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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 29th October 2023

'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'

The readings for this week invite us to consider how to live as followers of Jesus in our communities and in our world.

In the **First Reading**, God speaks to the people of Israel about how they should treat the oppressed and down-trodden, in order to please God.

The **Psalm** reminds us that we can only live the lives that God wants by relying on him: he is our rock, our strength, our saviour, our mighty help.

St Paul writes to the Thessalonians that we should all be imitators of the Lord, in the joy of the Holy Spirit (**Second Reading**).

In the Gospel, **Jesus asks us to express the love of God that fills our hearts, our souls and our minds, by treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves.** We find in others the image of the God who is love.

This week, **we pray for and with our sisters and brothers in so many parts of the world who yearn for peace and justice. We ask especially that God will help us to grow in love of him and of one another, and that we might more and more recognize Christ Jesus in our midst, especially in those who are suffering.**

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.

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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**

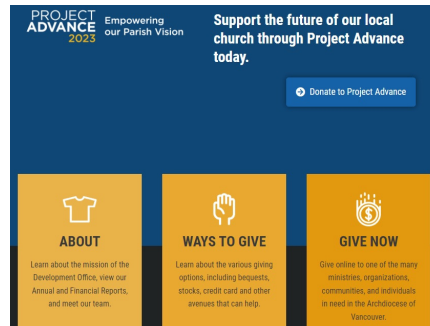
ANointing OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

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



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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. I Am With You: Fall Lecture Series

Free - All Are Welcome

Join Via Zoom

About this Event - The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research presents I Am With You, a free online lecture series on supporting women and families through pregnancy and beyond. All are welcome! Registration is free!

Location Online via Zoom - Next Event Date Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023 5:00 PM

2. Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Free - All are welcome

About this Event - The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is an unforgettable educational experience featuring:

A historical panel exhibit depicting Church-approved miracles of the Eucharist, including recent ones from Poland, Mexico, Venezuela and Buenos Aires

Eucharistic Adoration and veneration of a first-class relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis during exhibit hours

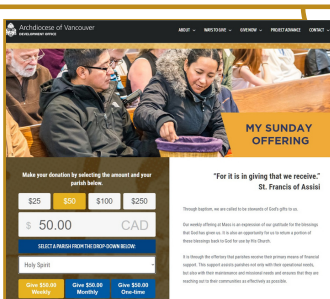
Replica from Spain of the Santo Cruz (Holy Cup of Valencia)

Viewing room with DVD on Blessed Carlos Acutis

Location St. Luke's Parish, 20285 Dewdney Trunk Rd. Maple Ridge, BC V2X 3C9

Full schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, November 1 6 – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 2 to Saturday, November 4 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



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**Almighty, eternal, just and merciful God,
Grant us in our misery that we do for your sake
What we know you want us to do, and always
Want what pleases you;
So that, cleansed and enlightened interiorly and
Fired with the ardor of the Holy Spirit,
we may be able to follow in the footsteps
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Letter to a General Chapter)**

Reflection

The Holy Spirit will always cleanse and interiorly enlighten us if we allow that to happen. We often sense where the Spirit is trying to lead, and then we counter with a more “realistic” approach—but always for what we say are very noble motives!

The Holy Spirit must empty us of whatever is opposed to God in order to fill us with the grace to live up to our God-given dignity. We frequently resist the Spirit’s promptings because we feel that something superhuman is being asked of us.

Few words compare in power to calling an individual “unrealistic.” In fact, saints are the only genuine realists! Was Saint Francis being more realistic when, as a young man, he was the “life of the party”—thanks to his father’s money—or when Francis was caring for men and women suffering from leprosy? Was he more realistic when he avoided solitude or when he made his peace with it?

Only a Spirit-filled man could refuse to become bitter after the opposition that Francis faced. In one of his Admonitions, he warned the friars not to think that by praising the saints they could excuse themselves from the continuous conversion that every saint experiences.

Prayer

God the Father, when you created the first human being, you breathed your Spirit into it and gave it a life unique among all the creatures you had already made. Help us not to crowd out your Spirit by things that we consider more important, not to fear that your Spirit might ask of us something far beyond our strength. To you be all power, honor, and glory.

Pat McCloskey, OFM

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Couples For Christ - Christian Life Program - 21st October, 2023



Next Session 5 - The Christian Family - 28th October - 7pm

Saints for October Saint John Paul II - Oct 22



“Open wide the doors to Christ,” urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978.

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol’s promising academic career at Krakow’s Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an “underground” seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland’s University of Lublin. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later.

Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome’s main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria.

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul’s ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

“Christ is the center of the universe and of human history” was the opening line of John Paul II’s 1979 encyclical, Redeemer of the Human Race. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as “a witness to hope.”

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that.

One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II’s pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson’s disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

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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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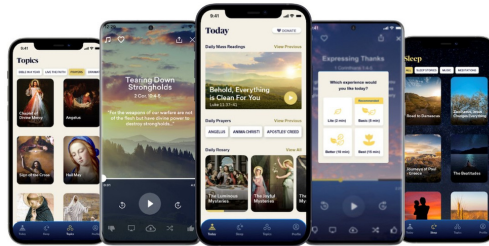
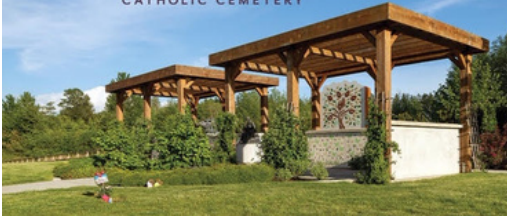
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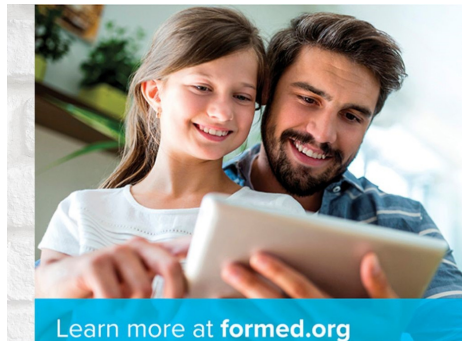
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