

Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 20, 2019

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)
Sunday –9:00 AM

Confessions

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Always available upon request.

Please pray for our sick and shut in parishioners.

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.
Don Appel, Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, George Stock, Jerzy and Irena Klimczek, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo, David De Beer, Brian Lloyd, Jackie Belair

Last Sunday Offering

\$ Envelopes Number of envelopes:
\$ Loose
\$ Weekly Anticipated Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

Project Advance

	2018	2017
Diocesan assessment	\$5,500	\$5,000
Parish goal	\$15,000	\$15,000
Donations received	\$22,650	\$22,575
Rebate to the parish	\$16,650	\$17,075
Families participated	47 (62.7%)	47 (62.7%)

Congratulations! WE reached and exceeded our Parish Goal of \$15,000.00. We sincerely thank the **47 family's (62.7%)** in our Parish who **donated \$22,650.** The donations exceeding the Diocesan commitment of \$5,500 will be put into the *Building Fund Account* to cover future building maintenance costs. There are building expenses that we will be looking into this year. ***Your donations are keeping the Church, parish hall and the rectory maintained. Thank you.***

On the weekend of February 8 – 10, 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

Catholic Press Collection: February 2 – 3, 2019

February is Catholic Press Month. On February 2 and 3 there is a second collection. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for the receiving the B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish costs for mailing the paper. For those who do not receive the B.C. Catholic and would to receive it, please talk to Father Gord. to put your name on the mailing list.

Word Day for Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of pray for women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. Join Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, in celebrating and witnessing the renewal of vows of those consecrated to God at Mass on Saturday, February 2 at 12:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Vancouver All are welcome. Please pray for all who have made commitments in the consecrated life.

Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will be celebrating a **Mass of Anointing of the Sick on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick** at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver, V5K 3X5, on Monday, February 11th at 11:00 a.m. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered after the Homily. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, simple refreshments will be offered in the school gym. Plenty of parking is available.

On the **Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**, a beautiful reading from Isaiah promises vindication which will "shine forth like the dawn." In the **First Letter to the Corinthians**, we are reassured that each of us has different gifts of the Spirit. "There are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." The Wedding Feast of Cana is the centerpiece of **John's Gospel**. His mother told the servants to follow His orders and Jesus performed His *first public miracle* "and so revealed His glory."

Trusting God

A rock climber was in the mountains, climbing alone. And it was getting late. The sun had just gone down, and the temperature was dropping fast. He was descending a section of rock that was inclined beyond the vertical, like the inside of a steep roof. He was deep in the shadows of cliffs. Suddenly, he slipped, lost his grip, and did a free fall of about forty feet before his rope caught on the last stay he driven into the rock.

He was hanging like a spider on a strand of web. He tried to climb up the rope, but at the end of the long day, he just didn't have the strength. He was hanging there in the void. It was dark. It was cold. He had nowhere to turn.

So even though he wasn't a church-going man, he said a prayer, "*God, if you're up there, please help me.*" Much to his surprise, he heard an answer. It said, "**Cut your rope.**" He was surprised but overjoyed to get an answer, but he didn't like the answer he got. He looked below him. Only darkness. It was getting colder.

He prayed again, "*God, if that's really you, please help me.*" Again, he heard an answer, "**It really is me. Cut your rope. Trust me.**" He looked down again. It was getting colder. He couldn't understand by God wanted him to cut his only support. He took out his knife. But he couldn't get himself to cut the rope.

The next morning in the bright sunlight a group of rock climbers found him hanging from his rope, frozen to death, **two feet above the ground.**

So many times we are at the end of our rope and need the help of someone we can trust, someone who is faithful, *like God*. He won't always explain everything to us, because we simply can't understand it all, our eyesight is limited. But when we hear His voice in our conscience, we know that the One who is all-good and all-powerful is faithfully guiding us, and **He won't leave us hanging, if we believe in Him.**