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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

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.

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



Letter of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to the People of God

Dear sisters, dear brothers,

As the proceedings of the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops draw to a close, we want to thank God with all of you for the beautiful and enriching experience we have lived. We lived this blessed time in profound communion with all of you. We were supported by your prayers, bearing with you your expectations, your questions, as well as your fears. As Pope Francis requested two years ago, a long process of listening and discernment was initiated, open to all the People of God, no one being excluded, to “journey together” under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, missionary disciples engaged in the following of Jesus Christ.

The session in which we have been gathered in Rome since 30 September is an important phase of this process. In many ways it has been an unprecedented experience. For the first time, at Pope Francis’ invitation, men and women have been invited, in virtue of their baptism, to sit at the same table to take part, not only in the discussions, but also in the voting process of this Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Together, in the complementarity of our vocations, our charisms and our ministries, we have listened intensely to the Word of God and the experience of others. Using the conversation in the Spirit method, we have humbly shared the wealth and poverty of our communities from every continent, seeking to discern what the Holy Spirit wants to say to the Church today. We have thus also experienced the importance of fostering mutual exchanges between the Latin tradition and the traditions of Eastern Christianity. The participation of fraternal delegates from other Churches and Ecclesial Communities deeply enriched our discussions.

Our assembly took place in the context of a world in crisis, whose wounds and scandalous inequalities resonated painfully in our hearts, infusing our work with a particular gravity, especially since some of us come from countries where war rages. We prayed for the victims of deadly violence, without forgetting all those who have been forced by misery and corruption to take the dangerous road of migration. We assured our solidarity and commitment alongside the women and men all over the world who are working to build justice and peace.

At the invitation of the Holy Father, we made significant room for silence to foster mutual listening and a desire for communion in the Spirit among us. During the opening ecumenical vigil, we experienced how the thirst for unity increases in the silent contemplation of the crucified Christ. In fact, the cross is the only cathedra of the One who, having given himself for the salvation of the world, entrusted His disciples to His Father, so that “they may all be one” (John 17:21). Firmly united in the hope brought by His Resurrection, we entrusted to Him our common home where the cries of the earth and the poor are becoming increasingly urgent: “Laudate Deum!” (“Praise God!”), as Pope Francis reminded us at the beginning of our work.

And now? We hope that the months leading to the second session in October 2024 will allow everyone to concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communion indicated by the word “synod”. This is not about ideology, but about an experience rooted in the apostolic tradition. As the Pope reminded us at the beginning of this process, “communion and mission can risk remaining somewhat abstract, unless we cultivate an ecclesial praxis that expresses the concreteness of synodality (...) encouraging real involvement on the part of each and all” (October 9, 2021). There are multiple challenges and numerous questions: the synthesis report of the first session will specify the points of agreement we have reached, highlight the open questions, and indicate how our work will proceed.

To progress further in synodal discernment, the Church particularly needs to gather even more the words and experience of the ordained ministers: priests, the primary collaborators of the bishops, whose sacramental ministry is indispensable for the life of the whole body; deacons, who, through their ministry, signify the care of the entire Church for the most vulnerable. She also needs to let herself be questioned by the prophetic voice of consecrated life, the watchful sentinel of the Spirit’s call. She also needs to be attentive to all those who do not share her faith but are seeking the truth, and in whom the Spirit, who “offers everyone the possibility of being associated with this paschal mystery” (Gaudium et Spes 22, 5), is also present and operative.

“The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the Church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission. It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium” (Pope Francis, October 17, 2015). We do not need to be afraid to respond to this call. Mary, the first on the journey, accompanies our pilgrimage. In joy and in sorrow, she shows us her Son and invites us to trust. And He, Jesus, is our only hope!

Vatican City, October 25, 2023

Around the Parish

November 05, 2023

Weekly Calendar

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Parish Schedule

Mon, November 06 9 AM Intention of <i>Wilhelmiena Janssens</i>	SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm.
Tues, November 07 9 AM Intention of <i>Wilhelmiena Janssens</i>	SSVDP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 10 - 11 AM, Vestibule
Wed, November 08 9 AM Henry Khoo †	PREP PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Auditorium
Thur, November 09 Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9 AM <i>James Campbell</i> †	RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.
Fri, November 10 Feast: St. Leo the Great 9 AM <i>James Campbell</i> †	9:00 AM - CCS SCHOOL MASS
Sat, November 11 Feast: St. Martin of Tours 9 AM Frank Duff † & LOM Members † 4:30 PM <i>Roy Macleod</i> †	LEGION OF MARY MTG. 9:30 - 12:00 PM, Cenacle Rm.
Sun, November 12 9 AM Intention of <i>Wilhelmiena Janssens</i> 11 AM Pushpa Dongre †	UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

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.

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

On this first Sunday of November, we can now look at the closing of our liturgical year at the end of this month. During this month, with the twin celebration of All Saints and All Souls Days, the Church uses this period of time to think of the end of our earthly lives and our transition into life eternal, as we focus our prayers this month for those who have died, with hopes for a new life in heaven for them, as well as our own desire to join them there one day.

November gives us much to ponder indeed. A healthy and sober reflection on death and dying just may give us a fresh new perspective on life and the choices we make. We all have an innate fear that death is simply the end. But the soul, the animating energy of the body, negates this idea. So our celebration of All Souls Day is also an opportunity to reflect on the concept of the soul itself.

I invite you to come and participate every Wednesday of the month of November to a discussion and fellowship as we watch the four-part film series about death, dying and everlasting life from a Catholic perspective entitled **"Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well"**. We will meet after the morning Mass at the Bushey Room in the Parish Centre. Coffee and simple snacks will be served during the film showing.

Have a blessed week!

Father Rey



"We welcome to our parish community Zoe Amari Festejo, who was baptized last October 28, 2023. Congratulations!"

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 for a form.



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/1346165-108021>



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 Cath-

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.

Catechists' Evening with Archbishop Miller

Come and join the hundreds of catechists in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this annual event where Archbishop Miller will honour, celebrate, thank, commission and give his annual exhortation to those involved in the catechetical ministry: PREP, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC), CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Vanspec, Youth Ministry (YM), Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and Lay Formation.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Program includes testimonies, a Mass of Commissioning, recognition of first-time catechists, and reception. Cost is \$5. On Friday, November 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Vancouver. Registration deadline: Monday, November 13. Register at beholdvancouver.org/events

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.

Marriage Conference Weekend Getaway

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity in partnership with Family Life Canada, designed exclusively for married couples within the Archdiocese of Vancouver! The Weekend Getaway is not your typical retreat; it's a marriage conference thoughtfully crafted to enrich and invigorate your relationship. Whether you're seeking a chance to reconnect, rebuild a strong foundation, or rekindle the flames of romance, this retreat offers it all. For some, it may even serve as a fresh start, and for a few, it could be the weekend that renews and saves a marriage. No matter where you currently stand in your relationship journey, this retreat promises to be a memorable experience. The atmosphere is welcoming, relaxed, and infused with joy. You'll hear from real couples navigating life together in alignment with God's wisdom. There will also be ample time for reflection and the opportunity to work together in building a joyful marriage that will withstand the test of time. From Friday, November 10, to Sunday, November 12, at Fairmont Chateau in Whistler.

Registration: The conference fee is typically \$299, but with the promo code "RCAV," you can secure your spot for just \$199. Accommodations at Fairmont Chateau Whistler can be booked separately. Registration deadline: Monday, November 6, at 9:00 a.m. Learn more and register at 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.

Life Compass Workshop Retreat for Men

This retreat workshop aims to help men eradicate passivity and build life purpose and meaning. This workshop is facilitated by Brett Powell and his son, Jacob. On Saturday, November 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Holy Grounds Coffee House on the campus of St. Patrick's Parish in Maple Ridge. Space is limited to 50. Enjoy early bird rate until Wednesday, November 8. Learn more and register at buildmylifecompass.com

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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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