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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 19, 2023

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good afternoon!

On this next to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents us the well-known Parable of the Talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). It is part of Jesus' discourse on the end times, which immediately precedes His passion, death and resurrection. The parable describes a rich gentleman who has to go away and, foreseeing a long absence, entrusts his property to three of his servants: to the first he entrusts five talents; to the second, two; to the third, one. Jesus specifies that the distribution is made "each according to his ability" (v. 15). The Lord does so with all of us: He knows us well; He knows we are not all equal and does not wish to favour anyone to the detriment of the others, but entrusts an amount to each one according to his or her abilities.

During the master's absence, the first two servants are very busy, to the point of doubling the amount entrusted to them. It is not so with the third servant, who hides the talent in a hole: to avoid risks, he leaves it there, safe from thieves, but without making it bear fruit. The moment comes for the master's return, who calls the servants to settle accounts. The first two present the good fruit of their efforts; they have worked and the master praises them, compensates them and invites them to partake in his feast, in his joy. The third, however, realizing he is at fault, immediately begins to justify himself, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours" (vv. 24-25). He defends his laziness by accusing his master of being "hard". This is an attitude that we have too: we defend ourselves, many times, by accusing others. But they are not at fault: the fault is ours; the flaw is ours. And this servant accuses others, he accuses the master in order to justify himself. We too, many times, do the same. So the master rebukes him: he calls the servant "wicked and slothful" (v. 26); he has the talent taken from him and has him cast out of his house.

This parable applies to everyone but, as always, to Christians in particular. Today too, it is very topical: today is the Day of the Poor, where the Church tells us Christians: "Extend a hand to the poor. Reach out a hand to the poor. You are not alone in life: there are people who need you. Do not be selfish; reach out a hand to the poor. We have all received from God a "heritage" as human beings, a human richness, whatever it may be. And as disciples of Christ we have also received the faith, the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and so many other things. These gifts need to be used to do good, to do good in this life, in service to God and to our brothers and sisters. And today the Church tells you, she tells us: "Use what God has given you and look at the poor. Look: there are so many of them; even in our cities, in the centre of our city, there are many. Do good!"

At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, to come out of ourselves and look, look at those who have more need. There is so much hunger, even in the heart of our cities; and many times we enter into that logic of indifference: the poor person is there, and we look the other way. Reach out your hand to the poor person: it is Christ. Some say: "But these priests, these bishops who talk about the poor, the poor.... We want them to talk to us about eternal life!". Look, brother and sister, the poor are at the centre of the Gospel; it is Jesus who taught us to speak to the poor; it is Jesus who came for the poor. Reach out your hand to the poor. You have received many things, and you let your brother, your sister die of hunger? [15.11.20 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

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

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EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)
Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:45 PM
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RCIA (Catechism for Adults)

September to May
Parish Office - 604.574.4363
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Parish Schedule

Mon, November 20 9 AM Frankie Jansen †	SENIORS CARDS 10:30 - 2:30 PM, Columbus Rm.
Tues, November 21 Feast: Presentation of Mary 9 AM Intention of Brenda Krivozoff	SSVP FOOD DIST. PROGRAM 10 - 11 AM, Vestibule
Wed, November 22 Memorial: St Cecilia 9 AM Rene Valmayor Quiaoit †	PREP PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Auditorium
Thur, November 23 9 AM Intention of Anne Yam	RCIA PROGRAM 6:30 - 8 PM, Bushey Rm.
Fri, November 24 Memorial: St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions 9 AM Intention of Mieszko Krol	9:00 AM—CCS SCHOOL MASS MOM's & TOT's 9:30 - 12 Noon, Cenacle & Columbus Rms.
Sat, November 25 9 AM Intention of Charlaine Francis 4:30 PM Ernesto Arce Sanchez †	LEGION OF MARY MTG. 10:00 - 11:30 AM, Cenacle Rm.
Sun, November 26 Feast: Christ the King 9 AM Intention of Precious Blood Parishioners 11AM Erin Hannah Samuel David †	UKRAINIAN MASS, 2PM by Exul. of the Holy Cross

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THIS 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.

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%.

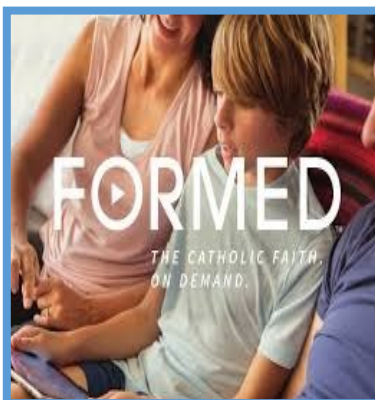
It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost, as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons.

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.

Your Eternal End



Find out more by signing up on **FORMED**. Please visit 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.

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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<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2023-cloverdale-catholic-school>

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR

ROBERT JEREMY PATRIE at the Evangelist chapel, Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey on November 20th, 2023 at 11am

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

Catholic Prison Ministry Volunteer Support and Development Day

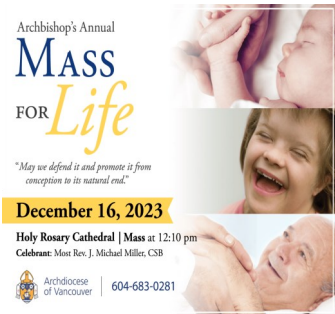
This event is for volunteers and anyone who is interested in learning more about the Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. There will be a presentation on Trauma Informed Care, with time for reflection and a keynote address by Archbishop Miller.

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

Advent Retreat: Choose the Better Part

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this event a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season. Registration is only \$25, offering you a chance to delve into spiritual reflection, strike the perfect balance between contemplation and action, and foster connections within our Catholic community. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life



Archbishop's Annual
MASS
FOR *Life*

"May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end."

December 16, 2023

Holy Rosary Cathedral | Mass at 12:10 pm
Celebrate: Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB

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Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field.

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.

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- **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,



St. Matthew's Parish Hall
16079 88 Ave. Surrey

CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE
catholiccpacific.ca/fundraiser
Register by Nov 27

TEXAS BRUNCH

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

MASS @ 8AM - PROGRAM @ 9AM - KEYNOTE @ 9:45AM

Monday, December 4 • More info: 778-869-1167

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Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett | Student Testimonies | Live Advent Music



PRECIOUS BLOOD ADVENT BAZAAR SAT. NOVEMBER 25 9 AM - 2 PM



Join us for our annual Parish Bazaar. We are looking forward to gathering together as a parish and school community!!



We hope that you encounter Jesus in a very special way, and that you invite Him into your hearts during a season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Please come and visit with our wonderful parish groups. Enjoy a meal with your fellow parishioners and school friends and get a start on your Christmas shopping with lots of beautiful handmade items.

ADMISSION BY DONATION (cash or non-perishable food item) to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your support!

- Welcome Table by The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Knights of Columbus All Day Breakfast
- St. Theresa's Circle Baked Table
- Legion of Mary
- Pro-Life
- Children's Games & Concession by PREP & Youth Ministry
- Charity Tree hosted by Children's Liturgy
- Craft Tables of Handmade Items
- Religious Items
- CCS Student Crafts
- CCS Used Uniform Sale
- Performance by the Cloverdale Catholic School Choir at 11:30 AM
- Poinsettia/Wreath sales and Raffle supporting Cloverdale Catholic School's Parent Fundraising Group



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