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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent—March 1, 2020**

# From Dust to Life

*Excerpted from Pope Francis' homily at Ash Wednesday Mass on February 26, 2020. Full text at [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200226\\_homelia-ceneri.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200226_homelia-ceneri.html)*



We begin the Lenten Season by receiving ashes: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return (cf. Gen 3:19). The dust sprinkled on our heads brings us back to earth; it reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

We are weak, frail and mortal... Yet we are loved by God. It pleased the Lord to gather that dust in his hands and to breathe into it the breath of life (cf. Gen 2:7). We are thus a dust that is precious, destined for eternal life. Ashes are thus a reminder of the direction of our existence: a passage from dust to life.

Dear brothers and sisters, may we keep this in mind as we begin this Lenten season. For Lent is not a time for useless sermons, but for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God. It is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life. So let us not turn our hopes and God's dream for us into powder and ashes. Let us not grow resigned. You may ask: “How can I trust? The world is falling to pieces, fear is growing, there is so much malice all around us, society is becoming less and less Christian...” Don't you believe that God can transform our dust into glory?

We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our hearts. How? The urgent summons of Saint Paul in today's second reading can help us. Paul says: “Be reconciled to God!” He does not

simply ask; he begs: “We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). We would have said: “Reconcile yourselves with God!” But no, Paul uses passive form: Be reconciled! By ourselves, we cannot remove the dust that sullies our hearts. Only Jesus, who knows and loves our heart, can heal it. Lent is a time of healing.

What, then, are we to do? In journeying towards Easter, we can make two passages: first, from dust to life, from our fragile humanity to the humanity of Jesus, who heals us. We can halt in contemplation before the crucified Lord and repeat: “Jesus, you love me, transform me... Jesus, you love me, transform me...” And once we have received his love, once we have wept at the thought of that love, we can make the second passage, by determining never to fall again from life into dust. We can receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance, because there the fire of God's love consumes the ashes of our sin. The embrace of the Father in confession renews us from inside and purifies our heart. May we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with him at our side.

Let us allow ourselves to be loved, so that we can give love in return. Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter. Then we will experience the joy of discovering how God raises us up from our ashes.



## A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Today	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry— <i>Anchor</i>	Mallon Room
Monday	March 2	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Mallon Room
Wednesday	March 4	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	Church
Thursday	March 5	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study— <i>Galatians</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
Friday	March 6	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Church
		9:00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
		2:30 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
		6:15 p.m.	Soup and Silence	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
		7:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	Church

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Mar 1	9:00 a.m.	Mildred Johnston †	
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
Mon Mar 2	8:15 a.m.	Elena Lola Favaerossa Bitossi †	
Tues Mar 3	8:15 a.m.	Ellen Sheehan †	
Wed Mar 4	9:00 a.m.	Dell Hemphill †	
Thu Mar 5	8:15 a.m.	Barry Cutler †	
Fri Mar 6	8:15 a.m.	Fr. Tim McCarthy †	ABSTINENCE
Sat Mar 7	9:00 a.m.	Christopher Cunningham †	
Sun Mar 8	9:00 a.m.	Monica Gonzalez & Family (int)	
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



### First Friday Adoration

This **Friday, March 6**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration beginning after the **8:15 a.m.** until Stations of the Cross at **7 p.m.** (note the changed time for Lent). There will be **Benediction** at **2:30 and 7 p.m.** Sign up for a time slot to pray in the foyer, or just drop in to pray.



### St. Anthony's School

St. Anthony's School is now accepting applications for **Kindergarten and Grade 2** for the 2020-2021 school year. Email [office@saswv.ca](mailto:office@saswv.ca) for more information.

### Confession Schedule

Wednesdays	8:45—9:00 a.m.
Saturdays	9:30—10:00 a.m.
Sundays	4:15—4:45 p.m.

### We Continue to Pray For

*Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Stephanie Cameron-Antil, Veronica Chan, Leo Dy, Ted Erwbank, Mireille Farwagi, Germaine Guay, Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Margaret McCormick, Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, Denise Wild, and Terry Zweng*

### Pray for the Repose of the Soul

Elizabeth Chesko  
Jeffrey O'Brien (*brother of Andrea Ridgedale*)  
Elfreda Ramsbottom



### Parish Finances

Last Week's Collection:	\$10,803.00
(including Dedicated Giving)	
Weekly Parish Expenses:	\$13,750.00
(to run parish and programs)	
Operating Shortfall:	(\$2,947.00)



### Youth Ministry

Teens Grade 8-12, join us **today** for **Anchor**, an event with food, music, fellowship, and more, beginning with Mass at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., ending at 9 p.m. We hope to see you there!



### St. Thomas Aquinas

All students applying for Grade 8 in September 2020 should pre-register with Barbara Dougan at [bdougan@aquinas.org](mailto:bdougan@aquinas.org).



## In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the souls of Mrs. Elizabeth Chesko and Mrs. Elfreda Ramsbottom, both long-time parishioners.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chesko's funeral will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.** She was the wife of the late Dr. Edward Chesko, whose funeral was at Christ the Redeemer in 2011.

Mrs. Elfreda Ramsbottom, together with her husband Vincent, has been a parishioner since 2003; and was a CWL member. Her funeral will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m.**



## Soup and Silence

One of the nicest traditions at our parish is the annual series of Lenten suppers we call "**Soup and Silence**". Parishioners and friends gather around a table in silent reflection and gratitude as a simple but nourishing meal feeds their bodies and spirits.

There is no charge for the homemade soups and bread, but an opportunity to give alms is provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which hosts Soup and Silence **every Friday in Lent** beginning at **6:15 p.m.** in the Mallon Room, except Good Friday.

All are welcome, including families. **Benediction** and **Stations of the Cross** follows at **7 p.m.**

## New Evangelization Summit 2020



The 2020 New Evangelization Summit will be broadcast **live** at Christ the Redeemer this **Saturday, April 25, 2020**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** The day event brings together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization including Michael Dopp and Brett Powell to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. Registration is now open: go to [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) and select "West Vancouver, BC" under "Get Tickets" to sign-up for free!



## Connect with CTR

The parish uses **Flocknote** to connect with you outside of Mass, with content delivered right to your phone or inbox: whether that be alerts and important information from the parish; to emails with faith formation content and more. Join the network at [flocknote.com/CTRRCav](http://flocknote.com/CTRRCav).

## Catholic Women's League News



One \$1200 bursary is available to the son, daughter, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of an existing North Shore council CWL member or a young CWL member herself. The bursary will be given to a grade 12 student entering the first year of a post-secondary school in the fall of 2020. The Student selected must be a practicing Catholic and is actively involved in church or community at large.

The deadline for submission is **April 9, 2020**. For application and more details on eligible criteria, please contact Maria at: [maria.law@telus.net](mailto:maria.law@telus.net).



## Outreach—Men's Hostel

The next meal at the Men's Hostel Ministry is taking place on **Thursday, March 12**, beginning with food preparation at CTR at **12 p.m.** and then heading downtown in the afternoon.

If you would like to support this team with donations, prayers, and men's clothing, please leave donations in the coat room in the parish foyer labeled "Men's Hostel." We still need undergarments, belts, toques, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, work boots (size 9-12), pants (sizes 34 and under), hoodies, and socks. For more info contact Claudia Fraga at [cfragai@gmail.com](mailto:cfragai@gmail.com).



## Great Adventure Bible Study

Deepen your faith by taking a Bible study! Our Great Adventure Bible Study meets every **Thursday morning** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the McCarthy Room. All are welcome. For more info contact Jane Curalli at [njcuralli@telus.net](mailto:njcuralli@telus.net).



## Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards and other forms of financial assistance. **Never respond** to emails requesting Google Play cards, iTunes cards or any other form of personal financial assistance, even if it appears to be from a priest, deacon, religious, or parish staff. If you have any doubt, please contact the 'sender' by other means to verify any requests.

You can also email Thomas with any concerns at [tchan@ctrwestvan.ca](mailto:tchan@ctrwestvan.ca).





## Proclaim

Proclaim is a movement designed to provide practical skills for proclaiming Jesus in our homes and communities. It's focused on Alpha and the Discovery faith study. Check out the articles, blogs, and resources available on their website: [www.weareproclaim.com](http://www.weareproclaim.com)



## Freedom

Freedom, the annual reconciliation event for youth sponsored by the Ministries and Outreach Office, will take place on **Friday, March 6** at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (555 Slocan St., Vancouver) from **7—10:30 p.m.** Participants will experience first-hand the healing power of Christ through music, prayer, testimonies and teachings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration. This is a free event and all are welcome. More info at <https://rcav.org/freedom/>



## Book of Esther

### Christian & Jewish Perspectives

Join Rev. Nick Meisl and Dr. David Silver of UBC for a multifaceted discussion on the Book of Esther from both Christian and Jewish Perspectives. The event is organized by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Jewish Congregation Beth Israel. A Persian Feast Buffet will be offered followed by an expert panel discussion. It takes place this **Monday, March 2** from **6:30—9 p.m.** at Congregation Beth Israel (989 W 28th Ave, Vancouver). For more info and to register, call **604-731-4161** or go online at [www.bethisrael.ca](http://www.bethisrael.ca).



## Pro-Life Mass and Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice to pray for a culture of life. The next Mass will be at **9 a.m. on Saturday, March 7** at **Precious Blood Parish** (17475 59 Ave, Surrey).

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