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Who are the Little Ones?

Sometimes we act and speak as though we have the monopoly on access to the power of God. We do not, and in today's gospel Jesus seems to be telling his disciples that God works through people of good will, irrespective of whether they are on the edge ("not one of us") or at the centre of the kingdom of God movement. Much the same message is found in the first reading (Numbers 11:25-29) which has Joshua, assistant to Moses, trying to exclude two men from prophesying on somewhat tenuous grounds.

Moses does not take Joshua's advice. On the contrary, he prays that the Spirit of God might "rest on" and, by implication, work through all God's people. Both the gospel passage and the reading from Numbers affirm the role of the community leadership and religious tradition in selection for public ministry. Both readings seem to be warning against attempts to control or domesticate the Spirit of God.

The second part of the gospel reading (9:42-48) brings a dramatic change of mood as it takes up the issue of scandalising the "little ones". The reference to "little ones" marks a return to the scene in the latter part of last week's gospel reading where Jesus takes a little child in his arms and instructs his disciples. The horror of harming the little ones is dramatized in a series of sayings that challenge the most vivid imagination.

These sayings are hardly intended to be taken literally. Cutting off offending limbs only deals with the symptoms. It may, however, offer some solace to those little ones who have suffered "scandal" or worse to know that there is no stronger condemnation in the gospels than that reserved for those who bring harm to children and to vulnerable others. We are impelled to do everything in our power to heal the hurts of the past and to create conditions that ensure the protection and safety of our children.

Parish Schedule

Oct 1 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10 AM-12 PM Walking With Purpose 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL 7-9:00 PM Walking With Purpose
Oct 2 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Frank McCann †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 3-4:30PM Kids for Christ NO PRAYER GROUP ON 1st TUESDAY 7-8:00 PM CWL meeting 7-8:30 PM Spanish mass choir practice
Oct 3 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Alevander Clowes</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP Mass 6:30 PM RCIA
Oct 4 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10 AM-12 PM Walking With Purpose
Oct 5 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dave Pistrin</i> 6:30 PM <i>Int: Gord Aucoin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-6:30 PM First Friday Adoration
Oct 6 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Ron McGowan †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Dan Gibbons</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession
Oct 7 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Marcelino Antonio †, Liceria & Mercedes Uyehara</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."
(Mark 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?
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Rosana is away from Oct 1-23. Lucia will be filling in for her.



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

New Parishioners who registered in August & September

Anna-Lissa Bailey, Emmanuel & Elvira Bautista, Melissa Cheung & Robert Chu, Doreen Favaro, Corey & Hayley Hanna, Peter & Elaine Kwok, Isaac McCauley & Simone Anderson, Rolando & Ria Mesa, Bruno & Yeildy Tonta and John & Sheila Yray
Welcome to the Precious Blood Parish Family!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Wednesday, October 3 is a PREP Mass. Please bring your children to their classrooms. **Reminder:** Confirmation Parent Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm at the Parish Centre. Please see your PREP bulletin. As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact Karla by email at pprep@telus.net.



There will be a "Kickoff Fiesta" to start a new year of fun and fellowship on Sat. October 20 from 5:45 - 8 pm at the Parish Centre. This event is open to all youth from grades 6 - 12. There will be Mexican food, pinata making and games!

Youth Choir Needs You!! Our first gathering/rehearsal will be on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 pm. Food and singing provided. Sing for 4:30 pm mass. Please contact Anabella Nootebos at anabellanootebos@gmail.com



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Still open to newcomers. Topic for Wednesday, October 3: We are continuing our walk through The Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary. These prayers are so much more meaningful when we understand the words we say. Join us in the Cenacle Room from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Everyone welcome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$29,417. Organ balance \$1,377.

Oktemberfest - Sat. Nov 3 - It's time for the 9th Annual Oktemberfest dinner/dance. The cost is \$30/person and includes a German-themed buffet dinner, dessert, live band and dancers. There will be babysitting available by donation. Tickets will be on sale after mass or from the parish office in October. Call Trevor Harms at [778-574-6814](tel:778-574-6814) for more details. The proceeds go to support the charitable causes of the Knights of Columbus.




CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Our next meeting will be on Tue, Oct 2 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. This is our planning meeting for the year. Please bring your wonderful ideas. Questions? Preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.

SECOND COLLECTION this Sunday for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Proceeds of this collection goes to support the work of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please give generously.

Read the Bible in One Year

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

	WEEK 34
SUN	1Maccabees 10 ; Song of Songs 4; Luke 9:27-45
MON	1Maccabees 11 ; Songs of Songs 5; Luke 9:46-62
TUE	1Maccabees 12; Song of Songs 6; Luke 10:1-24
WED	1Maccabees 13 ; Song of Songs 7; Luke 10:25-42
THU	1Maccabees 14 ; Song of Songs 8; Luke 11:1-26
FRI	1Maccabees 15-16; Wisdom 1; Luke 11:27-54
SAT	2Maccabees 1-2 ; Wisdom 2.1-11; Luke 12:1-31



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
on **October 5** from **2-6:30 pm**. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule. The Blessed Sacrament cannot remain unattended. Our goal is to have two people committed each hour. Please call the office if you cannot make your committed time.
"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament"
St. John Mary Vianney

AROUND THE PARISH



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. For info: darrenxfriesen@gmail.com



SENIORS SOCIALS GROUP Our Seniors group meets on Mondays from 1- 4 PM at the Columbus Room. We are looking for more members to play cards with. If you are 50 or older looking for a fun group to hang out with, please come or call the Parish Office 604-574-4363 for more information.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR Our Annual Parish Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 24 from 9am to 2 pm. Craft tables are still available for rent at \$30 each. Contact luciaborkowski@gmail.com to reserve a table. More parish bazaar details to follow shortly.



VESTIBULE EXPANSION Please pray and support this important project of our parish which will roughly cost \$400,000. Donate to Project Advance or use the Building Fund envelopes available in the vestibule.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$48,333 with 13.8% (or 137) 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!



Dave Thomas's Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, October 2 at 10 am at St. Matthew's Parish. Reception to follow. Donations can be sent to The Canadian Cancer Society or to The Kidney Foundation of Canada.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

LIFE CHAIN 2018 is this Sunday, Sep 30 at King George Blvd from 96th Ave to 104th Ave from 2-3 pm. Signs can be picked up from Holland Park.

MONTHLY INTENSIVE PRAYERS WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION September 30, 2-5 pm at Sacred Heart Augustinian Monastery Chapel, 3900 Arthur Drive, Delta BC. Prayers will be for healing, comfort & reparation in the Church, especially the victims and accused perpetrators in the sexual abuse scandal in the United States.

COAST-TO-COAST ROSARY Sunday, October 7 at 1 pm. Catholics across the country are invited to pray the rosary together to call upon God through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary to heal our country and return it to Holiness. The event is organized by Children of the Eucharist Canada in partnership with Fr. Richard Heilman.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Next marriage encounter weekend in the Lower Mainland will be from October 26-28 at Deroche, BC.

Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. Married couples learn how to rekindle the passion in their relationship and how to keep their love growing year after year. The communication skills learned on this weekend of discovery can enrich your marriage in ways you never thought possible. Don't wait to invest in your marriage. Register at wwme.org. For more information email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com.

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

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