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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 22nd October 2023**

***'Give to God what belongs to God'***

Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world.

The **First Reading** teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The **Psalmist** calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The **Gospel** message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that our first duty is to serve God, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can **pray for the rulers and leaders of our world**, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in **how we can serve God best**.

## MASS TIMES

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 9 am & 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am & 11 am

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday  
& Thursday - 9 am  
Tuesday & Friday - 7 pm

### Sacrament Of Confession

Saturday 9.30 am - 10am  
4 pm - 4.30 pm  
or by appointment

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

### Tuesday To Friday

10:00am - 4.30pm  
Lunch Break 12pm - 1pm

### Saturday

10.00am - 12:00 noon

**Office is closed on  
Monday**

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In his intention for October 2023, Pope Francis prays:  
For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

## Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

### Altar Servers Ministry

### Be The Light Ministry

Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

### Catechetical Ministry

PREP Winnie Bernardo

### Catholic Women's League

President : Cecile Cartago

### Knights Of Columbus

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### Legion Of Mary

Fidel Carolino

### Ministry Of Hospitality

Coordinator: Jose Cruz

### Ministry Of Lectors

Coordinator: Armando Cordova

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Dr. Audrey Zylmans  
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### Project Advance Team

Art & Violet Tonido  
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### Building Committee

Theo Vanden Hoven

### Fund Raising Committee

Ruth & Jeric Alvarez

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

**BAPTISM:** Call the parish office to register for the Baptism Preparation Course. This is for parents and godparents. It is held every 1st Saturday of the month from 1pm to 3pm. Baptism is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements are to be made through the pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date. A marriage preparation course is a requirement of the Archdiocese. Secure a spot at all Marriage Prep courses. Go to registration webpage: <http://rcav.org/m-prep/>

**CONVALIDATION:** If your marriage was not celebrated as a Sacrament and you wish your marriage to be recognized by the Church, then call the parish office to make an appointment to see **Fr. Jack**

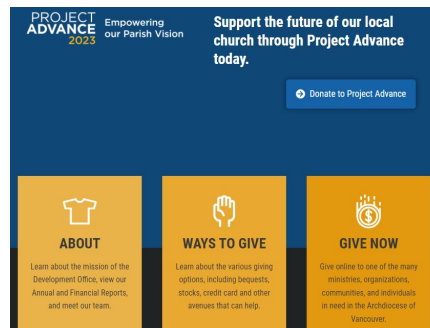
**ANointing OF THE SICK :** Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

**FUNERALS:** Please contact the office before making any arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Did you know, Catholics can "offer" Mass?

We do so for multiple reasons such as thanksgiving, for another person/s such as a birthday, graduation or wedding anniversary or as is most common, for the repose(peace) of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Offering envelopes are available at the back of the Church

## Parish & Archdiocesan Events



[For More Details](#)

### Bequest Clause The bequest can be added to your existing Will as codicil...

"I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver, incorporated under a special Act of Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and whose offices are located in Vancouver, British Columbia, for the benefit of **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH** 244 Lawrence St. New Westminster, BC V3M 5L1 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_% of the estate, or the total of the residue of the estate."

### 1. This Is a Time of Grace: A Talk by Fr. Petar Ljubičić, OFM

**Fr. Petar Ljubičić** will talk about the importance of the Mass, Eucharist, Confession, and the Rosary, as well as how to live Our Lady's messages of conversion in our daily lives. Sponsored by The Ave Maria Centre of Peace in Ontario, the talk will be preceded by Mass at 6:30 p.m. and followed by Q&A and prayers for healing.

**Fr. Petar** has been a Franciscan priest for 51 years and lived more than a decade in Medjugorje, ministering to thousands of pilgrims from around the world. He has authored several books to help people live out Our Lady's call to conversion in their daily lives. He travels extensively throughout Europe to speak at religious gatherings and, for the first time, will be speaking across Canada.

**Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023 6:30 PM.**

[Free - All Are Welcome](#)

**Location - Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842-119th Street, Delta , BC**

### 2. "Being With" Volunteer Training

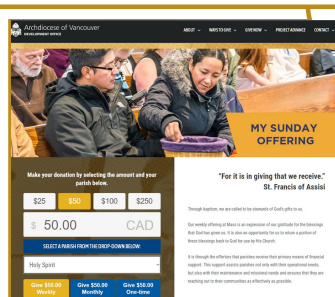
- The Archdiocese of Vancouver and Compassionate Community Care present "Being With" Volunteer Training, a free two-session training to gain the confidence to visit and journey with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick, or dying, in order to renew their hope and purpose in life. This practical training session will give you the tools you need to make a difference in someone's life.

[Join Via Zoom](#)

[Register here For Free](#)

**Registration deadline: Monday, October 25**

- Location** Star of the Sea Parish Centre ,15262 Pacific Ave. White Rock, BC V4B 4A8



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## Novena To Saint Francis

NOVENA  
TO  
SAINT  
FRANCIS  
.....  
DAY FOUR:  
HUMILITY



**What a person is before God, that he is and no more.  
(Admonition XX)**

### Reflection

“What a person is before God, that he is and no more.”

This is perhaps the most powerful thing that Francis of Assisi ever said. Thomas of Celano recorded it, and Saint Bonaventure wrote that Francis repeated this saying frequently.

In August of 1967, I was introduced to this saying during a retreat before I entered the novitiate (a year-long type of boot camp). In some way, I have been reflecting on it during 50 years of Franciscan living.

With no disrespect to Francis, I think we could add “and no less” to the end of the quote above. Unfortunately, some people think that they can grow in virtue only if they lie to themselves. For example, with some frequency, you hear individuals try to deflect a compliment by saying “But the mashed potatoes were a little lumpy” or “I could have done better if only . . .” (usually identifying something beyond the person’s control).

In his novel *David Copperfield*, Charles Dickens shows that humility can be easily counterfeited. The character Uriah Heep is extremely proud of being “very ‘umble, living with a very ‘umble mother in a very ‘umble house.” Eventually, however, Uriah is exposed as an extremely greedy man.

Living honestly before God always carries over into living honestly with other people and in one’s own eyes.

### Saint Francis on...

**Humility:** “Humility, patience, perfect simplicity, and true peace of heart are all its aim, but above everything else it desires the fear of God, the divine wisdom and the divine love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”

### Prayer

**God of all mercy, you know how easily we get confused about the virtue of humility, very often worrying that if we grow in that virtue other people will take advantage of us. Help us to be humble enough always to tell ourselves the truth at the deepest level and live it out.**

## Saints for October

### Saint Paul of the Cross - Oct 20



Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ’s passion. Paul saw in the Lord’s passion a demonstration of God’s love for all people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ’s passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ’s passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.

### Reflection

Paul’s devotion to Christ’s passion must have seemed eccentric if not bizarre to many people. Yet it was that devotion that nurtured Paul’s compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was one of the most popular preachers of his day, known for both his words and his generous acts of mercy.

**Saint Paul of the Cross** is the Patron Saint of: **Hungary**

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

## CLP - Talk 4 : Loving God And Neighbor



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

**cordially invites you to attend  
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

**Every Saturday at 7:00pm  
September 23 to November 11, 2023  
Holy Spirit Church  
244 Lawrence St., Queensborough,  
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### Mission

*Holy Spirit Parish is a community demonstrating that God is known and loved through living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ taught by the Roman Catholic Church through Word, sacrament and service with certain hope that all who repent and believe will have eternal life*

### Vision

1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.
2. We see a parish generously caring for each other with our time, treasure and talents.
3. We see a parish with relevant, active and well-led ministries that are mission-oriented.
4. We see a new parish hall built in the next 3-5 years that serves as a gathering space for parishioners to learn, connect, grow and celebrate our faith.







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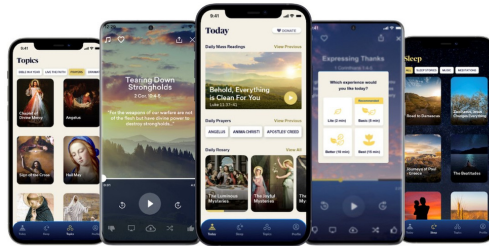
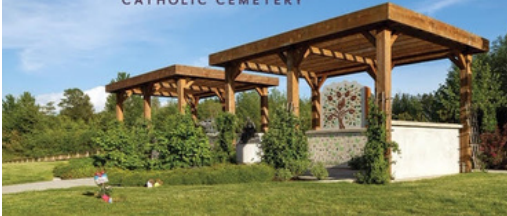
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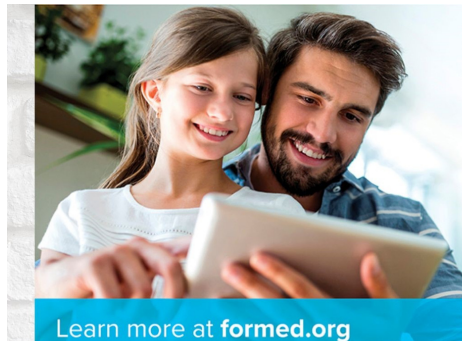
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