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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

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Parish Schedule

Mon, Aug 17 Mass Intention: <i>Gordon Aucoin †</i>
Tues, Aug 18 Mass Intention: <i>Rosa Martin †</i>
Wed, Aug 19 St. John Eudes Mass Intention: <i>James & Lucia Borkowski</i>
Thur, Aug 20 St. Bernard Mass Intention: <i>Patricia Minjoot †</i>
Fri, Aug 21 St. Pius X Mass Intention: <i>Presentacion Diaz †</i>
Sat, Aug 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9 AM Mass Intention: <i>Rosa Martin †</i> 4:30 PM Mass Intention: <i>Leticia Tangco †</i>
Sun, Aug 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 AM Mass Intention: <i>Precious Blood Parishioners</i> 11 AM Mass Intention: <i>Robert Cariño, Sr. †</i>

Parish Office Open
8:30AM - 4:30PM
Mon - Fri
Closed for lunch 12-1PM
Due to COVID-19 protocols,
please call the office
604.574.4363 before visiting.

Please sign the attendance sheet when coming for weekday Mass.

A binder containing the attendance sheets will be in the vestibule.

CONFESSIONS
8:45-8:55 AM
Monday to Saturday
9:30-10 AM & 4:00-4:30 PM
Saturdays
8:30-8:55AM & 9:30-10:00AM
Sundays
Saturday 4:30 PM Mass continues to be LIVE STREAMED

CATHOLIC SERVICES

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES • 604.531.2141

COURAGE (Apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction) • courage@rcav.org

DOMESTIC ABUSE HELP LINE • 604.640.7546

ENCOURAGE (Apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction) • encourage@rcav.org

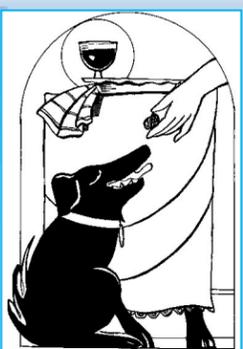
EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION HELPLINE • 1.855.675.8749 • www.epcc.ca

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
Billings Method: David/Keely Wray • 604.574.2256
Creighton Method: www.fertilitycarevancouver.ca

PRO-LIFE/CRISIS PREGNANCY • 1.877.889.6626

RETROUVAILLE (For troubled marriages) • www.retrouvaille.vancouver.com

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."
(Matt 14:29)

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, 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 Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Berna Bradley, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Carolyn, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Ed Cosico & all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

LORD, HELP ME YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH; LET YOUR WISH BE GRANTED

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



August 15
Consider praying The Rosary for protection and healing of the world against COVID-19



Wee Saints Pre School

SLOTS FOR PRESCHOOL CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE
for 2020-2021 School year
3-Year Old program available Tuesday & Thursday, 8:45 am - 11:45 am
4-Year Old program available Monday/Friday, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm & Wednesday, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
FOR A TOUR OR TO REGISTER:
Email: cmackay@weesaintspreschool.ca or pbparish@telus.net
Visit weesaintspreschool.ca for more information



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Today's Gospel presents us a unique example of faith in Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman, a foreigner to the Jews. The scene unfolds as he is walking toward the cities of Tyre and Sidon, northwest of Galilee: it is here that the woman begs Jesus to heal her daughter, who the Gospel says "is tormented by a devil". The Lord, at first, seems not to hear this cry of pain, such that it causes the intervention of the disciples who intercede for her. Jesus' seeming indifference does not discourage this mother, who persists in her invocation. This woman's inner strength, which enables her to overcome every obstacle, is to be found in her maternal love and in her faith that Jesus can grant her request. This makes me think of the strength of women. With their strength they are able to obtain great things. We have known many [such women]! We could say that it is love that stirs faith, and faith, for its part, becomes love's reward. Heartrending love for her daughter causes the woman to cry: "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me". And her untiring faith in Jesus allows her not to become discouraged even in the face of his initial rejection; thus the woman "knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me'". In the end, before such persistence, Jesus was in awe, nearly astonished, by the faith of a pagan woman. Therefore he acquiesces, saying: 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.'

Jesus points to this humble woman as a model of unwavering faith. Her persistence in beseeching Christ's intervention is incentive for us not to become discouraged, not to despair when we are burdened by life's difficult trials. The Lord does not turn away in the face of our needs and, if at times he seems insensitive to our requests for help, it is in order to put to the test and to strengthen our faith. We must continue to cry out like this woman: "Lord, help me! Lord, help me!". In this way, with perseverance and courage. This is the courage needed in prayer.

This Gospel episode helps us to understand that we all need to grow in faith and fortify our trust in Jesus. It can help us to find our way, when we have lost the compass of our journey; when the road no longer seems flat but rough and arduous; when it is hard to be faithful to our commitments. It is important to nourish our faith every day, by carefully listening to the Word of God, with the celebration of the Sacraments, with personal prayer as a "cry" to him "Lord, help me!" and with concrete acts of charity toward our neighbour.

Let us entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so that he may help us to persevere in faith. The Spirit instills courage in the heart of believers; he gives our life and our Christian witness the power of conviction and persuasion; he helps us to overcome skepticism toward God and indifference toward our brothers and sisters.

May the Virgin Mary render us ever more aware of our need of the Lord and of his Spirit; may she obtain for us a strong faith, full of love, and a love capable of making itself a supplication, a courageous supplication to God.

(2017) <https://www.thepopespeaks.com/popes-previous-homilies-for-20th-sunday-of-the-year/>



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

Dominic Sawchuck, Ziram Jeff Amada, Oden Clinton Edward Fontaine, Eric & Carmen Chan, Aimee Zou, Matteo De Guzman, Eliza Rose Tongos Viernes, Mia Jacqueline Concepcion, Nathalia Ysabel Unabia

Married at Precious Blood (January to August 2020)

Marie Irene Roy & Brandon Burian, Kathleen Judith Marie Berg & Paul Edward Fontaine, Sarah Melo Costa & Michael Jonathan Shaw, Yolanda Chantelle Lehwald & (Grand Knight) Anthony de Guzman



We Remember those who have gone before ... (Funerals celebrated at Precious Blood)

Cynthia Apacible, Sean Joseph Keiger, Marie-Eliese Byrka, Miu Ying Ng, Kwong Ming Lee, Pen Yun Ivy Chen, Ana Rosario Dominguez Peña, Mary Kennedy, Robert (Bob) Weber



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone who is interested to learn about our Catholic faith or any baptized Catholic seeking the sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to contact the Parish Office. RCIA program will begin in September.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM

Still available during COVID-19
Call **Earl-604.576.6306**/email: ecoatta@telus.net
Pick up at Earl's house or at the parish office during business hours.

Doing more shopping online? Consider getting Amazon.ca shopping cards.

Thank you for your support.
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1-877-889-0517
250-754-3254

CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT, Tues, Aug 18, 10am-2pm @ the front lawn of Bethlehem Centre. Retreat led by Anne Simms. \$30 includes guided meditation, discussion-telling our stories, poetry, music & dancing. Bring your sunglasses, a hat & something to drink. Register online <https://bethlehemcentre.com/> or, for more information, call 1.877.889.0517.

Archdiocese of Vancouver Events

Behold

The new Catholic community for Vancouver

A place to ask questions, connect with others and discover more of God. An initiative by the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Register for the following online events
beholdvancouver.org/events

The Marriage Course, 7-course webinar every Thurs from Aug 13-Sep 24, 7:30-9 pm. Discover how to love each other better and grow & thrive as a couple to build a more joyful family.

Upper Room Conference 2020, live streamed on Sat, Sep 19, 9 am to 5 pm. Hear from incredible speakers. Connect with other disciples and gain insight and resources on how to live out your missional call in your home and community. There will be times for worship, prayer & community. Speakers are Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. John Riccardo, Pete Burak, Matt Maher and Archbishop J. Michael Miller. Join in to listen to the call of the Holy Spirit and respond to God's call in our Archdiocese. This is your invitation to see God move. Registration coming soon to www.upperroomvancouver.com.

Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance. Never respond to emails requesting gift cards or any other form of personal financial assistance. If you have any doubt, contact your parish office.

Kid's Korner



Jesus went away to the district of Tyre & Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out & started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. His disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away for she keeps shouting after us." He said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and knelt before him saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.
(Matt 15.21-28)

The Canaanite Woman

Help the woman find her way to Jesus

A woman came to Jesus to ask for his help.

Her daughter was ill and she wanted Jesus to make her well again

Join the dots to see where her daughter is.

Draw a line between the shapes which are the same to find out what this woman had.

You have great

The woman did not give up until Jesus healed her daughter