

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

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## Right Brain Spirituality

Lately there was a touching video on YouTube. Jonathan, a little baby boy who was born deaf, had just had a surgical implant to restore his hearing. The very moment Jonathan heard his mother's voice for the first time was amazing! His pacifier fell out of his mouth and a big smile crept over his face. He gazed up into his mother's eyes, wiggling in excitement, making happy little cries. For the first time, he was hearing a world outside himself!

People commented that "it was a miracle" to watch, and that it brought them to tears. It was such a personal and sacred moment, to see little Jonathan receive the gift of hearing. The people who witnessed Jesus healing the deaf man must have felt much the same. In that culture, to be deaf would have isolated that man terribly. With no job training or assistance, how could he support a family? Disability was considered God's punishment, so he would be shunned and not permitted to attend synagogue.

Jesus sees the man's whole terrible situation in a flash. He understands the whole, real person, his pain, his exclusion from the community. It's not just a "quickie healing"—Jesus enters deeply and personally into the man's life story—to restore him. And this is the deeper meaning of the miracle: Jesus is already starting his mission to restore the whole creation to its original state of blessings and beauty as God created it, before evil entered the creation. Evil is having its day now; but for God, these tragedies are not the end. "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, ... he comes to save you!"



**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, 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, 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. 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. We are still in need of volunteer catechist. Please call or email [pbprep@telus.net](mailto:pbprep@telus.net) to volunteer or for any questions about our program. God bless, Karla

**VANSPEC** Do you know anyone who would like to register their child for 1-on-1 catechism for special needs? There are still spots available at VANSPEC's 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. Email Lucia Borkowski [luciaborkowski@gmail.com](mailto:luciaborkowski@gmail.com) to join and for more information or pick up a registration form from the Parish Office.



**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 GIFT CARD PROGRAM** proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$28,566. Organ balance \$2,228.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** Thank you to Heather Squires and the ladies of the CWL for organizing the Meet the Parish event this weekend.

**ARCHDIOCESAN FALL INSTITUTE**—These seasonal institutes provide participant with an opportunity to study and learn about the rich traditions of the Catholic faith and are especially suited for lay people and those serving in Catholic parishes. The courses are open to everyone. Sat, Sep 29, 10am-4pm at Holy Cross Reg. Sec., Surrey. Cost \$40 (\$45 after Sep 25). To register go to [rcav.org/oc-fall](http://rcav.org/oc-fall)

Parish Schedule		
Sep 10 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Fe Amarga †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 12:30 PM SENIORS SOCIAL
Sep 11 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Jose Perez †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 25 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice in Church
Sep 12 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Gordon Aucoin †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena</b> 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
Sep 13 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Joseph Pasloski, Jr. †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b>
Sep 14 Fri	<b>9:00 AM School Mass</b> Int: <i>Mario Cruz †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 9:30 Moms & Tots 6:30 PM Kindergarten Welcome Dinner
Sep 15 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Rustico Tria †</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> Int: <i>Otto, Darryl &amp; Ashley †</i>	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Confession</b> Fr. Paul away to give retreat @ Carmel Hill
Sep 16 Sun	<b>9:00 AM</b> Int: <i>PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> Int: <i>Stewart &amp; Lorena</i> <b>4:00 PM Spanish Mass</b> Int: <i>Oscar Balbuena †</i>	<b>8:30-8:55 AM Confession</b> <b>10:30-10:55 AM Confession</b> 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

## Stewardship Reflection

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (James 2:5)

What is more important for a Steward – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

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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 31

SUN	Tobit 4-6 ; Proverbs 29:1-13; Philippians 3
MON	Tobit 7-11 ; Proverbs 29:14-27; Philippians 4
TUE	Tobit 12-14 ; Proverbs 30:1-17; Philemon
WED	Judith 1-3 ; Proverbs 30:18-33; Luke 1:1-25
THU	Judith 4-6 ; Proverbs 31:1-15; Luke 1:26-56
FRI	Judith 7-8 ; Proverbs 31:16-31; Luke 1:57-80
SAT	Judith 9-11 ; Ecclesiastes 1; Luke 2:1-35

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (HOLY HOUR)



Friday, September 14, 2—3 pm.  
Please try to spend some time with Jesus in adoration He waits for you in the Holy Eucharist.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...Could you not watch one hour with me?"

Matthew 6:21, 26:40

## AROUND THE PARISH

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK—GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND** is an established fund within our Parish that enables parents with temporary financial hardship to receive tuition towards Catholic Education at Cloverdale Catholic School. Please be generous and help us help our families who may be in need at this time.

**VOLUNTEER PARISH ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR NEEDED** Our Parish grounds and buildings are always in need of looking after. **Ray Poitras**, our Volunteer Maintenance Coordinator for many, many years, is in need of an assistant who can eventually take over from him. We are looking for a caring parishioner who is semi- or retired with knowledge and experience in general building maintenance. If you or someone you know is willing and able to share your time and talent to keeping our Church property in working order, please call the Parish office to let us know so we can arrange a meeting with Ray Poitras.

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2018** Thank you to the 131 families who have made a gift to this year's campaign. Our parish has currently raised \$41,757 with 13.2% 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!

**MEET THE PARISH** Make sure to visit the different tables around the church and inside the Columbus & Cenacle Rooms of the Parish Centre **THIS SUNDAY**. And don't forget to enjoy some pancakes and sausages at the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast in the gym!

**VESTIBULE EXPANSION** Please pray and support this important project of our parish.



## PRO—LIFE CORNER—SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM MONTH ONE—Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20th day. His/her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**WILDFIRES RELIEF FUND** 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/>

**SERRA CLUB FRASER VALLEY WEST** and IC Delta Parish (88th Ave. & 119 St) invites you to attend a Vocations Mass at 7pm Thurs, Sep. 13.

**VANCOUVER CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE** Do you want to be healed? Come on Fri, Sep 21, 7-9:30pm & Sat, Sep 22, 9am-7pm at Broadway Church, 2700 East Broadway, Vancouver. Contact 604-597-8227 for info & tickets.

**DOMINICAN VOCATIONS COME AND SEE** Is God calling you? Meet the Dominican Family and explore a vocation in the Order of Preachers: Sat, Sep 22, 9:30 am-2:00 pm at St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver. For more information, see [dominicanlaity.ca/events](http://dominicanlaity.ca/events) or contact Mark (604-695-7421) or Mrs. Cathy Neugebauer, OP ([ve7cld@shaw.ca](mailto:ve7cld@shaw.ca))

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED** @ Star of the Sea Parish. For more info, see [www.rcav.org/employment](http://www.rcav.org/employment)

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	<b>Vocations Office:</b> 604-443-3254/ <a href="mailto:vocations@rcav.org">vocations@rcav.org</a> <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> 1-855-675-8749 / <a href="http://www.epcc.ca">www.epcc.ca</a>	<b>NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES</b> <b>Billings Method:</b> David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
<b>Retrouvaille</b> (for troubled marriages): <a href="http://retrouvaillevanouver.com">retrouvaillevanouver.com</a>	<b>Creighton Method:</b> <a href="http://fertilitycarevanouver.ca">fertilitycarevanouver.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): <a href="mailto:encourage@rcav.org">encourage@rcav.org</a>