

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

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The Best and Worst

Recall the homely smell of freshly baked bread. We like it. Maybe the day begins well with it. But bread has to be baked with high heat. The wheat is crushed. A way of saying that in life there is the joy and the pain; and things can go wrong. Life's joys and sorrows are a mixture, and much of the best has some of the worst. The bitterest pain can be when the loved one dies, but you would never cancel out the love for the pain. Death is like that – the worst of life leads to the best of eternity. We often find something great in the worst of times. A good result in the exams and you forget the pain of getting them.

The best and the worst also in Jesus' life are in the bread and wine of the Mass, and in the best and worst of the life of the community. The bread can get too much water or bad flour and be ruined. The grapes can be crushed too quickly.

The Eucharist recalls the love of God and the cruelty of the human race, all at the one time. Love given and received, but also torture and death at the hands of cruel people.

At the Eucharist, we hold up the world's goodness and joys, along with its depressions and failures, and ask God to be with us in both. Bread symbolises what is good, wine the pain – this is a way of looking on the Eucharist.

Come and eat – come and offer. The best and the worst. The host we now offer...and the host we receive is the full and real Jesus, pain and all. It is truly the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Donal Neary, SJ



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Carolyn Goertzen, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Dave Thomas, Wilf Zinger, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Jacob Lloyd, Xenia Mallari & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Father Paul is away from August 20 to 22 to attend a Convention in California. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels. Thank you to Fr. Camillus Temba for serving us while our Pastor is away.

Fall is around the corner. Start planning for your FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS. Here's what our Parish has to offer for everyone—MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) is designed for children of our parish who attend non-Catholic schools to enhance their faith formation and prepare them for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Held Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm, classes are hosted in the Cloverdale Catholic School building. Registration is now ongoing for the 2018-19 school year. Call the parish office or email pbprep@telus.net for more information or check the parish website to download a registration form. Visit pbparish.ca/ministries/p-parish-religious-education-program-prep-for-children-p



PBYouth Ministry meets on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month after the 4:30 (Youth) Mass at which the youth serve as ushers, readers and the choir. Young people from Grades 6 and up are invited to participate. For more information email Youth Coordinator Luisa Cenedese at pb youth@telus.net or visit pb youth.ca for events and how to get involved.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) is for anyone wishing to learn about the Catholic faith, whether they wish to become a Catholic or deepen their knowledge of the faith or adults seeking to receive the Sacraments. Meetings are held September to May, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Cenacle Room of the Parish Centre. If interested, please contact the Parish office.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE is a women's bible study group that aims to bring the participant to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join small group discussions that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through Christ's teachings and that of the Catholic Church. To join and for more information email Lucia Borkowski luciaborkowski@gmail.com.



MEN'S FAITH STUDY for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. Contact darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more info.

Parish Schedule		
Aug 20 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Alvaro Magana, Jr.</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession SENIORS SOCIAL
Aug 21 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Aida Pengson Birthday</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT.
Aug 22 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Anthony & Aurora Pereira †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice in Church
Aug 23 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Pierrette Oostendarp †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:30 AM Mass @ the Residences @ Clayton
Aug 24 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour
Aug 25 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Macedo Family</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Peter Foster †</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 10:15 AM Baptism of Valentina Longo
Aug 26 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 9AM-5PM Blood Drive by Blood Bank 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

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Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.



	WEEK 28
SUN	2Chronicles 10-12 ; Proverbs 18:13-24; Romans 8
MON	2Chronicles 13-15 ; Proverbs 19:1-14; Romans 9
TUE	2Chronicles 16-18 ; Proverbs 19:15-29; Romans 10
WED	2Chronicles 19-21 ; Proverbs 20:1-15; Romans 11
THU	2Chronicles 22-24 ; Proverbs 20:16-30; Romans 12
FRI	2Chronicles 25-27 ; Proverbs 21:1-15; Romans 13
SAT	2Chronicles 28-29 ; Proverbs 21:16-31; Romans 14

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Fri., August 24, 9:30-10:30 am
Please try to spend some time with Jesus in adoration. He waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?" Mt.6:21, 26:40

AROUND THE PARISH

MEET THE PARISH! Join us on **Sunday, Sept. 9th** following the morning Masses to check out all the wonderful groups that support our Parish. We will have tables for information, fun activities for the kids and more. This is your opportunity to see all that Precious Blood Parish has to offer, from Children's Liturgy, PREP, Schools, Faith Development for Adults, and so much more! Don't forget, Pancake Breakfast offered by our Knights of Columbus (by donation). Looking forward to seeing you there!

VESTIBULE EXPANSION PROJECT: The Big Reveal See the architectural renderings for the proposed Vestibule Expansion on the weekend of Sep 8 & 9. The Parish Planning Committee is very excited to showcase the sketches and will be there after each Mass to answer any questions and listen to your comments and feedback.

PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO A THANKSGIVING DINNER hosted by one of our own and owner of Stars Fresh Meat, Shamooan & his family on **Sat, Sep 29 at 6 pm** in the Parish Centre. Sam & his family would like to give thanks for blessings bestowed on them and share this with their home parish. He will be serving chicken & fried rice, samosas & chutney, black bean daal and sausages & beverages. Everyone is invited. Please call the Parish Office to **RSVP on or before Sep 14**. As Shamooan and Family thank the parish, we thank Sam and family for this gracious gesture. May God bless them.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Thank you to the 125 families who have made a gift to this year's campaign. Each and every gift is important. Our parish has currently raised \$39,248 with 12.6% of our families participating. Gifts can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket. Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$27,981. Organ balance \$2,813.



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL - We always accept non-perishable food donations in our box located in the church foyer. Most needed items are: canned meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, stew, pork 'n beans, pasta sauce, and soups. Other items are: rice, pasta, mac 'n cheese and noodles. Thank you for your generosity. Also pls note: bread distribution has been discontinued for the summer months due to closure of the donor's store. God bless.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MIGRANTS CONNECT PROGRAM of Couples for Christ (CFC) is hosting a symposium for migrants, caregivers, temporary & foreign workers and refugees on Sun, Aug 26, 12-3 pm @ Our Lady of Mercy School gym (7481 10th Ave, Burnaby). The event's speakers from various agencies and levels of government will address the concerns of migrants. Lunch will be provided with door prizes too! This is a FREE event but registration is necessary. Call or text Beth (778.251.7885) or Cesar (778.389.1637) for more info & to register.

PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL @ Gardens of Gethsemani Come for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Sat. Sep 1 @ the Evangelist Chapel. Mass @ 9 am followed by the Rosary. For more info, visit <http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil/>.

ROOTED-Women's Retreat Heather Khym leads a spiritual journey to deeply root the faith of women 16 and older. Come to St. Luke's Parish Family Centre in Maple Ridge on Fri, Sep 14, 7-9pm and Sat, Sep 15, 10am-5:30pm. Registration fee includes all coffee breaks, catered lunch and a welcome gift. Contact Cathy Piche @ 604.836.2252 or mpicche@telus.net for more information and to register.

ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT-A Man After God's Own Heart-Sep 28-30 @ Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Go online and register now at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163
The Deacon will be away from Aug 22 to Sep 10.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org