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We Have the Greatest



Wouldn't it be so good to have something that we knew for sure was the greatest in the world? Well, folks, you and I do have something that is the greatest in the world. We have the greatest commandment in the world. In fact, we have two greatest commandments, love God and love our neighbour. Jesus says we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Whenever we state that we believe in one God, we make a subversive statement, because we claim that no one, no thing, can have dominion over us. Only God is God.

We are filled with desires for beauty, closeness, moral righteousness, community; we want to live a life that is worth living – one that is filled with meaning. But as long as we don't recognize that all of our desires are contained in our desire for God, we will continue to encounter dead ends and a feeling of frustration and incompleteness. This will happen when we think that we have finally found something that will bring total happiness and fulfillment to our lives, only to discover that loving God and one another is the only final answer.

The two commandments we heard today are the absolute best directions that are available in this whole world. Follow these directions and your life will be fulfilled – it may not be easy but it will be worth living. Jesus has given us the greatest commandment, the one thing necessary for life, the heart and soul of what it means to be human—love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself. And do both with everything that is in you.

Parish Schedule

Nov 5 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jose Perez †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL 7:00 PM Walking With Purpose Bible Study
Nov 6 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Nonelia Sandiko & Consolacion Locsin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 3:00 PM Kids for Christ Assembly 7:00 PM CWL Meeting 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice
Nov 7 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mary Lynn Hyde</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 6:30 PM PREP 6:30 PM RCIA
Nov 8 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Henry Khoo †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10:00 AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 7:00 PM Holy Days Choir Practice in Church
Nov 9 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Lawrence Shyrane †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession CCS NO SCHOOL 2-3 PM HOLY HOUR
Nov 10 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Lorna Gillespi</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 5:40 PM Junior Youth Night @ CCS
Nov 11 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Nora Aucoin & Family</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

"And to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts.

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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, 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 McCreddie, 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, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy & 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, Lai Yan Lee & Kwok Piu Lau.

Welcome to the Precious Blood Parish Family!

Baptized in October: Ava Perio - Congratulations!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) - 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 pbprep@telus.net.



Our Junior group for Grade 6 & 7 is starting. Come and have a fun and meaningful time at the youth night on Nov 10, 5:40 pm. We will be meeting in CCS. Piñata decorating, spiritual adoption program and pizza. Please bring a **toonie**. Grade 8 to 12 gathering will be on Nov 24, 5:40 pm. We will meet in CCS. Please bring some food to share!

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.

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.



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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) After our Halloween break, we are back Wed, Nov 7 @ 6:30 pm in the Cenacle Room. We continue the development of our understanding of the Trinity. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM - NEW McDonalds Gift Cards!! All proceeds benefit the vestibule expansion. We've collected \$392 to date.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Please pray for the repose of the soul of our sister in Christ, Leonie Faucher. Our next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, November 6 at 7 pm. Questions? Please email 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 Thursday nights at 7 pm in the church. Please come and join us to make our parish Christmas celebrations special.

Read the Bible in One Year

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

WEEK 39

SUN	Isaiah 23-24 ; Wisdom 17.11-20 ; 1 Peter 2
MON	Isaiah 25-27 ; Wisdom 18:1-9 ; 1 Peter 3
TUE	Isaiah 28-29 ; Wisdom 18:10-25 ; 1 Peter 4
WED	Isaiah 30-31 ; Wisdom 19:1-12 ; 1 Peter 5
THU	Isaiah 32-33 ; Wisdom 19:13-20 ; 2 Peter 1
FRI	Isaiah 34-36 ; 2 Peter 2
SAT	Isaiah 37-38; Sirach 1:1.15 ; 2 Peter 3



HOLY HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
on **Nov 9, 2-3 pm.**
Come and pray for your loved ones who have passed. Come and spend some time with Jesus. He waits for you in the Blessed Sacrament.
"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."
St. John Mary Vianney

AROUND THE PARISH

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES can be found on the tables in the Vestibule. Offer Masses for your deceased loved ones using these. One Mass per envelope for however many souls you wish to offer for. Masses cannot all be offered on All Souls' Day. They will be offered throughout the year in our Parish or by other priests. It is a virtue to remember the dead and they do need prayers from the church here on earth to go to heaven. Please put the envelopes in the collection basket or give to the Parish Office on weekdays.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY IS HERE!! Finally, we have received the long awaited Photo Directory. Families with their photo in the book get a copy for free. Please pick them up after the Mass or from the Parish Office. If you would like a copy of the directory but do not have your family's photo in it, you may purchase it for \$15 per copy. Contact Rosana for info.

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 in the Parish Centre 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 or the parish office. For more info contact Deborah Harms 778-574-6814.

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.

PARISH MISSION WITH FR. LARRE Nov. 24-29 Come join Fr. Larre as he explores our most important decision in life—Christ's Loving Way of the Cross. Stay tuned next week for more information in the coming bulletin insert.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA is on Dec. 15 following the 4:30 Mass. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$10 for kids 6-12. Kids 5 & under-FREE. Stay tuned for more info.

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 \$52,938.80 with 15.4% (or 151) 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!

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a portable device that can check heart rhythm and can send an electric shock if needed. One has been installed near the organ in the church. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council #7276.

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

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

SERRA CLUB FRASER VALLEY WEST and IC Delta Parish (88th & 119th St.) invites you to attend a Vocations Mass @ 7pm, Thurs, Nov 8 celebrated by Fr. Rodney Nootebos. Club meeting follows at 7:30 pm. Consider joining the Serra movement or learning more about it.

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 Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancouver.ca
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	