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Trusting Our Guts To God

Sharon is a very committed, prayerful Catholic. For 20 years, she prayed with priests and others in a charismatic healing ministry for sick people.

Then, Sharon herself suddenly fell critically ill. After two surgeries and months of hospital admissions, she is still fighting severe infections. All this led her to a recent panic attack, which she just could not handle. A priest friend asked her, "Sharon, you have so much faith; you've prayed over so many people. When you felt panic, were you comforted by knowing God is here with you?" Sharon replied, "No. I was too overwhelmed to think of God."

Have you ever felt this way? Today, we see how overwhelmed Jesus' apostles also were when Jesus revealed more of himself and his mission. It must have been a bombshell to hear, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." This was too outrageous, too shocking, or just too confusing. So some "turned back" to their old lives, and no longer followed Jesus. When something happens that destroys our way of understanding life—where do we go? A loss, an illness, or a betrayal from one we love deeply... when the carpet gets pulled out from under us, nothing makes sense.

That is when we have to do what St. Peter did. He didn't understand it rationally—but he went with his guts, his deep intuition. "Where else are we going to go?... We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the holy One of God."

We have all "come to believe" through parents, the church, our life experience, that Jesus is the only One we can rely on. Let that conviction come from your heart—and from your gut.



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, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Jacob Lloyd, Xenia Mallari, Angela Todo & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

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. Starting Sep 12, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm, classes will be 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

Do you know anyone who would like to register their child for 1-on-1 catechism for special needs? VANSPEC has spots available at their satellite centre @ IC Delta. Email icdeltavanspec@outlook.com to register or for info.



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 pbyouth@telus.net or visit pbyouth.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 will begin Sep 19, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Cenacle Room of the Parish Centre. If interested, please contact the Parish office to fill out a registration form and for more information.



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 lucaborkowski@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 27 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Peter Schembri †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession SENIORS SOCIAL
Aug 28 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Maria Vella †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 7 PM PEC Meeting
Aug 29 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Marianna Deguara †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting
Aug 30 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Macedo Family</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9AM-4PM Faith Dev't Day for CCS teachers
Aug 31 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mary Deguara's Intentions</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour
Sep 01 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Julie & Ryan Barata</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Tania Crispen</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession
Sep 02 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Beryl Lazar †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

When we commit to Stewardship, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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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 29
SUN	2Chronicles 30-31 ; Proverbs 22:1-16; Romans 15
MON	2Chronicles 32-33 ; Proverbs 22:17-29; Romans 16
TUE	2Chronicles 34-35 ; Proverbs 23:1-21; Ephesians 1
WED	2Chronicles 36 ; Proverbs 23:22-35; Ephesians 2
THU	Ezekiel 1-3 ; Proverbs 24: 1-16; Ephesians 3
FRI	Ezekiel 4-6 ; Proverbs 24: 17-34; Ephesians 4
SAT	Ezekiel 7-8 ; Proverbs 25: 1-14; Ephesians 5

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Fri., August 31, 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. If your organization has not yet been contacted, oops! I did not mean to leave you out. Please contact preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com so we can count you in. 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. Please call the Parish Office for more info or 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 \$28,048. Organ balance \$2,746.

FRASER VALLEY CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY-PRAYER MEETING & POTLUCK All Chinese Catholics from Coquitlam, Delta, Surrey & White Rock are invited to this informal community-building gathering Sep 1 @ 6pm in Precious Blood Parish. Email pchu@rcav.org to register.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

ARCHBISHOP'S STATEMENT In light of the recent scandals about sexual abuse in the Church, Archbishop J. Michael Miller has issued a statement addressed to all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Read the entire statement by visiting <https://rcav.org/s-recent-revelations-2018/>

GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI is developing a new section called **Holy Angels Mausolea & Columbaria**. For more information, visit www.holyangelsatgardens.ca.

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 mcliche@telus.net for more information and to register.

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 Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 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