

# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 28, 2018

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Don't Be A Downer



Have you see this character on Saturday Night Live a few years ago, called "Debbie Downer"? Just as the stuffing is being passed around at Thanksgiving, Debbie looks worried: "You know turkey stuffing is the No. 1 cause of food poisoning." When friends announce a fun trip to Costa Rica, Debbie frowns, "Sure hope Hurricane Carl isn't still killing people in that region—147 dead so far. And malaria is on the rise there."

We all know someone who talks so much about their fears and worries that they pull everyone down into a depressing spiral. Reality is hard! Today, the blind man, Bartimeus, faced a bleak future. In those days, blindness would not have been curable, ever—so he had no realistic hope that anything could change for him; so begging was his only means of income. The apostles told Bartimeus to pipe down and quit bothering Jesus. They probably urged Jesus to ignore him and keep walking. But Bartimeus was no whiner; he had a great longing in his heart to see. And he also had a childlike faith in Jesus' power.

Notice that Jesus' first question to the man was, "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus does not make the decision for Bartimeus, or for us. Jesus wants us to look deeply, and speak the truth from our hearts. But more impressive is that Bartimeus "sprang up" and went to Jesus. He was not in a victim posture. He went after what he knew he deeply wanted.

Do we really know what we want? And are we prepared for the consequences of getting what we want? Let's be ready to "spring up" when Jesus asks, "What do YOU want me to do?"

## Parish Schedule

Oct 29 Mon	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Fr. Rey Usman</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:00 AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL 7:00 PM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 7:30 PM PFG Meeting
Oct 30 Tues	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Frank McCann †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 1:00 PM St. Theresa's Circle 7:00 PM PRAYER GROUP 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice
Oct 31 Wed	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Len Davies †</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 6:30 PM PREP 6:30 PM RCIA
Nov 1 Thurs	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Aldina &amp; Carolina de Brum, Joao Faria †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> 10:00 AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study
Nov 2 Fri	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Kevin Merth</i> <b>6:30 PM</b> <i>Gord Aucoin †</i>	<b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:00 AM CCS Mass</b> <b>2-6:30 PM FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION</b>
Nov 3 Sat	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Rogelio &amp; Perla Salazar</i> <b>4:30 PM</b> <i>Int: Francisca Martin †</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering <b>8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession</b> <b>9:30 AM Confession</b>
Nov 4 Sun	<b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> <b>11:00 AM</b> <i>Int: Gord Aucoin †</i>	<b>8:30-8:55 AM Confession</b> <b>10:30-10:55 AM Confession</b> 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

## Stewardship Reflection

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

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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, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filipina Signorelli & 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, Lisa & Dominic Price, Margaret Cuffy, Ursula Cruz & Paul George.  
**Welcome to the Precious Blood Parish Family!**



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** - THANK YOU to all parents and confirmation students who helped throw the All Saints Day Party on Oct. 24. **Saturday, Nov 3rd is Spirit Day. PLEASE check your email for drop-off and pick up instructions.** Reminder that Nov. 14th is the first parent meeting for 1st Reconciliation for gr. 2 parents. As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact Karla at [ppprep@telus.net](mailto:ppprep@telus.net).



Our next **Junior youth night for Gr. 6 & 7** "Edge" will be on Nov 10 after the 4:30 mass. We will meet at CCS. **Senior youth night for Gr. 8-12** will be on Nov 24 after the 4:30 mass. We will meet at CCS.

**Youth ushers and readers** are needed for our youth masses every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Contact Luisa if you can help. [pbyouth@telus.net](mailto:pbyouth@telus.net).

**Youth Choir Needs You!!** We gather/rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 2:00 pm. Food & singing provided. Sing for 4:30 pm mass. Contact Anabella [anabella-nootebos@gmail.com](mailto:anabella-nootebos@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. Adult volunteers are always needed - please email Maria Harkison at [mharkison@gmail.com](mailto:mharkison@gmail.com).



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** will take a break for Halloween and will be back on Wed, Nov. 7 @ 6:30pm. We will be discussing the Trinity.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM - NEW McDonalds Gift Cards!!** All proceeds benefit the vestibule expansion. We've collected \$234 to date.

**OKTEMBERFEST - Saturday, Nov 3** It's time for the 9th Annual Oktoberfest 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** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6 at 7 pm. Questions? Please email [preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com](mailto:preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com).



**ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE** We are a congenial group of women who are hard working. We could certainly use a few more women in our group. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the parish centre. Newcomers are most welcome. Come and see just what we are all about.

**HOLY DAYS CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES** begin Thurs, November 1 at 7 pm in the church.

## Read the Bible in One Year

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

WEEK 38

SUN	Isaiah 3-5; Wisdom 13.10-19; 1 Timothy 2
MON	Isaiah 6-8; Wisdom 14.1-15; 1 Timothy 3
TUE	Isaiah 9-10; Wisdom 14.16-31; 1 Timothy 4
WED	Isaiah 11-13; Wisdom 15.1-17; 1 Timothy 5
THU	Isaiah 14-16; Wisdom 15.18-16.14; 1 Timothy 6
FRI	Isaiah 17-19; Wisdom 16.15-29; Titus
SAT	Isaiah 20-22; Wisdom 17.1-10; 1 Peter 1



## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

on **Nov 2 (All Souls Day), 2-6:30 pm.** Come and pray for your loved ones who have passed. Sign up sheet 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



**ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR - Sat, November 24 from 9am to 2 pm.** Craft tables are available for rent at \$30 each. Contact Lucia at 604-575-3123 for more info or to volunteer. Order your Christmas Poinsettias 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. For info: [darrenxfriesen@gmail.com](mailto:darrenxfriesen@gmail.com)



**SENIORS SOCIALS GROUP** 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.



**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 \$52,013.80 with 14.8% (or 147) 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!

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**PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE** Parents & caregivers of children from birth to 18 yrs will benefit from the information and insights outlined in the videos & discussion time. This is a 5 week course taking place on **Sundays from November 11 - December 9 following the 11am mass.** Course fee of \$50 includes the course manual, lunch & childminding. To register visit [rcav.org](http://rcav.org) or the parish office. For more info contact Deborah Harms 778-574-6814.

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** has been installed near the organ in the church. It is a portable electronic device that diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council #7276.

**Fr Paul will be away from October 28 to November 11**  
**We thank Fr. Boniface for covering the Masses during this time.**

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**HALLOWTIDE TRIDUUM (All Hallow's Eve, All Saints Day, All Souls Day)** We reflect on this time of the liturgical year when the Church especially reminds us of the importance of praying for the faithful departed. Catholic Cemeteries offers several events at the Gardens of Gethsemani for this season of remembrance: Candlelight Vigil, Wed Oct. 31 @ 7 pm, All Saints Day Mass, Thurs. Nov 1 @ 6:30 pm, All Souls Day Mass, Fri. Nov 2 @ 6:30 pm.



**ST JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY** Thinking of a Catholic high school for your son or daughter? Why not consider St. John Paul II Academy? The school opened in Sept 2018 to its Gr. 8 class and is currently being housed at the Star of the Sea Community Centre while the new school is being built. Info evening at SJP II Academy on Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm and an Open House on Dec 5 at 6 pm. For more info call 604-560-8210 or visit [www.sjp2academy.com](http://www.sjp2academy.com)

The next **RETRouvaille WEEKEND** for troubled marriages will be held on the weekend of **November 30 to December 2, 2018.** We are blessed to be able to again have our weekend at the Barnabas Landing Family Ministries Retreat Centre, on Keats Island. For more information, visit [www.barnabasfm.org](http://www.barnabasfm.org)

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

## 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/ vocations@rcav.org <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://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): <a href="mailto:encourage@rcav.org">encourage@rcav.org</a>