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Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas | December 31, 2023

Pope Francis' Mass Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good afternoon!

On this first Sunday after Christmas, we are celebrating the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the Gospel invites us to reflect on the experience lived by Mary, Joseph and Jesus, as they grow together as a family in mutual love and in trust in God. The rite performed by Mary and Joseph, in offering their son Jesus to God, is an expression of this trust. The Gospel states: “they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22) as Mosaic Law required. Jesus’ parents go to the Temple to attest that their son belongs to God and that they are the guardians of his life, and not the owners. And this leads us to reflect. All parents are guardians of their children’s lives, not the owners, and they must help them to grow, to mature.

This gesture emphasizes that God alone is the Lord of individual and family history; everything comes to us from him. Each family is called to acknowledge this primacy, by protecting and educating children to open themselves to God who is the very source of life. From here passes the secret of inner youth, paradoxically witnessed to in the Gospel by an elderly couple, Simeon and Anna. The elderly Simeon, in particular, inspired by the Holy Spirit, says in regard to the Child Jesus: “this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against [...] that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed” (vv. 34-35).

These prophetic words reveal that Jesus has come to tear down the false images that we make of God and also of ourselves; to “speak against” the worldly certainties on which we insistently rely; to make ourselves “rise” to a true human and Christian journey, founded on the values of the Gospel. There is no family situation that is precluded from this new journey of rebirth and resurrection. Each time that families — even those that are wounded and marked by frailty, failures and difficulties — return to the source of the Christian experience, new roads and unexpected opportunities open.

Today’s Gospel narrative recounts that when Mary and Joseph “had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew” — the Gospel says — “and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him” (vv. 39-40). Children’s growth is a great joy for the family, we all know it. They are destined to grow and become strong, to acquire knowledge and receive the grace of God, just as happened to Jesus. He is truly one of us: the Son of God becomes a child, agrees to grow, to become strong; he is filled with knowledge, and the grace of God is upon him. Mary and Joseph have the joy of seeing all this in their son; and this is the mission to which the family is directed: to create conditions favourable to the harmonious and full growth of its children, so they may live a good life, worthy of God and constructive for the world.

This is the wish that I offer all the families today, with the accompanying invocation to Mary, Queen of the Family.

[31.12.17](#)

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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CATECHISM

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

September to May
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Parish Schedule

Mon, January 01

9:00 AM Intention of
Precious Blood Parishioners
11:00 AM

Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God

Tues, January 02

6:30 PM Mark Siu †

6:30 PM Mass (no morning mass)

Wed, January 03

9:00 AM Nora Bawasanta †

Thur, January 04

9:00 AM Berna Bradley †

Fri, January 05

9:00 AM Mark Siu †
6:30 PM Remedios Blas †



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

3:00 PM Exposition

6:00 PM Benediction

Sat, January 06

9:00 AM Mark Siu †
4:30 PM Roy Macleod †

Cenacle Rm: 10 am Legion of Mary

Sun, January 07

9:00 AM Mark Siu †
11:00 AM Bill Kehler †
Gordon Aucoin †

Solemnity: Epiphany of the Lord
11:00 AM Installation Mass of Fr Rey



“If Jesus were to be born today, he would be born under the rubble in Gaza. When we glorify pride and richness, Jesus is under the rubble. When we rely on power, might and weapons, Jesus is under the rubble. When we justify, rationalize, and theologize the bombing of children, Jesus is under the rubble. Jesus is under the rubble. This is his manger. He is at home with the marginalized, the suffering, the oppressed and the displaced. This is his manger.”

Reverend Munther Isaac, the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem.

The Chalking Of The Doors Epiphany Blessing of Our Home



It is in the home that the first experience of love occurs, it is there that love is nurtured and grows to maturity. The Christian home is also the ground for much of people's spiritual growth.

The ministry of Jesus occurs in many different homes. Therefore, to hallow the home as an environment for nurture and renewal, is a deeply felt need by many Christian households. The blessing of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others.

C M B above the door, also stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

"Chalking the door" or the door step may be used as a way to celebrate and literally "mark" the occasion. In the Old Testament the Israelites were told to mark their doors with the blood of the lamb on the night of the Passover to ensure that the angel of death would pass them by. Deuteronomy 6: 9 says that we shall "write (the words of God) on your heart, and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."

Sign of the Cross (+)

Instructions: Take (blessed) chalk (of any colour) and mark on the lintel of your front door 20 + C + M + B + 24 saying:

20 + C + M + B + 24

Leader: The three Wise Men,

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar, followed the star of God's Son who became human

20 two thousand

24 and twenty-four years ago.

++ May Christ bless our home

++ and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

All: Our Father...

Pray together: Loving God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Sign of the Cross (+)

May the grace and peace of Baby Jesus, Prince of Peace, abundantly bless your homes, your families, and all your intentions this Christmas Season and the New Year 2024!



INSTALLATION MASS OF FR. REYNALDO USMAN As Pastor of Precious Blood Church

January 7th, 2024 at 11:00 am
Main Celebrant: Most Reverend J Michael Miller
(Archbishop of Vancouver)

All are welcome

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 UPDATE

PARISH GOAL: **\$75,000**

Donors to date: **174 donors**

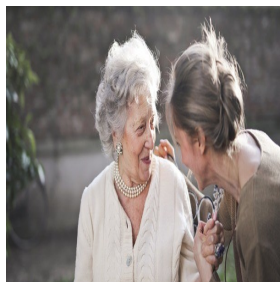
Raised so far: **\$71,700.00**



Donate at the Parish office, or

online at <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/>

Spiritual Care Training Program



Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care.

The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

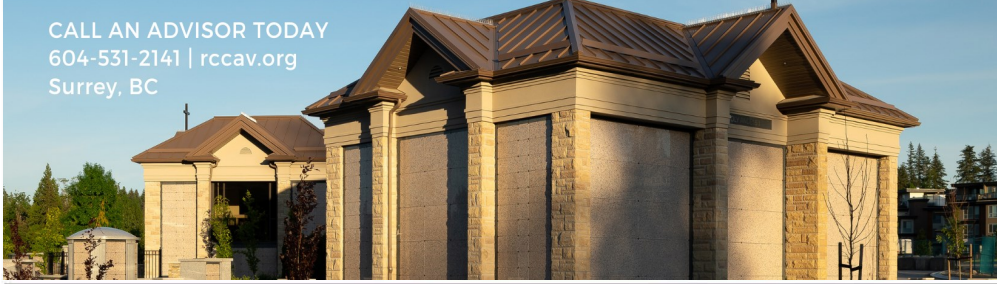
Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

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