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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 29, 2023

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 22:34-40), a doctor of the Law asks Jesus "which is the great commandment" (v. 36), that is, the main commandment of all divine Law. Jesus simply answers: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (v. 37). And he immediately adds: "The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (v. 39).

Jesus' response takes up and joins two fundamental precepts, which God gave his people through Moses (cf. Dt 6:5; Lv 19:18). And so he overcomes the trap that has been laid for him in order "to test him" (Mt 22:35). His questioner, in fact, tries to draw him into the dispute between the experts of the Law regarding the hierarchy of prescriptions. But Jesus establishes two essential principles for believers of all times two essential foundations of our lives. The first is that moral and religious life cannot be reduced to an anxious and forced obedience. There are people who seek to fulfil the commandments in an anxious or forced way, and Jesus helps us understand that moral and religious life cannot be reduced to anxious or forced obedience, but must have love as its principle. The second foundation is that love must strive together and inseparably toward God and toward neighbour. This is one of the main innovations of Jesus' teaching and it helps us understand that what is not expressed in love of neighbour is not true love of God; and, likewise, what is not drawn from one's relationship with God is not true love of neighbour.

Jesus concludes his response with these words: "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (v. 40). This means that all the precepts the Lord has given to his people must be related to the love of God and neighbour.

In fact, all the commandments serve to implement, to express that twofold indivisible love. Love for God is expressed above all in prayer, particularly in adoration. We neglect the adoration of God a great deal. We recite the prayer of thanksgiving, we plea to ask for something..., but we neglect worship. Worshipping God is precisely the heart of prayer. And love for neighbour, which is also called fraternal charity, consists of closeness, listening, sharing, caring for others. And so often we neglect to listen to others because it is boring or because it takes up our time, or we neglect to accompany them, to support them in their suffering, in their trials.... But we always find the time to gossip, always! We do not have time to console the afflicted, but so much time to gossip. Be careful!

The Apostle John writes: "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). This is how we see the unity of these two commandments.

In today's Gospel passage, once again, Jesus helps us go to the living and gushing source of Love. And this source is God himself, to be totally loved in a communion that nothing and no one can break. A communion that is a gift to be requested each day, but also a personal commitment not to let our lives become enslaved by the idols of the world. And the proof of our journey of conversion and holiness always consists in love of our neighbour. This is the test: if I say "I love God" and do not love my neighbour, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbour. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us. But his divine mercy does not allow us to be discouraged, but rather calls us to begin anew each day to live the Gospel consistently.

May the intercession of Mary Most Holy open our hearts to welcome the "great commandment", the twofold commandment of love, which sums up the whole law of God and on which our salvation depends. [25.10.20](#)

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
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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 29, 2023

Weekly Calendar

Volume 44, Issue 49

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.

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Parish Schedule

Mon, October 30

9 AM Mass Intention:
Sylvia Pereira †

SENIORS CARDS

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

Tues, October 31

9 AM Mass Intention:
Hon. Patrick D Dohm †

SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM

9 - 11 AM, Vestibule

Wed, November 01

Feast: All Saints
9 AM Mass Intention:
Joao Faria † & Manuel Macedo †

PREP PROGRAM

6:30 - 8 PM, Auditorium

Thur, November 02

Feast: All Souls
9 AM Mass Intention:
Francisco & Elsa Martin †

RCIA PROGRAM

6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.
TOPIC: THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND,
THE TRINITY (By: Fr. Rey)

Fri, November 03

Feast: St. Martin de Porres
9 AM School Mass Intention:
Gizelle & Marcel Paulus †
6:30 PM Mass Intention:
Francisco & Elsa Martin †

MOM's & TOT's

9:30 - 12 Noon, Cenacle &
Columbus Rms.



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

3 - 6:15 PM Exposition

Sat, November 04

Feast: St. Charles Borromeo
9 AM Mass Intention:
Francisco & Elsa Martin †
4:30 PM Mass Intention:
Rosana Ruiz

LEGION OF MARY MTG.

9:30 - 12:00 PM,
Cenacle Rm.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

1 - 3 PM, Columbus Rm.

Sun, November 05

9:00 AM Mass Intention
Precious Bld. Parishioners
11:00 AM Mass Intention:
Lazarus Aaron Poelstra

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 5, IS FOR PETER'S PENCE. This collection supports concerns of the Pope for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”
-Matthew 22:37 Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride. ©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 Aucoin & all who have asked for our prayers... May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Dear Parishioners,

God is good all the time!

I just returned from a pilgrimage to Egypt and Jordan. Israel was originally in the schedule but because of the conflict and tension between the Israeli government and Hamas our group were not able to enter Israel.

Nonetheless, it was such a joy for me to travel alongside 80+ pilgrims. Before we left, I prayed that I will be given the inspiration to know and see the vision God wants me for Precious Blood parish. Truly, God answered the prayers for each one of us in a unique way. Each person had a unique experience of God's presence.

What a joy it was for couples to have their marriage blessed at a Mass in Mt. Nebo Church in Jordan. We were thrilled also to renew our baptismal promises at the Jordan river, the same river where Jesus was baptized. (see pics). Each of the pilgrims has their own unique and beautiful experience of God's love. That He is real and wants to have a loving relationship with us His children. In all of this, we realized that: ALL IS GRACE!

I also remember to pray for all of you in all the churches or holy sites we visited. And thank you for praying for our safety while we were away.

Have a blessed week.

Father Rey



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 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 handmade items and would like to share your talents, craft tables will be available for rent at \$45 ea. Email Lucia Borkowski at lucia-borkowski@gmail.com for a form.

ETERNAL REST: THE ART OF DYING SEMINAR SERIES

Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well is a four-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 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 9:45 – 10:45 in the morning (or after the morning Mass) at the Bushey Room in the Parish Centre 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.



CCS PARENT FUND RAISING GROUP

Christmas is less than 2 months away! Get ready with 2 of our favorite fundraisers: Growing Smiles - Order now until November 10th!

<https://cloverdalecatholic.growing-smilesfundraising.com/home>

Purdy's Chocolates - Order now until November 25th! <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1346165->



SAINT JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY



Representatives from Saint John Paul II Academy, the newest Catholic Secondary School, will be at Precious Blood Parish after the 11:00 Mass, on Sunday, November 12th, to share with parishioners information about the present school and a progress report on the new permanent campus being built in South Surrey. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this important initiative to promote Catholic Education in our Archdiocese.

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.

Interview with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, on The Canadian Church Leaders Network (CCLN) Podcast

Archbishop Miller, CSB, was recently interviewed on The Canadian Church Leaders Network (CCLN) Podcast. *"In this conversation, we had the privilege of interviewing Archbishop Michael Miller. [Host Jason Ballard] and Archbishop Miller engaged in a captivating discussion, delving into the journey that eventually brought the Archbishop to Vancouver. Archbishop Miller generously shared his experience in overseeing seventy diverse parishes and navigating different challenges, including criticism. He also offered profound insights into the process of nurturing future priests and shared valuable resources on prayer, silence, and solitude from sages within the Catholic tradition. We hope you are encouraged in your own journey of prayer, leadership, and following Jesus in today's contemporary landscape."*

Listen to the full episode at ccln.ca/podcast/2023/archbishopmichaelmiller.

Springs of Living Water

Springs of Living Water is a mediation talk on the Eucharist by Fr. Patrick Le. It will be preceded by morning Mass at 8:00 a.m. and the praying of the Rosary. All are welcome! Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. On Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Parish in Maple Ridge. Learn more at 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

Catholic Prison Ministry Volunteer Support and Development Day

This event is for volunteers and anyone who is interested in learning more about the Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. There will be a presentation on Trauma Informed Care, with time for reflection and a keynote address by Archbishop Miller.

On Saturday, November 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey. Free and open to all aged 19 and above. Lunch will be provided. Registration deadline: Thursday, November 16. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

Community Dinner (Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom)

Join us for an interfaith dinner with the communities of the Archdiocese of Vancouver and Temple Shalom, which serves as a venue for engaging in dialogue and bldg friendships.

Rabbi Dan Moskovitz and Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will engage in conversation about their journey to spiritual leadership, followed by a table discussion about your own "origin" story. On Thursday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom in Vancouver. Cost is \$36. All are welcome! Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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



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