of St. Helen's Parish each person is called to do their part to support their community.

This past fall as I was walking to the church I noticed two parishioners who were cleaning the leaves up in front of the church. When I spoke to them I came to know that no one had asked them to do this. They simply saw that the property needed some tidying and they took the initiative to do this. I was truly moved and edified by their generosity and I was very thankful. It is easy to complain or to tell someone else to do something but are we willing to do our part to help in whatever small way we can? Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Whatever we hope for our parish we must personally help it become.

In Christ,
Fr. Alessandro

ST. HELEN'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. A night at Studio 54 will take place on **Saturday, Feb. 23**. Raffle tickets (1 ticket -\$10; 3 tickets -\$20; CASH ONLY) will be on sale in the church foyer on Saturday and Sunday services commencing Jan. 12 – Feb.10.

Prizes are:

- 1st prize- Beats Solo3 Headphones
- 2nd prize- iPad 32GB
- 3rd prize- Lenovo Notebook
- Grand prize- Sony 65" X750 FTV

Please support your parish and school! Thank you.

IMPORTANT SECOND COLLECTION. Second Collection next weekend, Feb. 3rd, will be for the BC Catholic. Please use the special BC Catholic envelope in your envelope set to help your parish cover the cost. Thank you!!!

ENVELOPES FOR 2019. During the month of January please write your name and address on each envelope so that we can be sure you will receive the proper credit for income tax. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE WALL OF FAITH offers a memorable and lasting gift that should be considered for funerals and it is tax deductible. If the family of the deceased person requests a memorial donation to St. Helen's Parish on the occasion of the Funeral Mass in lieu of flowers, deceased's name will be written on the Wall of Faith. Display is in a prominent location in the lobby of the church. For more information and donations, please contact parish office.

"Their names are written in heaven"

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA. Thank you for your generous support in this new evangelization program established in our parish. Books, booklets, CDs and DVDs are displayed in a kiosk for purchase: CDs \$6, Booklets \$3, DVDs \$8, Books \$10. All proceeds will go towards the parish.



HOST AND WINE. If you are interested in donating the Host and Wine in memory of a dear one please contact the office, 604-298-4144. Donations are tax deductible.

THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. Join Archbishop Miller, CSB, in celebrating and witnessing the renewal of vows of those consecrated to God at Mass on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 12 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver. All are welcome. Please pray for all who have made commitments in the consecrated life. <https://rcav.org/world-day-for-consecrated-life>

FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW trip to Seattle will be on Wednesday, February 20th. For more info and reservation, please call or leave a message to Bert, 604-299-6876.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (WEEKLY GOAL \$12,000.00)			
Date	Envelopes	Loose	Total
January 20	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 6,965.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>			

BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK. Please support **MANULIFE'S SPIROS PAPACHRISTOS**, one of the sponsors who bring to you this weekly Parish Bulletin!

CHURCH CLEANING – FEBRUARY– TEAM 1 – Gemma, 604-294-1826

COFFEE HOUR–Feb. 3– Extraord. Ministers–Marivic, 778-881-6505

PANCAKE BREAKFAST prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus is served after the 8:30 am and 10am masses this Sunday, Jan. 27. Everyone is welcome.

We Pray For

Saturday, January 26 [Weekday]

- 9:00 am - † Dr. Henry Morgentaler
- 4:00 pm - † Agnes & Joseph Wong, † Rosa Cristiano, † Melania Angelucci
In Honor of Sacret Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, January 27 [THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME]

- 8:30 am - † Giovanni Leone
- 10:00 am - Spec. Int. for Emilia Pastro, † Giovanni Gambron, † Luigi Bandiera
† Rocco Padovano, † Maria Altan
- 11:30 am - † Consiglia DeGregorio, † Angelo Zamprogno, † Nada Borovic
† Angelina & Domenico Fata, † Michelina & Giuseppe Reda

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

Monday, January 28 [St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church]

- 7:45 am - Special Intention, † Battista & Angelina Peta

Tuesday, January 29 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Robert Battla, † Battista & Angelina Peta

Wednesday, January 30 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Walter Nezil, † Battista & Angelina Peta

Thursday, January 31 [St. John Bosco, Priest]

- 7:45 am - † Joseph Chui, † Battista & Angelina Peta

Friday, February 1 [Weekday]

- 7:45 am - † Pierre Trudeau, † Battista & Angelina Peta

Saturday, February 2 [The Presentation of the Lord]

- 9:00 am - † Peter Gregory, † Battista & Angelina Peta
- 4:00 pm - † Agnes & Joseph & Mary Wong, † Jason Tomkinson
† Joan Nielsen, † John Gault

Sunday, February 3 [FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME]

- 8:30 am - † Yuki Matsuba, † Pat & Ann Duggan, † Dec. of Scorda Fam.
- 10:00 am - † Luisa Maseli, † Luigi Mezzomo, † Gianni Pastro
† Eugenio Danieli, † Egidio Boratto, † Vincenzo Miniaci
† Franco Caporale, † Palmira & Serafino Zen
† Johnny Greco, † Joe Greco, † Battista & Angelina Peta

11:30 am - † Tomasa Chavez

7:30 pm - Our Parishioners

GENNAIO 27, 2019

III DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

«OGGI SI SI È ADEMPIUTA QUESTA SCRITTURA». *COME ogni domenica il Signore ci convoca in assemblea santa e si fa per noi presenza viva con il dono della Parola che ha il potere di trasformare, con la forza di un solo Spirito, le molte e diverse membra che cooperano all'edificazione dell'unico corpo di Cristo (II Lettura). Ancora una volta siamo invitati, come il popolo d'Israele, a prostrarci dinanzi al Signore in questo giorno a lui consacrato e a tendere l'orecchio per accogliere l'annuncio di gioia e di speranza ben più grande della proclamazione della legge da parte del sacerdote Esdra (I Lettura). Non Esdra ma Gesù si fa nostro maestro e, su mandato del Padre, a Nazaret ci offre il programma del suo ministero: l'anno di grazia del Signore. È la bella notizia, il Vangelo, annuncio di gioia per destinatari privilegiati che tali non sono secondo la logica e le categorie umane: la gioia ai poveri, la libertà ai prigionieri, ai ciechi la vista, agli oppressi l'affrancamento dalla schiavitù.*

Per quanti aderiranno alle parole di Gesù, non c'è solo la garanzia di una grazia, ma anche la promessa di vita.

Mons. Domenico d'Ambrosio, Arcivescovo emerito di Lecce

COLAZIONE CON CAVALIERI DI COLOMBO sarà servita oggi, domenica, gennaio 27 dopo le 8:30 e le 10 masse. Tutti sono benvenuti!

LE BUSTE PER IL 2019. Durante il mese di gennaio per favore scrivete il vostro nome e indirizzo sulle vostre buste così siamo sicuri che riceverete la ricevuta delle tasse che vi corrisponde. Grazie per la vostra cooperazione.



SE VOLETE OFFRIRE IL PANE E IL VINO da usare durante tutte le Sante Messe della settimana a ricordo dei propri cari, per favore chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

PANELLO DELLA FEDE e una opportunità per fare un dono memorabile per i nostri cari defunti. L'offerta fatta può essere dichiarata nelle tasse. Se la famiglia del defunto, per occasione della Messa di Funerale, richiede ai partecipanti "donazione a S. Elena" al posto di fiori, allora il nome del deceduto verrà aggiunto al Pannello della Fede. Pannello e preminentemente installato all'entrata della Chiesa. Per informazioni o offerte chiamate l'ufficio parrocchiale.

"I loro nomi sono scritti nei cieli"

UNA SECONDA COLLETTA PER IL BC CATHOLIC sarà prossima domenica, 3 di febbraio. Ogni centesimo raccolto in questa colletta va direttamente alla parrocchia. Per favore usate la busta apposita per il BC Catholic. GRAZIE!!!

MOSTRA DI FIORI E GIARDINI a Seattle sarà il Mercoledì, 20 febbraio. Tutto dentro e caldo. Per ulteriori informazioni e prenotazioni, si prega di chiamare o lasciare il messaggio a Berto, 604-299-6876.