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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 5th November 2023

“Did not one God create us?”

In our readings today, we hear how easy it is for human pride and laxity to diminish or even falsify God's message. Instead, let us follow the invitation to honour God in humility, sincerity and truth.

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Malachi does not mince his words. His message is hard-hitting: the priests are reproached for their spiritual negligence and failure to instruct the people properly, as well as for their half-hearted service of God.

Religious leaders are also criticised in the Gospel. Jesus castigates their hypocrisy: they are more concerned with drawing attention to themselves and exploiting their social position, rather than committing themselves to the message they preach. This type of self-aggrandisement and pride is the exact opposite of what the followers of Jesus should aspire to. Jesus himself is our role model: he teaches us that the route to leadership is through service of God in all things.

In contrast, **the Second Reading** presents Paul as a truly devoted pastor: enthusiastic, hard-working, full of love for his people; endlessly sharing the living word of God with this community. To follow Christ is to serve him humbly; and humility, together with complete trust in God, is the theme of today's Psalm.

Let us pray this week: Lord God, you are both Father and Mother to us. We beg you: help us to be sincere and joyful in our practice of faith and prayer; to serve you in our daily lives; and to be even more alert and awake to your presence in nature all around us. We also pray with all our hearts for that peace which this world cannot give.

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In his intention for November 2023, Pope Francis prays:
He asks the faithful to “Pray to the Lord that He will bless me,”
saying, “Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and
to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit.”

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

Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

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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**

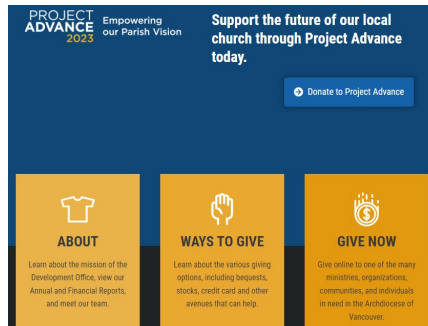
ANointing OF THE SICK : Call the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick at home.

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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[Free - All Are Welcome](#)

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1. I Am With You: Fall Lecture Series

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

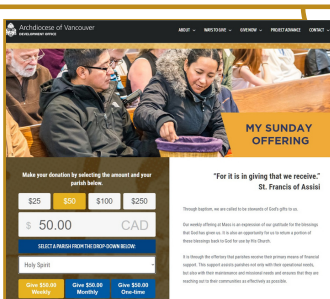
Replica from Spain of the Santo Cruz (Holy Cup of Valencia)

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:

- Sunday, November 5 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



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Novena To Saint Francis

NOVENA
TO
SAINT
FRANCIS
.....
DAY SIX:
PEACE



**You are holy, Lord, the only God
And your deeds are wonderful.**

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High,

You are almighty.

**You, holy Father, are
King of heaven and earth.**

You are Three and One,

Lord God, all good.

You are Good, all God, supreme Good,

Lord God, living and true.

(Praises of God)

Reflection

Approximately 100 years after Saint Francis died, Dante Alighieri wrote *The Divine Comedy*, in which we read, "In his [God's] will is our peace." Francis' strong affirmation of the Trinity is possible only because God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are never in competition with one another. No one's goodness takes anything away from the goodness of the other two persons of the Trinity.

We frequently think in zero-sum terms: Every piece of a pie you cut for yourself means there is that much less for me. This guarantees jealousy—and a constant appeal to someone else's actions to explain my own.

Over time, Saint Francis knew exactly who he was before God, and thus he never felt threatened by anyone else's success. He also trained himself—and tried to train the friars—not to become angry because of someone else's sins.

One of life's ironies is that we are very slow to claim credit for the only thing for which we are fully responsible: our sins.

Prayer

**God of justice and peace, very often we are tempted
to accept a counterfeit peace: individually or
collectively imposing our will on other people. Show
us how to live in such a way that we can honestly say
at ever-deeper levels and with greater conviction,
"In your will is our peace."**

Pat McCloskey, OFM

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**Couples For Christ Talk # 6 - Empowered by the Holy Spirit
04th November - 7pm - All are welcome**

Saints for November

**The Story of the Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed - Nov 2**



The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity.

"If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

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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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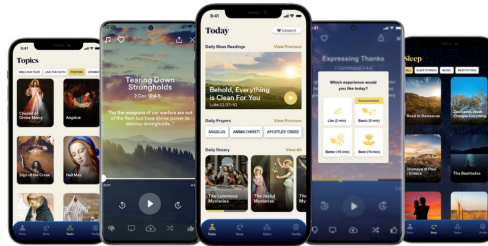
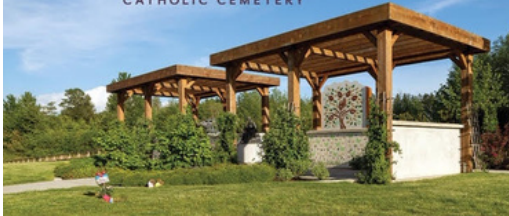
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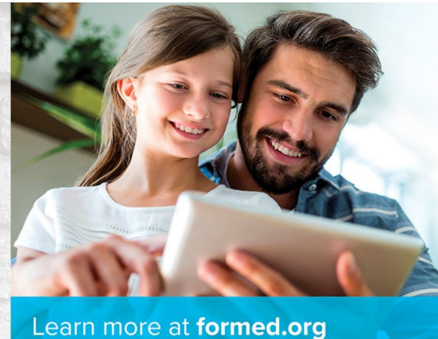
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