

### INTENTIONS FOR HOLY MASS DURING THE WEEK

Sunday	(Jan. 22)	FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Monday	(Jan. 23)	FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION
Tuesday	(Jan. 24)	+ JOY TOOVEY
Wednesday	(Jan. 25)	+ DAWN TRAINOR
Thursday	(Jan. 26)	+ JOY TOOVEY
Friday	(Jan. 27)	+ JOY TOOVEY
Saturday	(Jan. 28)	+ LAURA & LEO SAVINO
Sunday	(Jan. 29)	FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Your prayers are requested for** Marta Brisco, Sam Cappelletti, Claire Christie, Andy Demeule, Maria Dos Santos, Joan Dowling, Brandon Fairleigh, Rose Gill, Mark Hamilton, Wade Kaczkielo, Frank Kilian, Gretchen Mostardi, Margaret Ng, Ariel Nonan, Diego Nunez, Mary Catherine O'Sullivan, Jeannette Oulette, Desi Santos, Tony Tadey, Maria Villarroel, Jarrod Wiesner, Karl Winterstein.

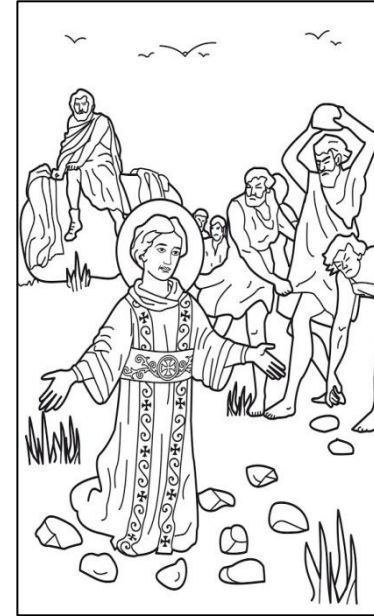
**PRAYER GROUP** –Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 26th, 2023 at 7:30 pm** in the upper room of the church. Prayer meeting with songs, Praise & Worship, prayers. Everyone is welcome. For more info, contact Alfred Ho: Email:- [alfredhozzz@gmail.com](mailto:alfredhozzz@gmail.com)

**North Shore ProLife Society** is pleased to present "Lifemark" starring Kirk Cameron on **Sunday, January 22 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Movie begins at 3:45pm.** Admission is free, with donations warmly welcomed. RSVP to [northshoreprolife@gmail.com](mailto:northshoreprolife@gmail.com)

**Life in the Spirit Seminar 30th Anniversary Celebrations** - You are invited to join a special **Thanksgiving Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta**, celebrated by Archbishop Michael J. Miller and Bishop Joseph Nguyen of Kamloops, and 20 concelebrating priests. This event will take place on **Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:00 p.m.** A reception at the parish hall will follow after Mass. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK** – Father Mark will anoint those who are sick and elderly at the **4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2023**, which happens to be the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**The Mardi Gras Gala 'Auction & Fundraiser'** in support of Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society is being held on **February 18, 2023 at Anvil Centre New Westminster.** For more info/buy tickets: (604)585-6688 or visit [www.MardiGras2023.ca](http://www.MardiGras2023.ca).



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### JANUARY 22, 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH: Office: Mon to Fri. 9 am to 4 pm**

**Our Mass times and Sacrament of Reconciliation times are as follows:**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday to Friday & Holidays 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Liturgy:**

Saturday evening 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
(Or at any time - Please call the Rectory)

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the Rectory.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Rectory 4-6 months in advance.

**Holy Orders:** Fr. Paul Goo - 604-683-0281 (Vocations Office)

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the Rectory

Welcome to any new parishioners to St. Stephen's. If you would like to register or get envelopes please contact the parish office on weekdays.

# ST STEPHEN'S PARISH INVITES YOU: TO A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:

Thursdays – 7pm to 9pm - February 16 – March 30, 2023:

February 16 – Talk 1 – *God's Love*

February 23 – Talk 2 – *Salvation*

March 2 – Talk 3 – *New Life*

March 9 – Talk 4 – *Receiving God's Gift*

March 16 – Talk 5 – *Praying for Baptism in the Holy Spirit*

March 23 – Talk 6 – *Growth*

March 30 – Talk 7 & Mass – *Transformation in Christ*

**Registration is required.** To register for FREE please do so after Sunday Mass

or contact: Alfred Ho 604-987-5265 or email Katy Blancard at [kblancard@live.com](mailto:kblancard@live.com)

In His discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus made a promise to His disciples:

***“I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you.”*** (Jn 14:16-17)

Jesus knew that when He was no longer on earth, His disciples would not be able to live the kind of life He had called them to by their own strength and ability. He knew that Christians would need a supernatural source of strength, that they would need the strength and power of God himself. So He promised his disciples the **very** Spirit of God, and on Pentecost that Spirit came down upon them, to remain with the Christian people forever. The lives of the disciples were radically transformed by the Holy Spirit: they were able to preach the Gospel of Jesus in boldness and power, their words were accompanied by signs and wonders, they drew together to live in new communities, united in one mind and one heart.

Today, Christians of all denominations are rediscovering the power that Jesus gives his people through the Holy Spirit. They are discovering the power to live together in love and peace, to heal the sick and comfort the afflicted, and to worship God with new and abundant praise. Above all, they are discovering a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their very own Lord and Savior. The power of the Holy Spirit has made such a vital and tangible change in their lives that more and more people can see that power at work and begin to desire this new life for themselves. Everywhere, people

are coming alive to the new life in the Spirit, and they want to find out more about that life, they want to discover a new relationship with Jesus.

**The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. For those who are not Christians at all, they can serve as an introduction to Christianity and a time to make a first commitment to Jesus Christ. For those who are already Christians, they offer help in finding a fuller release of the Holy Spirit to live a deeper Christian life.**

The seminars are a series of talks and discussions which take place over a period of seven weeks. But more than a series of courses or lectures, the Life in the Spirit Seminars are a chance for Christians who have found a fuller life in the Holy Spirit to come together with people who want to know more about that life, to share with them, and to help them take the first steps of a new life themselves. For this reason, the team that presents the seminars is one of their more important elements. To provide the right kind of contact for the people taking the seminars, there should be one team member for every three or four new people.

## GOAL

The goal of the Life in the Spirit Seminars is very limited. They are designed to help people find a new and fuller and better life as Christians by laying or strengthening the foundation of a truly Christian life. “No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor 3:11). The seminars, then, are concerned with the most basic part of Christian life: establishing a person in Christ. To accomplish that goal, there are four things the Life in the Spirit Seminars try to do.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS TRY:

1. To help those who come to the seminars establish or re-establish or deepen ***a personal relationship with Christ;***
2. To help those who come to the seminars to yield to ***the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives*** so that they can begin to experience his presence and can begin to experience him working in them and through them;
3. To help those who come to the seminars be joined to Christ more fully by becoming part of ***a community*** or a group of Christians with whom they can share their Christian life and from whom they can receive support in that life;
4. To help them begin to make use of effective ***means of growth*** in their relationship with Christ.

**ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2023**

1360 East 24th Street, North Vancouver V7J 1R5

**Registration Form**

February 16 - March 30, 2023

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below (For grouping purposes only)

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Age bracket:

30 & below \_\_\_\_\_ / 31-40 \_\_\_\_\_ / 41-50 \_\_\_\_\_ / 51-60 \_\_\_\_\_ / 60-65 \_\_\_\_\_ / 66 & up \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a Life in the Spirit Seminar? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ / No \_\_\_\_\_

