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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 15, 2023

### Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters,

With the narrative of the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, in today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 22:1-14), Jesus outlines the plan that God envisaged for humanity. The king who "who gave a marriage feast for his son" (v. 2) is the image of the Father who prepared for the entire human family a wonderful celebration of love and communion around his only begotten Son. Two times the king sends his servants to call the invited guests, but they refuse; they do not want to go to the feast because they have other things to think about: fields and business. So often we too put our interests and material things ahead of the Lord who calls us – and he calls us to a feast. But the king in the parable does not want the hall to remain empty, because he wants to offer the treasures of his kingdom. So he tells his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find" (v. 9). This is how God reacts: when he is rejected, rather than giving up, he starts over and asks that all those found at the thoroughfares be called, excluding no one. No one is excluded from the house of God.

The original term that Matthew the Evangelist uses refers to the limits of the roads, or those points at which the city streets end and the paths begin that lead to the area of the countryside, outside the residential area, where life is precarious. It is to this humanity of the thoroughfares that the king in the parable sends his servants, in the certainty of finding people willing to sit at the table. Thus the banquet hall is filled with the "excluded", those who are "outside" those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!". God even calls those who are bad. "No, I am bad; I have done many [bad things]...". He calls you: "Come, come, come!". And Jesus went to lunch with the tax collectors, who were public sinners; they were the bad guys. God is not afraid of our spirits wounded by many cruelties, because he loves us; he invites us. And the Church is called to reach the daily thoroughfares, that is, the geographic and existential peripheries of humanity, those places at the margins, those situations in which those who have set up camp are found where and hopeless remnants of humanity live. It is a matter of not settling for comforts and the customary ways of evangelization and witnessing to charity, but of opening the doors of our hearts and our communities to everyone, because the Gospel is not reserved to a select few. Even those on the margins, even those who are rejected and scorned by society, are considered by God to be worthy of his love. He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners, good and bad, intelligent and uneducated.

Yesterday evening, I was able to make a phone call to an elderly Italian priest, a missionary in Brazil since youth, but always working with the excluded, with the poor. And he lives his old age in peace: he burned his life up with the poor. This is our Mother Church; this is God's messenger who goes to the crossroads.

However, the Lord places one condition: to wear a wedding garment. Let us return to the parable. When the hall is full, the king arrives and greets the latest guests, but he sees one of them without a wedding garment, that kind of little cape that each guest would receive as a gift at the entrance. The people went as they were dressed, as they were able to be dressed; they were not wearing gala attire. But at the entrance they were given a type of capelet, a gift. That man, having rejected the free gift, excluded himself: the king could do nothing but throw him out. This man accepted the invitation but then decided that it meant nothing to him: he was a self-sufficient person; he had no desire to change or to allow the Lord to change him. The wedding garment – this capelet – symbolizes the mercy that God freely gives us, namely, grace. Without grace we cannot take a step forward in Christian life. Everything is grace. It is not enough to accept the invitation to follow the Lord; one must be open to a journey of conversion, which changes the heart. The garment of mercy, which God offers us unceasingly, is the free gift of his love; it is precisely grace. And it demands to be welcomed with astonishment and joy: "Thank you, Lord, for having given me this gift". 11.10.20 a

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY

Monday to Friday 9 AM

#### WEEKEND

Saturday 9 AM | 4:30 PM

Sunday 9 AM | 11 AM

#### FIRST FRIDAY 6:30 PM

#### SPANISH MASS

3rd Sunday of the Month 4 PM

#### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday 3PM to 6:15PM

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

9:30 to 10 AM | 4 PM to 4:25 PM

#### Sunday

8:30 AM to 8:55 AM

10:30 AM to 10:55 AM

#### Monday to Friday – 15 mins.

Before weekday masses

By Appointment

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

#### EMERGENCY SICK CALLS

Please contact parish office  
or if after office hours,  
email Fr. Rey at pastor@pbparish.ca.

### HOSPITAL VISITS TO THE SICK

- Deacon Raul Abella  
778-834-1234
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- Langley Memorial Hospital  
St. Joseph's Parish: 604-534-3303
- Peach Arch Hospital
- Good Shepherd Parish:  
604-831-1162

# Around the Parish

October 15, 2023

## Weekly Calendar

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### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

Baby and Child – 10:15 AM  
(2nd and 4th Saturdays)

Note: Contact Parish Office to register  
Adults – Please enroll in RCIA or contact  
Parish Office for more information.

#### MARRIAGE

Please do not finalize wedding plans  
prior to initial meeting with Fr. Rey Usman.  
A minimum of six months advance notice  
is needed.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight: Jason Border  
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2nd Wednesday of the month

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Vera Elbers – elbersv@telus.net

## Parish Schedule

### Mon, October 16

Feast: St. Marguerite d'Youville  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Mary Lynn Hyde*

SENIORS CARDS  
10:30 - 2:30 PM,  
Columbus Rm.

### Tues, October 17

Feast: St. Ignatius of Antioch  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Jose Velarde Jr. †*

SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM  
9 - 11 AM, Vestibule  
ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE MTG  
12:30 - 2PM, Columbus Rm.

### Wed, October 18

Feast: St. Luke  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Fred and Leila Maceda*

PREP PROGRAM  
6:30 - 8 PM, School

### Thur, October 19

Feast: St. Paul of the Cross  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Adosinda & Manuel Garcia †*

RCIA PROGRAM  
6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.  
TOPIC: God the Creator & Jesus our Lord & Messiah  
(By Pat Bradley)

### Fri, October 20

Feast: St. Hedwig  
9 AM School Mass Intention:  
*Craig Golding †*

MOM's & TOT's  
9:30 - 12 Noon, Cenacle & Columbus Rms.  
TOPIC: Playful Parenting -  
Tapping into your inner child.  
There will be no Holy Hour on October 13 and 20.

### Sat, October 21

Feast: Our Lady's Saturday  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Mary Lynn Hyde*  
4:30 PM Mass Intention:  
*Mathias Family*

LEGION OF MARY MTG.  
9:30 - 12:00 PM,  
Cenacle Rm.

### Sun, October 22

9:00 AM Mass Intention  
*Precious Bld. Parishioners*  
11:00 AM Mass Intention:  
*Godofredo Maceda Sr. †*

UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." -Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.  
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### 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 Aucoin & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.



### Steve De Jong Jan 31, 1933 – Oct 5, 2023

*'So when tomorrow comes without me, don't think we are far apart, for every time you think of me, I am right here in your heart.'*

On behalf of the De Jong family, we would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks for our Dad. He touched many hearts in our parish and school – from altar servers and those receiving communion at home or at care facilities to the many great friends he and Mom made throughout their 65+ years at Precious Blood Parish.



*With love and gratitude,*

*Lloyd, Doug, Art, Jean, Allan and Karen*

### PARISH BAZAAR



Join us again for our Advent Parish Bazaar on Saturday, November 25 from 9 am to 2 pm. Our parish bazaar is an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time. In line with our parish mission, the bazaar allows us to journey together in our faith and to serve one another. It's also a wonderful opportunity to build relationships between our school and parish community. More details coming soon. If you enjoy making handmade items and would like to share your talents, craft tables will be available for rent at \$45 ea. Email Lucia Borkowski at [luciaborkowski@gmail.com](mailto:luciaborkowski@gmail.com) for a form.



### CCS PARENT FUND RAISING GROUP

Family PJ Movie Night returns to the CCS gym on October 27th! Doors open at 5:30pm and our family friendly movie will start at 6pm! Entrance is by donation. Concession Pre-Order forms go home next week! We hope to see you there!  
Sun-Oka Fruit Farms Update - Apples are expected to arrive on Thursday, October 19th. Follow the CCS facebook page for exact pick up time.



### HISPANIC MINISTRY

Our Parish celebrates a Spanish Mass every third Sunday of the Month at 4:00 pm. We hope to see all our Spanish Speaking Families become part of our Hispanic Ministry. If you would like to get involved with the Hispanic Ministry, please email Luisa Cenedese [luisaorea@hotmail.com](mailto:luisaorea@hotmail.com)

### REMINDER ON ROAD SAFETY



We would like to remind all parishioners, parents, and guest to follow ALL road signs in the Parish driveway and parking area at all times. Keeping our community accident free and safe is the responsibility of everyone.



HIS LEGACY IS OUR INSPIRATION

*Steve De Jong*

Mr. Steve De Jong has been a very devoted and active member of Precious Blood for many decades, assisting with PREP and various parish groups. For many years, he likewise was the trainer and mentor of altar servers. Steve may have left us, but his legacy of faithful service, kindness, and humility will continue to inspire us for many years to come.

Thank you, Steve for touching our lives.

### RCIA



The RCIA is a year-long journey requiring significant commitment and determination. From September to Easter the following year, the Catechumens (those who are not baptised) and Candidates (those who have been baptised into another Christian faith) regularly attended our weekend masses with the rest of the community. Their presence is a sacramental sign that God is at work in our community, as He continually draws new members to His Church. And week-in-week-out, we witness our RCIA candidates attending mass with the community but were not able to participate fully in the Eucharistic celebration. Their hope and desire are to journey towards Easter celebration, when they will for the first time be able to participate fully in the Eucharistic celebration. The presence of RCIA candidates in our midst reminds the rest of us how precious the Eucharist is, and that we must never take it for granted.

Please call the parish office at 604 574 4363 to register.

### RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN (PREP)



Parents who would like for their child attending the public school to receive the Sacraments must register them in our Parish Religious Education Program or PREP. Our Program requires that children attend and prepare for two complete and consecutive academic years prior to the reception of each Sacrament. The First Holy Communion preparation begins in Level 1 until they received their first Holy Communion before finishing Level 2. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist are received beginning in level 2 and up. The Sacrament of Confirmation requires attendance and preparation also beginning in Level 6 until they receive the sacrament in Level 7. For each of the Sacraments, there is an extra fee, to cover the costs of the ceremonies. For more information, please contact our PREP Coordinator, Rency Soliven at 604 574 4363 or thru email: [prep@pbparish.ca](mailto:prep@pbparish.ca)

## Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth



The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution. Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

Dr. Neufeld's revolutionary yet science-specific approach turns parenting right-side-up, restoring natural intuition to parenting and putting parents back in the driver's seat. This video course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages.

Every Thursday, starting September 21 until October 19, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Cost is \$25. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## Getting Work Right: The Integration of the Contemplative & Active Life

On Saturday, October 21, Dr. Michael Naughton of St Paul, Minnesota, will give free lectures at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission BC on "Getting Work Right: The Integration of the Contemplative & Active Life" and "Good Work: Building and Nurturing a Culture of Subsidiarity" from 10 AM to 3 PM, with an hour and a half break for lunch. For more info, call 604-826-8975. You can get more information by clicking on: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/seminary-of-christ-the-king-lecture>.

## Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well Seminar Series

Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well is a two-part video series examining our "very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying and everlasting life through Eternal Rest." Join us on November 3 and 10 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver as we examine "the origin of death, the after-life, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life." The free video series will be followed by a guided discussion. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## A Time of Grace—Be not Afraid

All are invited to this talk by Fr. Petar Ljubičić, OFM, who has authored several books and has given talks throughout Europe to help people live Our Lady's call to conversion in their lives. He ministered to countless pilgrims in Medjugorje for over a decade, and this is a rare opportunity to hear him. Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842 119 St., Delta. Holy Mass at 6.30 pm; talk at 7.15 pm. For more information, email [angelyndee@hotmail.com](mailto:angelyndee@hotmail.com) or call 604 773-1995.

## 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](https://beholdvancouver.org).

## Spirit Day 2023

Spirit Day is an annual one-day event designed for Grade 7 students of our Archdiocese! It is a celebration of faith designed to awaken the Holy Spirit in young people and get them excited about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The event includes engaging talks from APeX Ministries, praise & worship music, Holy Mass with Archbishop Miller, CSB, as well as skits and other fun bits created and performed by local youth and young adults.

On Saturday, November 4, OR Sunday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Chandos Pattison Auditorium in Surrey. Spirit Day is also open to adult chaperones. Learn more, register as a group, or explore volunteer opportunities at [rcav.org/spiritday](https://rcav.org/spiritday).

## "Being With" Volunteer Training



The Archdiocese of Vancouver and Compassionate Community Care present "Being With" Volunteer Training, a free two-session training to gain the confidence to journey and visit those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, in order to renew their

hope and purpose in life. This practical training session will give you the tools you need to make a difference in someone's life.

On Saturday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock. Registration deadline: Monday, October 25. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## The Twelfth Annual Archbishop's Dinner

The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, & for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters.

On Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Learn more and register at [rcav.org/dinner2023](https://rcav.org/dinner2023).





## 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.



### Ask the Father

Find out more by signing up on [FORMED](https://formed.org). Please visit [formed.org](https://formed.org) and follow the steps below:

1. 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.

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## STILL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS FOR SY 2023 to 2024



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

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