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Beyond The Stiff Upper Lip

Are you one of those captivated by the British TV series called "Downton Abbey"? In case you've been living on the moon lately, it's a costume drama that revolves around the lives and loves of the wealthy aristocrats and the working class people who serve them. Much of the tension and excitement lies in the rigid social rules and code of behaviour which regulate those above and below-stairs.

Ultimately, rich and poor alike at Downton Abbey are challenged to learn that traditions and social convention have meaning, but what is most important is goodness, love, and holding onto these deeper values. Jesus tries to teach a similar lesson to the Pharisees today: that the law exists for the deeper meaning behind it. Today they're testing Jesus' views on marriage and divorce.

Jews considered divorce a tragic failure, but in practice, divorce was easily gotten by men, and not by women. Women had no rights in the law.

Into this unequal situation, Jesus proclaims that marriage is meant as an absolute permanency and unity in the mind of God. Here, Jesus upholds the dignity of both women and men.

"From the beginning," when "God made them male and female," a unique bonding of body and soul was intended, a permanent bond that can't be broken by human law or changed regulations. But where individualism reigns supreme, we see divorce at record levels. We desperately need Jesus' vision of marriage today, to protect the spirits, hearts, and bodies of us all.

Parish Schedule

Oct 8 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession Thanksgiving Statutory Holiday NO Walking With Purpose Bible Studies NO SENIORS SOCIAL
Oct 9 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Gord Aucoin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 6:30 PMP.E.C. Meeting 7:00 PM PRAYER GROUP 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice
Oct 10 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Dan Guibbons</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 6:30 PM RCIA 6:30 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
Oct 11 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession NO Walking With Purpose Bible Study
Oct 12 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Sr. Mary Bethany and family</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:00 AM School Mass 2-3 PM HOLY HOUR
Oct 13 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mary Poloway †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Connie Deugau</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession
Oct 14 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Kole Prevajt †</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

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."

Gen 2:19 The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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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 October

Cate & Matthew Hitchen, Evelyn Molina & Roland Zavaleta and Lisa & Dominic Price

Welcome to the Precious Blood Parish Family!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Wednesday, October 10 is the Confirmation Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Parish Centre. Please see your PREP bulletin for information about our big All Saints Party in the Parish centre. As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact Karla by email at pbbprep@telus.net.



There will be a "Kickoff Fiesta" to start a new year of fun and fellowship on Saturday, 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



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN LWC invites children from 3yrs to 6yrs to participate in the Sunday Gospel in a prayerful and meaningful way designed in language that they can understand. Our Ministry is offered at our 11am mass each Sunday beginning this weekend Oct. 7th. Adult volunteers are always needed - please email Maria Harkison at mharkison@gmail.com



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Still open to newcomers. Topic for Wednesday, October 10: We are taking a walk through the Mass. Where do all the prayers come from? What are we actually doing as a Faith Community? What do the signs and gestures all mean? Join us in the Cenacle Room from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Everyone welcome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Our next meeting will be on Wed. Oct 10 at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$29,611. Organ balance \$1,183.

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 and at 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 Thank you to all the ladies that attended our planning meeting last week. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 6th at 7 pm. Questions? Please email preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.

Read the Bible in One Year

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

WEEK 35

SUN	2Maccabees 3-4 ; Wisdom 2.12-24; Luke 12:32-59
MON	2Maccabees 5-6 ; Wisdom 3.1-9; Luke 13
TUE	2Maccabees 7-8; Wisdom 3.10-19; Luke 14
WED	2Maccabees 9-10 ; Wisdom 4.1-15; Luke 15
THU	2Maccabees 11-12 ; Wisdom 4.16-19; Luke 16
FRI	2Maccabees 13-14; Wisdom 4:20-5:14; Luke 17
SAT	2Maccabees 15 ; Wisdom 5.15-23; Luke 18.1-17



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOLY HOUR

On, **Fri, October 12 from 2 to 3 pm.** Please try to spend some time with Jesus in adoration. He waits for us in the Holy Eucharist.

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament"

St. John Mary Vianney

Happy Thanksgiving

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 NOTE: No Seniors Social on Mon., Oct. 8th because of Thanksgiving. Our Seniors group meets on Mondays from 1 to 4 PM in 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 available for rent at \$30 each. Contact Lucia at 604-575-3123 to reserve a table. See bulletin insert for more information.



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

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$50,613.80 with 14.7% (or 146) 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!

Rosana is away from Oct 1-23. Lucia will be filling in for her.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

COAST-TO-COAST ROSARY Today, 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.



The **SERRA CLUB FRASER VALLEY WEST** and **IC Delta Parish** (88th Ave. & 119 St.) invites you to attend our **VOCATIONS MASS** at 7pm, THURSDAY October 11th. Everyone is welcome. Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations & Seminarians is the anticipate celebrant.



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. For more information email wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com. Register at wwme.org.

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
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