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RCIA (Catechism for Adults) September to May Parish Office, 604.574.4363, office@pbparish.ca

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MASS SCHEDULE

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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Pope Francis Homilies

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August 27, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good day!

This Sunday's Gospel reading (see Mt 16:13-20) presents the moment in which Peter professes his faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. The Apostle's confession is provoked by Jesus Himself, who wishes to lead His disciples to take the decisive step in their relationship with Him. Indeed, the entirety of Jesus's journey with those who follow Him, especially with the Twelve, is one of educating their faith. First of all, He asks: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" (v. 13). The Apostles liked talking about people, as we all do. We like to gossip. Speaking of others is not so demanding, this is why we like it; even "flaying" others. In this case the perspective of faith rather than gossip is already required, and so He asks, "What do the people say I am?". And the disciples seem to compete in reporting the different opinions, which perhaps, to a large extent, they themselves shared. They too shared them. In essence, Jesus of Nazareth was considered to be a prophet (v. 14).

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With the second question, Jesus touches them to the core: "But what about you? ... Who do you say I am?" (v. 15). At this point, we seem to perceive a moment of silence, as each one of those present is called to put themselves on the line, manifesting the reason why they follow Jesus; therefore a certain hesitation is more than legitimate. Even if I were to ask you now, "For you, who is Jesus?", there would be a little hesitation. Simon takes them off the hook by declaring forthrightly, "You are the Messiah, the



Son of the living God" (v. 16). This answer, so complete and enlightening, does not come from an impulse of his own, however generous - Peter was generous - but rather is the fruit of a particular grace of the heavenly Father. Indeed, Jesus Himself says, "This was not revealed to you by flesh and blood" - that is, by culture, what you have studied, no this has not revealed it to you. It was revealed to you "by my Father in heaven" (v. 17). To confess Jesus is a grace of the Father. To say that Jesus is the Son of the living God, who is the Redeemer, is a grace that we must ask for: "Father, give me the grace of confessing Jesus". At the same time, the Lord acknowledges Simon's prompt response to the inspiration of grace and therefore adds, in a solemn tone, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it". (v. 18). With this affirmation, Jesus makes Simon aware of the meaning of the new name He has given him, "Peter": the faith he has just shown is the unshakeable "rock" on which the Son of God wishes to build His Church, that is, community. And the Church goes forward always on the basis of Peter's faith, that faith that Jesus recognizes [in Peter] and which makes him the head of the Church.

Today, we hear Jesus's question directed to each one of us: "And you, who do you say I am?". To each one of us. And every one of us must give not a theoretical answer, but one that involves faith, that is, life, because faith is life! "For me you are ..." and then to confess Jesus. An answer that demands that we too, like the first disciples, inwardly listen to the voice of the Father and its consonance with what the Church, gathered around Peter, continues to proclaim. It is a matter of understanding who Christ is for us: if He is the centre of our life, if He is the goal of our commitment in the Church, our commitment in society. Who is Jesus Christ for me? Who is Jesus Christ for you, for you, for you ...? An answer that we should give every

But beware: it is indispensable and praiseworthy that the pastoral care of our communities be open to many forms of poverty and crises, which are everywhere. Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith, of the perfection of faith. But it is necessary that works of solidarity, the works of charity that we carry out, not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy but, on the one hand, it is looking at others through the eyes of Jesus Himself and, on the other hand, seeing Jesus in the face of the poor. This is the true path of Christian charity, with Jesus at the centre, always.

May Mary Most Holy, blessed because she believed, be our guide and model on the path of faith in Christ, and make us aware that trust in Him gives full meaning to our charity and to all our existence. 23.08.20

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" -Romans 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer. © 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, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline's mom), Judy Bothwell, Craig Stevenson, James Borkowski, 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

Calendar and Announcements

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Parish Schedule Mon, August 28 **SENIORS CARDS** Feast: St. Augustine 10:30 - 2:30 PM, 9 AM Mass Intention: Columbus Rm. Johnny Calubaquib † Tues, August 29 Feast: St. John the Baptist SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 9 AM Mass Intention: 9 - 11 AM, Vestibule Georgina Marcotte Wed, August 30 You have searched me and 9 AM Mass Intention: you know me, Lord. Andrew Rud Thur, August 31 Fill us with your love, O Lord, 9 AM Mass Intention: and we will sing for joy! Malcolm Perkins † Fri, September 1 9 AM Mass Intention: Craig Golding Let the just rejoice in the Lord. 2 - 6:30 PM Exposition 6:30 PM Mass Intention: Malcolm Perkins † Sat, September 2 Feast: Bl. Andre Grasset LEGION OF MARY MTG. 9 AM Mass Intention: 9:30 - 12:00 PM. Tyler McKay † Cenacle Rm. 4:30 PM Mass Intention: Betty Bradley Sun, September 3 9:00 AM Mass Intention Precious Bld. Parishioners My soul thirsts for you, 11:00 AM Mass Intention: O Lord my God Beryl Lazar † UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

Society of St. Vincent De Paul
SSVP is requesting donations of pasta sauce, pasta, canned tuna,
instant cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit. You may drop off
your kind donations in the SSVP box at the vestibule.



PREP

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



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

Exposition and Holy Hour on Friday, Sept. 1 is from 2 - 6:30PM. This will be followed by the First Friday Mass at 6:30PM.

The Story of the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus' (John 1:35 237).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

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Junior Crusaders Boys Basketball Teams Tryouts

The Junior Crusaders Program is designed to connect future Holy Cross students together before their first days of Gr. 8. To ease the stress of moving from elementary to high school. We run 2 Jr. Crusader teams. A U13 select team and a U13/12 development team. Both teams play in the Champions League at the LEC every 2nd Saturday and Sunday from October to the end of February. These teams will practice 1 or 2 times a week. These times will vary depending on gym availability. The tryouts are free for all boys currently in Gr. 5-7 planning on attending Holy Cross for Gr. 8 in the future. This event will be held at the Holy Cross Gym. Register upon arrival.



Saturday Sept. 9th 1:00pm - 2:30pm and Sunday Sept 10the 2:00pm - 3:30pm The cost of the entire season is a one time fee of \$500.00. This includes registration fess, league fees, jersey, hoodies, and other club costs.



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

Red Mass and Dinner 2023

The Red Mass is celebrated in honour of the legal profession as a vocation in the service of justice and the common good. It is one of the traditions through which the Church has blessed and strengthened the legal profession. The grace given to the members of the legal profession by God and the teachings of the Catholic Church help guide us towards the goals of fairness and justice.

The St. Thomas More Guild is pleased to announce the Honourable David Eby, KC, Premier of British Columbia, as the keynote speaker at this year's Red Mass. He will be speaking on the intersection of faith and community; how we can best serve those in greatest need in society today, particularly with a view towards the role lawyers, judges, and the legal system can play in best pursuing these goals. The Red Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael

Miller, CSB, at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Terminal City Club in Vancouver. Cost is \$150, with sponsorship opportunities available. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



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.

Monthly Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil



One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Please join your voice with ours as we pray on the first Saturday of each month at a different parish for a new culture of life. The next Mass will be on September 2,

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

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.

FRAUD ALERT: Please disregard and report as PHISHING EMAIL all messages coming from rusman.rcav@priest.com.

Programs & Projects

75th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOK

Our <u>75th Anniversary Souvenir Book</u> has finally arrived! From our humble beginning, to all the milestones we celebrated as a Parish community, we can relive the beautiful memories God has blessed us with. 68 newspaper clippings on our parish history from 1947, 10 historical accounts, 24 personal testimonies, 16 winning articles from our Writing Contests. All in 98 pages for only \$20. Available for sale after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses. Please get your

copy before you miss the opportunity.









PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION



Each year, Project Advance enables us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus to support various ministries and programs of our local Church. This year's Appeal focuses on empowering our parishes to be vibrant centres of faith and community. Our hope is that we will be strengthened and equipped with the necessary resources to carry out more effectively our mission of evangelization and service. Our parish goal is \$75,000 of which \$38,400 is for the archdiocese. The rest of the amount will be used for the maintenance of our church and school building.

How do we trust in the Lord?

Find out more by signing up on **FORMED**. Please visit formed.org and folsteps below:

- . Click on Sign-up.
- 2. Click Sign-up as a parishioner.
- 3. Find Precious Blood Parish and then click NEXT.
- 4. Enter your first and last name, and your email.
- 5. Finally, click Sign-up.



NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Wee Saints Preschool is now accepting 3 – & 4– year old students for the 2023-2024 school year. Visit our website at weesaintspreschool.ca to learn more about our program and sessions available. Registration form can also be downloaded from the website. Questions? email weesaintspreschool.ca or call the Parish office at 604.574.4363. Parents and grandparents, please help us SPREAD THE WORD!







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