

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 2, 2018

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## Honesty Is The Only Policy

In the early years, the Marx Brothers travelled a lot. Groucho recalled, "Since we were a kid act, we traveled at half-fare, despite the fact that we were all around twenty. But our mother, Minnie, insisted to everyone that we were thirteen." One day the train conductor came up to Minnie, looking somber. "Ma'am, that kid of yours is in the dining car smoking a cigar. The other is in the washroom shaving." Minnie tried to look sad as she sighed, "They grow up so fast!"

We all get a kick out of a simple deception like that, don't we? But Jesus is troubled by the deeper deception he finds in the Pharisees today—they were in self-deception, which is a real game-ender in the spiritual life. Today, children are taught to say, "I have a right to my opinion." And people think their opinions are right. Talk shows glorify the opinions of people who may have no knowledge of a subject—just loud opinions. The problem is that, in a culture where opinion is baptized as truth, it is very easy to deceive ourselves simply by believing our opinions. One man convinced himself he was worshipping God properly, by going diving every Sunday. He pulled away from his church community, and was receiving no nourishment to feed his soul—but he would stubbornly fight anyone who suggested he come back to church.

We can spiral into unhealthy or sinful ways when we think we can commune with God all on our own terms. Notice how people avoid talking to someone they think might try to correct them... even if that is exactly what they really need. Keep connected to your roots: your church tradition is a lifeline of faith and spiritual food!



**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.

## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** Welcome to returning and new families. Our wonderful teachers are having a planning meeting on Wed, Sep 5 @ 7PM in CCS. First night of PREP is a welcome for students & parents at the Parish Centre on **Wed, Sep. 19 @ 6:30 pm**. I'm so excited for the new PREP year. Please call or email [pbprep@telus.net](mailto:pbprep@telus.net) for any questions about our program. God bless, Karla

**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](mailto:icdeltavanspec@outlook.com) to register or for info.



**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 [luciaborkowski@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:darrenxfriesen@gmail.com) for more info.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** The Knight's will have a Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast on Sun, Sep 9, together with the Meet the Parish event. Learn more about the Knights and eligible men can sign up at the event. The breakfast is by donation and proceeds will benefit the Parish Building Fund.

**GIFT CARD PROGRAM** proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$28,258. Organ balance \$2,536.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** Welcome back to a year of service to our Parish. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, Sep 4 at 7 PM. See you there.

| Parish Schedule |   |   |
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| Sep 03<br>Mon   | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Andy Andrews</i>  | <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br>NO SENIORS SOCIAL- LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY   |
| Sep 04<br>Tues  | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Frederick Rego †</i><br><b>10:00 AM School Mass</b>   | <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br>NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT.<br>7:00 CWL Meeting<br>7:00 Spanish Choir Practice in Church<br><b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR CCS</b>                          |
| Sep 05<br>Wed   | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Ruth Alonsabe</i>   | <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br><b>9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b><br>10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting<br>7PM PREP Teachers Meeting @ CCS  |
| Sep 06<br>Thurs | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Eli Barte †</i>   | <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br><b>10:30 Mass @ Zion Park Manor</b><br>5:30 PM Meet the Teacher Night for CCS   |
| Sep 07<br>Fri   | <b>9:00 AM School Mass</b><br>Int: <i>Leoncito Edmilao †</i><br><b>6:30 PM First Friday Mass</b><br>Int: <i>Frederick, Philomena &amp; Vijay Rego †</i> | <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br>9:30 Moms & Tots  |
| Sep 08<br>Sat   | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Celestino Luczon †</i><br><b>4:30 PM</b><br>Int: <i>Dan Gibbons</i>   | 8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering<br><b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b><br><b>9:30 AM Confession</b>   |
| Sep 09<br>Sun   | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>PB Parishioners</i><br><b>11:00 AM</b><br>Int: <i>Lorna Sandiko †</i>   | <b>8:30-8:55 AM Confession</b><br>10 AM-1 PM K of C Pancake Breakfast<br>10 AM-1 PM MEET THE PARISH<br><b>10:30-10:55 AM Confession</b><br>3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group<br>6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre |

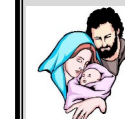
*Have a happy Labour Day weekend & enjoy the last weekend of the Summer school holidays*

## AROUND THE PARISH

**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 \$41,657. with 13% of our families participating. Gifts can be made online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket. Thank you!



### PRO-LIFE CORNER-SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

As an expression of love for the beauty and innocence of a baby, Precious Blood Parish announces an adoption program for young & old. Next weekend, after all Masses, you will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived. Approximately 100,000 abortions were performed in 2016. You are asked to "adopt" a newly conceived baby who is at risk of being aborted. The parish bulletin will describe your baby's development month by month and your child will be born in May. For more information and to participate, visit Vera after all Masses on Sep 8 & 9. Share the love for life God has given you. Please participate.

## 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**. Visit [www.holyangelsatgardens.ca](http://www.holyangelsatgardens.ca) for more information.

**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 [mcpiche@telus.net](mailto:mcpiche@telus.net) for more information and to register.

**Donate to the Wildfires Relief Fund for Whitehorse Diocese** Please continue to pray for those affected by the wildfires as well as for the firefighters, first responders and volunteers. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse is asking for online donations. To help financially, please visit <https://rcav.org/whitehorse/>

**ENCOURAGE** is an apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction. There will be a Spiritual support meeting for members on Sunday, Sep 16, 2:30-4:30 pm. For more info, contact [encourage@rcav.org](mailto:encourage@rcav.org).

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

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

### Read the Bible in One Year

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

|     | WEEK 30   |
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| SUN | Ezekiel 9-10 ; Proverbs 25: 15-28; Ephesians 6    |
| MON | Nehemiah 1-3 ; Proverbs 26: 1-14; Colossians 1    |
| TUE | Nehemiah 4-6 ; Proverbs 26: 15-28; Colossians 2   |
| WED | Nehemiah 7-8 ; Proverbs 27: 1-14; Colossians 3    |
| THU | Nehemiah 9-10 ; Proverbs 27: 15-27; Colossians 4  |
| FRI | Nehemiah 11-13 ; Proverbs 28: 1-14; Philippians 1 |
| SAT | Tobit 1-3 ; Proverbs 28: 15-28; Philippians 2     |

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fri., **September 7, 2-6:30 pm** followed by Mass. The sign up sheet will be in the vestibule of the church. The Blessed Sacrament cannot remain unattended. Our goal is to have at least 2 committed people for each hour.

*"Behold the Lamb of God; Behold the One who brings peace in the storms of life."*

*Saint Pope John Paul II's Encyclical on the Eucharist*