



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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Presentation of the Lord—February 2, 2020

Welcome Gatare Family!



We welcome the Gatare Family to our 11 a.m. Mass today. Nine members of this family of ten (a daughter is married and remains in Kenya) have come to Canada after nearly ten years of exile from their native Rwanda, which they fled during the genocidal uprising.

Generous parishioners of Christ the Redeemer have sponsored the family, organized their arrival here, assured that their financial needs would be met for a year, and rented a house near Mr. Gatare's sister in Surrey — with much help from St. Augustine's Parish in Vancouver.

The family members have been given help in finding jobs and the youngest has begun to attend a Catholic high school.

The end of the family's long ordeal as refugees has required time, talent, and treasure from many in our parish and at St. Augustine's, and is a living homily on the words of Jesus, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40b).



A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	February 2	12:00 p.m.	Gatare Family Reception	Mallon Room
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry— <i>Anchor</i>	Mallon Room
Monday	February 3	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	February 4	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A.	Mallon Room
Wednesday	February 5	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		Postponed	Beta	Will Return
Thursday	February 6	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study— <i>Galatians</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		11:00 a.m.	Hank Giefing Funeral Mass	Church
Friday	February 7	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Church
		9:00 a.m.	First Friday Adoration	Church
		1:00 p.m.	¡Quiero Conocer la Verdad!	McCarthy Room
		2:30 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
		8:45 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Saturday	February 8	9:00 a.m.	CWL Half Day of Recollection	Church; Mallon

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Feb 2	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Peter Fensslein † <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Mon Feb 3	8:15 a.m.	Dawn Litschko † <i>St. Blaise</i>
Tues Feb 4	8:15 a.m.	Denise Lawlor (int)
Wed Feb 5	9:00 a.m.	Jorge Cantu Barbosa † <i>St. Agatha</i>
Thu Feb 6	8:15 a.m.	Barry Cutler † <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions</i>
Fri Feb 7	8:15 a.m.	Scott Cutler †
Sat Feb 8	9:00 a.m.	Vernon & Colleen McLeish (int) <i>Our Lady's Saturday</i>
Sun Feb 9	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Peter Fensslein † <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Second Collections



Please note that there will be a second collection **today** for the **B.C. Catholic**, in support of the parish costs associated with providing the B.C. Catholic to our parishioners.

Next Sunday, February 9, there will be a second collection for **Catholic Education**. This collection helps the parish provide financial support to our students attending St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Anthony's.

Please give generously in support of these collections.



Confession Schedule

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

Please Pray For

Margaret McCormick
 Maria Micallef
 Elfreda Ramsbottom



We Continue to Pray For

*Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Veronica Chan,
 Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Mireille Farwagi, Germaine Guay,
 Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, 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 of

Hank Giefing



In Memoriam

The parish family mourns the death of **Mr. Hank Giefing**, a founding parishioner of CTR. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at the parish this **Thursday, February 6 at 11 a.m.**



Beta Postponed

Our post-Alpha connect group, **Beta**, has been postponed. Most of those we expected to attend have joined RCIA and Discovery. We'll reactivate Beta after our spring Alpha.



First Friday Adoration

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration this **Friday, February 7**, beginning after the 8:15 a.m. Mass and ending at **9 p.m.** Benediction will be at **2:30 p.m.** and **8:45 p.m.**



St. Thomas Aquinas

STA will be holding an Open House for all prospective students on **Wednesday, February 12**. There will be student led tours from **1:45 to 2:45 p.m.**, and full staff will be attendance in the evening from **6 to 8 p.m.** All students applying for Grade 8 in September 2020 should pre-register with Barbara Dougan at bdougan@aquinas.org.



Refugee Donations

The family is still in need of **winter boots, coats, and used cell phones**. If you have any of these in good condition, contact Meg at mmaledy@shaw.ca with a description of your items.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



RCIA is a program for those who would like to become Catholic or learn more about the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants are taken through formation & teaching in preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist) into the Church. RCIA runs **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** Register with Glen at g2mail2@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—no pre-registration is required!

For more info contact Jane Curalli at njcuralli@telus.net.



Update on Euthanasia

It has been heartening to observe that our parishioners take the euthanasia crisis seriously, and that so many answered the Government survey on the question. We need to keep ourselves informed on this important social and moral issue: Convivium magazine offers an excellent article here: <https://www.convivium.ca/articles/maid-in-canada-a-thankless-fight/>

Catholic Women's League News



All women are invited to the CWL Half Day of Recollection at the parish on **Saturday, February 8**, beginning with Mass at 9 a.m. The CWL is pleased to welcome **Sister John Mary Sullivan, FSE** as the keynote speaker for the day on "The Feminine Genius: the Heart of the Church." To register, please contact Lorraine Ma at lorraine.ma@shaw.ca.



Women's Retreat "Brave"

The Women's Retreat will take place from **April 17—19** at **Rockridge Canyon, BC**. The retreat is for every woman searching for deeper relationship with the Trinity and what it means to live bravely as a woman of God. This retreat weekend is an opportunity to get away from the busyness and demands of our schedules to personally encounter God and experience His generous love. Registration is open at liferestoration.ca/womensretreat.



Seminary Vocation Live-in

On the weekend of **February 7—9**, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call **604-826-8715**, or email Fr. Gerlich at rector.majors@yahoo.ca.



Prison Ministry

Please pray for the following intentions from our brothers and sisters in the prisons:
J.R.: *For all my family and my soon freedom to Mexico to be with them.*

N.E.M.: *Pls pray for me.*

C.L.S.: *Please pray for me and my family.*

C. S.: *For help for everyone.*

C.: *I am a Hindu from India so please pray for me to be released from here. Thanks,*

P.M.M.: *Please pray for me.*

E.S.C.H.: *Pray for all my family, for everyone in jail. Pray that everything going good with the immigration, for everyone to get good news.*

S.N.: *Hi, I am a Muslim man in this prison. Please pray for me to be released from here. Thanks.*

S.A.L.: *Please pray for my family and friends, for everyone in the process of accepted deportation and for all the people in jail.*



Breathe

A Catholic Marriage Conference

Whether you're newly married or have been married for decades, this weekend conference will be a time to breathe new life into your marriage. You'll be given tools to build unity, rediscover joy, and experience peace, and hear life-giving messages and encouraging stories. The conference will be at Harrison Hot Springs Resort on **Friday, February 7** and **Saturday, February 8**. More details and registration at catholicmarriageandfamily.com.



University Mass

All students, alumni, faculty, and staff with their friends and families from public and private post-secondary institutions are invited to this annual Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller on **Saturday, February 8** at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Reception to follow in Rosary Hall.



MOTET Chamber Choir

Music for the Chair of St. Peter

The MOTET Chamber Choir is hosting a concert for the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, on **Friday, February 21** at 8 p.m. at **St. Augustine's Church** (2028 W 7th Ave, Vancouver). Admission is by donation—come celebrate this feast with this special concert. For more information visit www.MOTET.ca.



Proclaim Training

Proclaim training from the Archdiocese is designed to provide you with practical skills to proclaim Jesus in your homes and communities. It's focused on Alpha and Discovery, evangelization tools that have been successful in the Archdiocese. All training is free and open to all! Register online, and see the training schedule, at www.weareproclaim.com/training.

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