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## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 22, 2023

### Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel reading (see Mt 22:15-21) shows us Jesus struggling with the hypocrisy of His adversaries. They pay Him many compliments – at the beginning, many compliments – but then ask an insidious question to put Him in trouble and discredit Him before the people. They ask him: “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” (v. 17), that is, to pay their taxes to the emperor. At that time, in Palestine, the domination of the Roman Empire was poorly tolerated – and it is understandable, they were invaders – also for religious reasons. For the people, the worship of the emperor, underscored also by his image on coins, was an insult to the God of Israel. Jesus' interlocutors are convinced that there is no alternative to their questioning: either a “yes” or a “no”. They were waiting, precisely because they were sure to back Jesus into a corner with this question, and to make Him fall in the trap. But He knows their wickedness and avoids the pitfall. He asks them to show Him the coin, the coin of the taxes, takes it in His hands and asks whose is the imprinted image. They answer that it is Caesar's, that is, the Emperor's. Then Jesus replies: “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's” (v. 21).

With this reply, Jesus places Himself above the controversy. Jesus, always above. On the one hand, He acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid - for all of us too, taxes must be paid - because the image on the coin is his; but above all He recalls that each person carries within him another image - we carry it in the heart, in the soul - that of God, and therefore it is to Him, and to Him alone, that each person owes his own existence, her own life.

In this sentence of Jesus we find not only the criterion for the distinction between the political sphere and the religious sphere; but clear guidelines emerge for the mission of all believers of all times, even for us today. To pay taxes is a duty of citizens, as is complying with the just laws of the state. At the same time, it is necessary to affirm God's primacy in human life and in history, respecting God's right over all that belongs to Him.

Hence the mission of the Church and Christians: to speak of God and bear witness to Him to the men and women of our time. Every one of us, by Baptism, is called to be a living presence in society, inspiring it with the Gospel and with the lifeblood of the Holy Spirit. It is a question of committing oneself with humility, and at the same time with courage, making one's own contribution to building the civilisation of love, where justice and fraternity reign.

May Mary Most Holy help us all to flee from all hypocrisy and to be honest and constructive citizens. And may she sustain us disciples of Christ in the mission to bear witness that God is the centre and the meaning of life. 18.10.20

### 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
- Surrey Memorial Hospital  
OLGC: 604-581-4141
- Langley Memorial Hospital  
St. Joseph's Parish: 604-534-3303
- Peach Arch Hospital
- Good Shepherd Parish:  
604-831-1162

# Around the Parish

October 22, 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

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2nd Wednesday of the month

#### LEGION OF MARY

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Alex Ramirez – 778.999.3926

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Vera Elbers – elbersv@telus.net

## Parish Schedule

### Mon, October 23

Feast: St. John of Capistrano  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Daisy Cardoza †*

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

### Tues, October 24

Feast: St. Anthony Mary Claret  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Helma Golding*

SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM  
9 - 11 AM, Vestibule

### Wed, October 25

9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Francisco & Elsa Martin †*

PREP PROGRAM  
6:30 - 8 PM, School

### Thur, October 26

9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Francisco & Elsa Martin †*

RCIA PROGRAM  
6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.  
TOPIC: Jesus - Teacher & Saviour  
(By: Julian Borkowski)

### Fri, October 27

9 AM School Mass Intention:  
*Francisco & Elsa Martin †*



2 - 3 PM Holy Hours  
3:30 - 4:30 PM Prayer Vigil for Peace  
in Israel and Gaza

### Sat, October 28

Feast: St. Simon and Jude  
9 AM Mass Intention:  
*Agnes Elbers †*  
4:30 PM Mass Intention:  
*Christine Parks †*

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

### Sun, October 29

9:00 AM Mass Intention  
*Precious Bld. Parishioners*  
11:00 AM Mass Intention:  
*Andrew & Karina Poelstra*

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 22 IS FOR  
EVANGELIZATION OF THE NATIONS. Pls give generously.**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” - Matthew 22:21 Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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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.



### COME SAY HELLO TO NANCY



Let us all welcome our new Parish Secretary, Nancy Mathias. As an active member of Precious Blood Parish since 2011, Nancy served as an Asst. Catechist for PREP, and continues to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, and President of Legion of Mary. With a servant heart, Nancy is looking forward to meeting you and serving our community. Please drop by to say hello to her.

It is Alvin's pleasure too to have served the Parish as its interim secretary for the past 6 months. With a grateful heart, he will resume his role as the Youth Ministry Coordinator starting November 2023.

### 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 hand-made 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 Movie night is next Friday, October 27th! Concession pre-order forms are due back to school on Tuesday! Limited pizza & concession is available the night of. Entrance is by donation & doors open at 5:30pm. Movie night is in the CCS Gym.

Upcoming November Fundraisers: Growing Smiles, Purdys & Neufeld Farms!

### 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 everyone's responsibility.

### POPE FRANCIS CALLS EVERYONE TO A DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL



Pope Francis, at the end of his general audience on Wednesday, announced a day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war.

**To unite with Pope Francis' call for a prayer vigil, our parish community would like to gather for a prayer service on Friday October 27th, from 3:30 to 4:30pm after adoration, at Precious Blood church. All are invited.**

### 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)

## **"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](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **Vocation Live-In**

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 4-5, 2023 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

## **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 afterlife, 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](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

## **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](http://beholdvancouver.org).

## **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.

## **Hallowtide Triduum**



The Hallowtide Triduum consists of All Hallows' Eve (October 31), All Saints' Day (November 1), and All Souls' Day (November 2). This is a time to connect and remember the members of the entire Church – those here on earth, those suffering in purgatory, and those in heaven.

All are invited to a candlelight vigil procession on All Hallows' Eve and to our Masses on All Saints' Day and on All Souls' Day, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery in South Surrey. Learn more at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events).

## **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](http://rcav.org/spiritday).

## **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](http://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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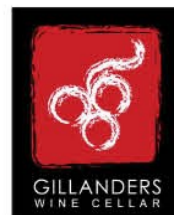
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