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RCIA (Catechism for Adults)
September to May
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#### WEEKENDS

SATURDAY: 9:00am | 4:30pm SUNDAY: 9:00am | 11:00am WEEKDAYS Monday - Friday HISPANIC MASS 4:00pm \*3rd Sunday of the month FIRST FRIDAY 6:30pm

MORNING PRAYER 8:45am (Daily) ROSARY 8:15am (Daily)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Fridays, 2-3pm (July & August 9:30-10:30am)

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 2:00-6:30pm (July & August 4:00-6:30pm)

#### SACRAMENTS

#### CONFESSION

Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am | 4:00pm - 4:25pm Sunday 8:30am - 8:55am | 10:30am - 10:55am

- 15 min. before weekday Masses
- · By appointment

#### BAPTISM

Baby & Child - 10:15am (2nd & 4th Saturdays) Contact parish office to register Adults - Please enroll in RCIA

#### MARRIAGE

- Please do not finalize any wedding plans prior to contacting Fr. Rey
- A minimum of six months advanced notice is needed.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**EMERGENCY SICK CALLS** 

Contact the parish office.

#### HOSPITAL VISITS TO THE SICK

- Deacon Raul Abella 778.512.9163
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# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Jime

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#### **Pope Francis Homilies**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good day!

This Sunday's Gospel (see Mt 15:21-28) describes the meeting between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. Jesus is to the north of Galilee, in foreign territory. The woman was not Jewish, she was Canaanite. Jesus is there to spend some time with His disciples away from the crowds, from the crowds whose numbers are always growing. And behold, a woman approached Him seeking help for her sick daughter: "Have mercy on me, Lord!" (v. 22). It is the cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering, from the sense of the helplessness of a mamma who sees her daughter tormented by evil who cannot be healed; she cannot heal her. Jesus initially ignores her, but this mother insists; she insists, even when the Master says to the disciples that His mission is directed only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v. 24) and not to the pagans. She continues to beg Him, and at that point, He puts her to the test, citing a proverb. It's a bit...this seems almost a bit cruel, but he puts her to the test: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs" (v. 26). And right away, the woman, quick, anguished, responds: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (v. 27).

And with these words, that mother shows that she has perceived the goodness of the Most High God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus's heart and provokes words of admiration: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (v. 28). What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's

feet asking Him to heal it, to give it meaning.

Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a story "for export", it is not always a clean story. Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is what this woman teaches us, this wonderful mother: the courage to bring our own painful story before God, before Jesus, to touch God's tenderness, Jesus's tenderness. Let's try this story, this prayer: let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" And we can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us, if we understand what Christ's heart is like, what Jesus's heart is like: a heart that feels compassion, that bears our pains, that bears our sins, our mistakes, our failures. But it is a heart that love us like that, as we are, without make-up: He loves us like that. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

This is why it is necessary to understand Jesus, to be familiar with Jesus. I always go back to the advice that I give you: always carry a small pocket-size Gospel and read a passage every day. There you will find Jesus as He is, as He presents Himself; you will find Jesus who loves us, who loves us a lot, who tremendously wants our well-being. Let us remember the prayer: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" A beautiful prayer. Carry the Gospel: in your purse, in your pocket and even on your mobile phone, to look at. May the Lord help us, all of us, to pray this beautiful prayer, that a pagan woman teaches us: not a Christian woman, not a Jewish woman, a pagan woman.

May the Virgin Mary intercede with her prayer so that the joy of faith might grow in every baptized person as well as the desire to communicate it through a consistent witness of life, that she give us the courage to approach Jesus and to say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!". 16.08.20

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"He said, 'For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." -Romans 11:29 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. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan. ©2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Bernadette Leclair, 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, Christopher, Grace, Anna & Josh Lasell, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Joyce Krahnbel, Peter Scott, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, Lucy Clark, Roger Gagner, Catherine Tolmozoff, Barbara Naef, Wilson Borbon, Alma Zinger, Bob & Deanna Fernandes, Elaine Lauzon, Anne O'Hagan, Rose Javier, John Lloyd, Eladio Tria, Malcolm Da Silva, Dominik Basiak, Pablito Basit, Rosana Ruiz, Bonnie Watson, Deanna Maceda Silva, Katrina Craig, Norah Aucion & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

## Around the Parish

August 20, 2023

## Calendar and Announcements

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Parish Schedule	
SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm.	
SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 9 - 11 AM, Vestibule	
Lord, your strength gives joy to the king.	
Your friends tell the glory of your kingship, Lord.	
Praise the Lord, my soul!	
LEGION OF MARY MTG. 9:30 - 12:00 PM, Cenacle Rm.	
Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.	

#### **PREP**



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

REGISTRATION: We are accepting registration for the fall, please email us at prep@pbparish.ca or pick up a form at the parish

office.

VOLUNTEERS: We are always in need of adults and teenagers to help with the faith formation. Please email Rency at prep@pbparish.ca if interested.



RCIA starts Thursday, September 21st. If your heart is yearning for more Faith, or if you know someone who is yearning, the RCIA Program is the journey to a better understanding of the Catholic

Faith. Please register with the Parish Office for this Program. There is no cost to you.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

What can I do to serve the Lord? Come and join us and become one of the leaders in our weekly Children's Liturgy. Training will be provided over the summer if you are interested.

For more details, please contact Melissa @ amdg2022@outlook.com



#### PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



Baby Bottle Campaign: The results for the Hope For Women Baby Bottle Campaign have come in. Precious Blood Parish raised \$2,612. Province wide, the campaign has brought in \$89,000 so far. Advokate and Hope For Women extend their appreciation to us for our participation and

have prepared a thank you video, which you can download with this link: https://drive.google.com/drivefolders/ 1z9utgoRzeI6ii7J9nvcEYYbKVRknMl4b?usp=sharing. Thank you again for everyone who participated financially and through prayer.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Holy Hour for July & August (Summer) is every Friday from 9:30-10:30AM.

The first canonized saint of the New World has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of

mortification.
She was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends. The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When her parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. Ten years of struggle against her parents began when they tried to make Rose marry. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin. mortification.

The Story of St. Rose of Lima (AUGUST 23)

carrying her coffin.

# Around the Archdiocese

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#### Fire Relief Fundraiser

On August 8, 2023, terrible wildfires raged through the town of Lahaina on the island of Maui destroying nearly everything in their path. Those who survived have been left without homes and basic necessities.

Please join us in sending our support, love and aloha to the people of Maui. We are holding a fundraising event with all cash donations going directly to the Maui Strong Fund. Also accepting donations of essential items (ie. baby care, children's medicine, clothing hygiene products) which will be sent to Maui survivors in need.

Authentic Polynesian dance performances by the Paul Tavai-Latta Polynesian Dancers Co. and delicious Hawaiian food by Aloha Hawaiian Grill will be available all day. This will be on **Sunday, August 27, 2023, 12-8pm**. At the Aloha Hawaiian Grill - 110-3900 Bayview St., Steveston



#### Archdiocesan Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu **First Anniversary Celebration**

Opening Salvo Mass (with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB): Wednesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary, Novena and Mass: Thursday, August 17, to Friday, August 25, at 5:15 p.m.

Dedication Anniversary Mass (with Cebu, Philippines Archbishop Jose Palma): Saturday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m. Presider: Cebu Archbishop Jose S. Palma

#### "Who Am I?" - A two-weekend PRH workshop

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"Who Am I?" will take place at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre on August 19, 20, 26 and 27. Learn more



#### **Domestic Abuse Services**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Society: A new Help Line training session is starting September 15, 2023. If you're ready for a challenge and want to help in the most meaningful way, join our team of Help Line Operators. They are the vital link between survivors of domestic abuse and a LIFE WITHOUT FEAR. Training is free and online. Register now at 604.585.6688 | operationsmgr@domesticabuseservices.ca. www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca

#### Save the Date: The Men's Retreat 2023

Hosted by Life Restoration, this retreat offers something for every man: adventure, brotherhood, powerful keynotes, prayer, Sacraments, and the rugged outdoor beauty of Rockridge Canyon in PrincetonB.C, Save the Date: Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1.

#### Annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Grotto

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Marian Pilgrimage to the Grotto, Mission, BC Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB - Mass Celebrant Return bus transportation to Mission only: \$40.00 (tourist bus) and \$35.00 (school bus)

Pay the parish bus coordinator.

Return bus transportation to Mission/Agassiz: \$75.00 (tourist bus) Email info @aquinasinstitute.ca for details. LIMITED SEATING. REGISTER EARLY. NOTE: Since we need 15 registrants to arrange for bus pick up in Precious Blood Parish, please inform the office once you have registered. This will help us do a head count.

**Upper Room Conference 2023** 

The Holy Spirit is moving in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! We're excited to announce that this year's Upper Room conference will take place on Saturday, September 23. Save the date and get conference updates by following @weareproclaim on social media or subscribing to email updates at weareproclaim.com.

#### Healing the Wounds of Abuse - Grief of Grace Retreat

Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse, find healing and begin their journey to wholeness. Abuse can be experienced in one's family of origin, community, workplace, or from their partner or spouse. The event will be from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday October 28, The location will be shared upon acceptance of applications. Learn more and sign up at beholdvancouver.org.

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# Community Event

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UNITY IN CELEBRATION:
EMBRACING FR. REY'S MINISTRY
AT THE PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
WELCOME LUAU

The recent Welcome Luau for our new parish priest, Fr. Rey Usman, was a heartwarming success that beautifully showcased our Precious Blood Parish community's warmth and unity. Held on August 12 at the Jubilee Auditorium, the event highlighted the spirit of togetherness that defines us.

The celebration kicked off with a 4:30 Holy Mass, where our various choir groups (Linda, Vox Dei, Youth, Spanish & 9 o'clock Choirs) sang beautifully. Following the Mass, parishioners entered a colorfully decorated venue created by the different parish ministries and groups. Jen Friesen welcomed the guests with her moving opening remarks and Clive Heah led everyone to prayer before the dinner.

The potluck-style cuisine was a delightful reflection of our diverse community, symbolizing our shared commitment to embracing our faith and culture. The array of dishes, lovingly prepared by parishioners, further enhanced the sense of connection and unity among us. Cheryl Hosein and her daughters added a touch of Hawaiian elegance with their traditional dances, enhancing the cultural experience of the luau.

Witnessing parishioners dressed in Hawaiian attire, fully immersing themselves in the spirit of aloha, served as a heartwarming reminder of our shared journey in Christ. We feel deeply blessed to have Fr. Rey guiding us, and the resounding success of the Welcome Luau strengthens our dedication to growing spiritually under his leadership.

Our heartfelt gratitude extends to everyone who attended and contributed to the event's success. The commitment and enthusiasm of our parishioners truly made the celebration unforgettable. As we eagerly look forward to the future with faith and love, we earnestly pray for God's continued abundant blessings as we embrace Fr. Rey's ministry and one another.

















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