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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 12, 2023

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters, good afternoon!

This Sunday's Gospel passage (Mt 25:1-13) invites us to prolong the reflection on eternal life that we began on the occasion of the Feast of All Saints and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Jesus recounts the parable of the ten virgins invited to a wedding feast, symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Jesus' time it was customary for weddings to be celebrated at night; so the procession of guests took place with lit lamps. Some bridesmaids are foolish: they take their lamps but do not take oil with them; instead, the wise ones take the oil with them together with their lamps. The bridegroom is late, late in coming, and they all fall asleep. When a voice alerts them that the bridegroom is about to arrive, the foolish ones, at that moment, realise that they do not have oil for their lamps; they ask the wise ones for some, but they reply that they cannot give any oil, because there would not be enough for them all. While the foolish virgins go to buy oil, the bridegroom arrives. The wise virgins enter the banquet hall with him, and the door is closed. The others arrive too late and are turned away.

It is clear that with this parable, Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for His coming. Not only the final coming, but also for the everyday encounters, great and small, with a view to that encounter, for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works. As the apostle Paul says, the faith that truly unites us to Jesus is, "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6). It is what is represented by the behaviour of the wise virgins. Being wise and prudent means not waiting until the last moment to correspond to God's grace, but to do so actively and immediately, starting right now. "I... yes, I will convert soon"... "Convert today! Change your life today!" "Yes, yes, tomorrow". And the same thing is said tomorrow, and so it never arrives. Today! If we want to be ready for the final encounter with the Lord, we must cooperate with Him now and perform good deeds inspired by His love.

We know that it happens that, unfortunately, we forget the purpose of our life, that is, the definitive appointment with God, thus losing the sense of expectation and making the present absolute. When one makes the present absolute, he or she looks only to the present, losing the sense of expectation, which is so good, and so necessary, and also pulls us away from the contradictions of the moment. This attitude - when one loses the sense of expectation - precludes any view of the hereafter: people do everything as if they will never depart for the other life. And so people care only about possessing, of going about, establishing themselves... And more and more. If we allow ourselves to be guided by what seems most attractive to us, of what we like, by the search for our interests, our life becomes sterile; we do not accumulate any reserve of oil for our lamp, and it will be extinguished before the Lord's coming. We must live today, but a today that goes towards tomorrow, towards that coming, a present full of hope. If, on the other hand, we are vigilant and correspond to God's grace by doing good, we can serenely await the bridegroom's coming. The Lord will be able to come even while we are sleeping: this will not worry us, because we have the reserve of oil accumulated through our daily good works, accumulated with that expectation of the Lord, that He may come as soon as possible and that He may come to take us with Him.

Let us invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy, that she may help us to live an active faith, as she did: it is the shining lamp with which we can pass through the night beyond death and reach the great feast of life. [08.11.20](#)

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

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.

Around the Parish

Weekly Calendar

November 12, 2023

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

Parish Schedule

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| Mon, November 13 9 AM Intention of <i>Susan & Anita Yap</i> | REMEMBRANCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED |
| Tues, November 14 — NO MASS — (Clergy Study Week) | SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 10 - 11 AM, Vestibule SSVP MONTHLY MTG 12 - 2 PM, Cenacle Rm PEC MTG. 7 - 9 PM, Cenacle Rm. |
| Wed, November 15 — NO MASS — (Clergy Study Week) | PREP PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Auditorium |
| Thur, November 16 — NO MASS — (Clergy Study Week) | RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm. (TOPIC: The People of God - The Christian Community) |
| Fri, November 17 — NO MASS — (Clergy Study Week) | Memorial: St Elizabeth of Hungary |
| Sat, November 18 9 AM Brenda Tria † 4:30 PM Otto † Daryl † & Ashley † | LEGION OF MARY MTG. 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Cenacle Rm. |
| Sun, November 19 9 AM Salvacion Novelo Zipagan 11 AM Intention of Rick & Camile Maceda 4 PM Hispanic Mass | UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross HISPANIC MINISTRY MIGRANT WORKERS' DINNER, 3:30 - 8:00 PM, Columbus Rm. |

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 19th, IS FOR HOME MISSIONS. This collection supports the work of missionaries in communities throughout the country that are in need

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IS IN DANGER IN THE HOLY LAND

Christianity in the Holy Land made about 20% of the whole population 70 years ago. NOW they are less than 1.0%.

It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost, as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons.

THE WAR RIGHT NOW MADE BETHLEHEM AND OTHER AREAS SIEGED PLACES, THUS MOST CHRISTIAN FAMILIES COMPLETELY LOST ALL THEIR INCOMES.

These religious articles sold at your **Parish Bazaar** can be used as gifts for first communions, Christmas and other occasions.

Please note that **ONLY CASH, E-TRANSFER, OR CHEQUES** are accepted as payment at this time.

Thanks again for your support, and God Bless.

Holy Land Group

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.

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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!



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.

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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.

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

CATHOLIC EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

We are thrilled to invite you to be a part of our upcoming **Catholic Educators Conference** as a valued vendor partner that will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2024**, at the prestigious **Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, BC**. Our event promises to be a fantastic platform for showcasing and promoting your products and services to a diverse and engaged audience.

Here's why you won't want to miss this opportunity:

- **Exposure:** With the Catholic Educators Conference set to attract a large crowd of over 1500 attendees, your brand will gain maximum exposure
- **Networking:** Connect with our 46 schools, potential clients, and fellow vendors to establish valuable business connections
- **Promotion:** Benefit from our extensive marketing efforts that will promote your presence before, during and after the event

Innovation: Showcase your latest products and innovations to a captivated audience

For more information on how to become a vendor and sponsor of the event, please visit the following link: <https://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024>

Don't miss the chance to be a part of something truly special and grand. Your presence at the 2024 Catholic Educators Conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board!

Best regards,

CPC Breakfast Fundraiser Announcement

Catholic Pacific College would like to invite you to our Breakfast Fundraiser hosted at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Monday morning, December 4. There will be Mass at 8am in the parish, and the program will begin at 9am. Our guest speaker is Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett, a member of our Board of Governors and Program Director for Faith Communities at Cardus. Fr. Deacon Andrew is a fantastic speaker and I know you will enjoy the morning program we have lined up. We will have live Sacred Advent Music, student testimonies, and a word from our founder, Tom Hamel. Tickets are \$30 each. Tables hold 6 people,





CANADIANS FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Save the Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 6:30 pm (Eastern Time) Virtual Event

Join us for an exploratory conversation with:

- Most Reverend Michael Miller, csb, Archbishop of Vancouver
- Sr. Elizabeth Davis, rsm, Sisters of Mercy, Newfoundland
- Ms. Catherine Clifford, Theologian, St. Paul University, Ottawa

The Catholic Church's synodal process has already undergone diocesan, national, and continental stages. It will culminate in two global assemblies at the Vatican. The first will take place Oct. 4–28 and the second in October 2024 to advise the pope on the topic "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." October 2023 session will be carried out in a synodal style ensuring a continuing fruitful process of discernment to be completed in the second session in October 2024. Proposals on how we can grow as a synodal Church will then be presented to the Holy Father.

This virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn from Canadian participants: an archbishop, a religious sister, and a lay woman. They will describe their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged.

Technical requirements for virtual attendance:

Computer or device with internet access, microphone and speakers or headphones with microphone; and an email address to receive invitation to the sessions.

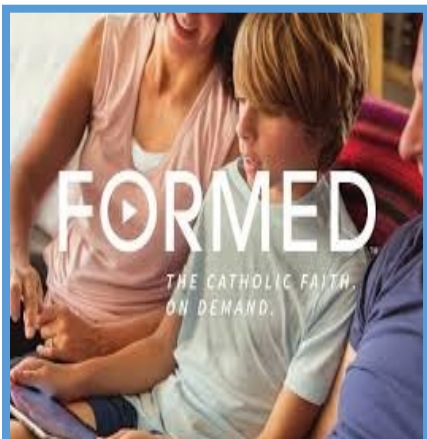
To register, <https://www.galileecentre.com/virtual-events/canadians-for-a-synodal-church/> or email the office at info@galileecentre.com.



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://www.formed.org). Please visit [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and follow the steps below:

1. Click on Sign-up.
2. Click Sign-up as a parishioner.
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4. Enter your first and last name, and your email.
5. Finally, click Sign-up.

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mass or pre-order from Earl (604-576-6306 / ecoatta@telus.net) if you want to pick up at the Parish Office. See available cards at <https://pbparish.ca/gift-card-fundraising-program>.

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