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## Our Parish Vision:

To be a growing family who joyfully brings people to Jesus.

**March 17, 2024**

5th Sunday of Lent

## We Value Relationships of:

- Faith
- Community
- Service

**Sunday Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm**

**Mass of Anticipation: Saturday evening @ 5:00pm**

**Weekday Mass: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & holidays @ 8:15am; Tuesday @ 6:00pm  
Sat @ 9:00am – followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet all days except Tuesday**

**First Friday: Adoration after 8:15am Mass, concluding with Benediction @ 3:50pm**

**Reconciliation: Sat @ 9:30am – 10:00am and 4:30pm, or by appointment with Fr. Nixon.  
30 Minutes before weekend & 15 Minutes before weekday Mass.**

**Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.**

**Marriage: Please notify the Parish Office at least six months in advance.  
Marriage preparation course is required.**

**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm**

*“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;  
wear humility rather than fine clothes.”*

*St. Dominic*

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March 17, 2024


# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Mass Intentions: Mar 16 to Mar 23, 2024

Mar 16	(5:00pm Sat)	Maya van der Zalm (Int)
Mar 17	(8:30am Sun)	Darin Chabot †
Mar 17	(10:30am Sun)	St. Nicholas Parishioners (Int.)
Mar 17	(7:00pm Sun)	Johnson George (Int.)
Mar 18	(8:15am Mon)	Bertoldo Family (Int)
Mar 19	(6:00pm Tues)	Editha Bacani †
Mar 20	(8:15am Wed)	Vivencia Tamondong †
Mar 21	(8:15am Thurs)	Matteo Verrelli (Int)
Mar 22	(8:15am Fri)	Gerald Capello †
Mar.23	(9:00am Sat)	Linette Abilo †

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat.



*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." -Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

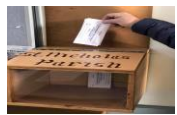
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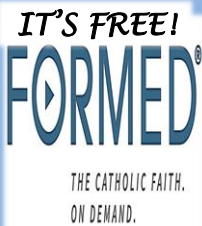
Julie Tio passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024. Prayer service and viewing will be held on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. Her funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19 at 11:00 am. May she rest in the peace of our Lord!



**ANointing OF THE SICK** – Father Nixon is available to administer the sacraments anointing of the sick, confession & holy communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please email Fr. Nixon directly at [ndsilva@rcav.org](mailto:ndsilva@rcav.org)



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### PICK OF THE WEEK: Week Five | Return: Lent with Fr. John Burns (7 min)



Fr. John Burns focuses on the quote from the prophet Joel to "rend your hearts, not your garments". The prophet Joel is calling us to amend our lives, return to the Lord, and practice good works. In preparation for Holy Saturday, Fr. John reflects on the meaning of this day and most especially the example of Mary who remained hopeful and patient, even when she was unsure of how God would fulfill his promises. How can Mary's example of patience and hope help you through the trials of life?

**Stations of the Cross during Lent will be prayed every Friday at 6:00 pm.**

**PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE** is on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm. Five priests will be available for confession.

**New IPL course** - The Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader (IPL) Ministry Education program is launching a new course April 2 -May 28th, 2024 Introduction to Métis Studies, held online from 3:15-4:30 pm PST on Tuesday afternoons. IPL is led by teams of Indigenous and non-Indigenous instructors, modeling respectful and reconciling relationships. This course will be co-taught by MaryAnne Morrison (Métis) and Cristin Dorgan-Lee (Métis) and facilitated by Adrienne Castellon (non-Indigenous). Cost: \$200 per course. No pre-requisite is necessary to take this course. Information and Registration: [rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education](http://rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education)



### **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**

Come join our upcoming Good Friday's Stations of the Cross on **March 29th at 10AM**. Our youth ministry is a big part of the cast this year. All youth and their families are welcome to attend!



Seniors' Drop-in on Wednesday at 1:00 pm.

On Wednesday March 20th, the seniors will pray the **Stations of the Cross at 2:45 pm** in the church after our usual Drop-in. We will use a book dealing specifically with Seniors issues for the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join us.

### **Development and Peace — SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Reaping our Rights campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

"Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports, and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!



### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7**

Jesus promised St. Faustina that "even the most hardened sinners" made a good confession, and received communion, asking for God' Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, (the first Sunday after Easter), they would be free of all sin and punishment! This would restore their soul to the state of grace after baptism! A clean slate! *Be sure to prepare for this day of Extraordinary Mercy, by having gone to confession and then receiving communion on Divine Mercy Sunday.* A Talk on the story of Divine Mercy with a slide show will be presented in the church Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, at 2:30. It will be followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Come all who are weary Adoration Night.** - A Lenten Adoration event to bring your burdens to the Lord and get filled up.

*You are invited to an evening of Candle-lit Adoration:*

Come, spend some quiet time before the Lord and prepare your heart for Holy Week so you can fully receive Jesus when Easter arrives. Stay for as little or as long as you like. Throughout the three hours, there will be times of gentle song and times of reverent silence, accompanied by the beautiful ambiance of candlelight. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle and bring it before Jesus.

**Location: St. James Parish (2777 Townline Road, Abbotsford)**

**Date and Time: Saturday, March 23rd, from 7 - 9 pm.**

P.S. Jean-Paul and Mary-Rie de Fleuriot from [www.faithroom.ca](http://www.faithroom.ca) will be facilitating the event and music. We invite you to clear your calendar, bring your loved ones and come find rest in the Lord.



## St. Nicholas Parish Easter Liturgies 2024



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### Holy Week

Monday, March 25	8:15am	Weekday Mass
Tuesday, March 26	6:00pm	Weekday Mass
Wednesday, March 27	8:15am	Weekday Mass
	5:00pm	Chrim Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver

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### Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28		<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:30pm to Midnight	Adoration

#### Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Friday, March 29		<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	10:00am	Youth Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord

#### Holy Saturday

Saturday, March 30		<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	Noon	Blessing of Easter Food
	9:00pm	<b>No 5:00pm Mass</b> Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31	8:30am	Mass
	10:30am	Mass
		<b>No Evening Mass</b>

#### Easter Monday

Monday, April 1	8:15am	Weekday Mass
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# MAiD Information Session

## Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

The most vulnerable individuals are facing potential risks within the current well-funded and structured MAiD system. However, there are proactive measures we can take. Delta Hospice Society is actively engaging community members to become 'Guardian Angels,' offering support and resources to empower individuals to choose life until its natural conclusion.

Fr Mark Miller will be speaking on ethical treatment in the care of the dying; the meaning of a good death in Christian tradition; the spiritual journey of dying; the importance to society in care for the dying.

### Guest speakers:



**Angelina Ireland, Executive Director**

Delta Hospice Society



**Fr Mark Miller, Bioethicist**

## Friday, May 3, 2024

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

20675 87 Ave, Langley BC

**Hosted by the St. Nicholas Catholic Women's League**

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