

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A, 26th November 2023 'iViva Cristo Rey!' ('Long live Christ the King!')

The scripture texts of this solemnity, on the last Sunday of the Church year, sum up what we have been reading, listening to, and pondering all year. We have watched as Jesus taught, healed, freed, consoled, and reached out to all. From birth to death, and in his glorified life, he was the visible presence of the Father's kingdom of love on earth.

The **Second Reading** gives us a picture of Christ's kingship. St Paul reassures the church at Corinth that, despite the direst of circumstances, all earthly rule and authority will give way to Christ. When God's enemies, including sin and death, are destroyed, then all will be alive in God. How we need such a message in today's world!

The **Psalm** tells us that God, Shepherd and King, has such authority that we can safely feast, even within sight of our enemies. With him, we shall never be in want.

The **First Reading**, from the prophet Ezekiel, also contains the theme of shepherd. Though judge, the shepherd is one who serves. Jesus picks up this theme in the Gospel, but now he is found not only in the one who serves the poor, but also in the poor themselves. Both readings reveal a divine bias, if we can say such a thing – against those who would exploit, and for those who are exploited.

The response to '¡Viva Cristo Rey!' ('Long live Christ the King!') is '¡Que viva!' ('He lives!'). Let's pray that Christ the King will live in me; will live in my actions this coming week. Amen.

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



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."

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Parish Ministries, Organization & Services

Altar Servers Ministry

Be The Light Ministry Coordinator: Noli Pangilinan

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Catholic Women's League President : Cecile Cartago

Knights Of Columbus Robert Yang

Legion Of Mary Fidel Carolino

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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

1. Mrs Antonia Pelizzari funeral Mass will be on Friday, Dec 1st at 10:30: AM Prayers will be on Thursday, Nov 30th at 7pm. She was an active, long-term parishioner.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ, Amen.

2. Knights Of Columbus - Pancake Breakfast 26th November, 2023





The Knights of Columbus will be holding a pancake breakfast this Sunday, November, 26th, - the Feast of Christ the King - in the Parish Centre, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. The menu will include all the usual Filipino dishes.

KofC 62nd Annual Charity Appeal is on-line with a chance to win Toyota Ra4 Hybrid with prizes totalling \$100,000. Funds raised goes to local charities in BC.
Tickets are 1 for \$5, 10 for \$25 and 50 for \$50.

<u>Please go to Knights of Columbus BC Charity Foundation 50/50 Raffle and click on the poster to</u> <u>purchase tickets and click on Holy Spirit.</u>

3. The **Legion of Mary in our Parish**, is inviting members to join them after the Saturday 9:00 AM Mass in the Parish Centre every week. Anyone who is 18 years of age or older with a desire to serve Mother Mary is also warmly invited and indeed encouraged to Join them.

For more information please contact :

Bro. Fidel at 604 374 4429 fidelcarolina@gmail.com or Sis. Mida at 778 865 5929.

4. There will be **Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** on 1st Friday of December. 6:30pm Adoration followed by Holy Mass at 7pm



Three Minutes with God: Finding Peace

The greatest mistake we humans often make is to become upset and lose our peace. We lose our peace because we want, at any price, to change the people around us. How many married people become agitated and irritated because they would like their spouse not to have this or that fault? The Lord, however, counsels us to bear with patience the faults of others, to try to maintain inner peace. Remember, God is working on that person, and God is being very patient. So, I must pray for that person, be patient with him or her, and be at peace. And hopefully that person is being patient with me.

Maintain Your Peace

"And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"—Matthew 6:27

We are all familiar with the adage **"Haste makes waste."** Well, it's true. Yet we always seem to be in a hurry, especially if you are a Type-A personality like I am. And sure enough, we often trip over ourselves. Don't be in such a hurry that you lose your inner peace. It's bad for your physical and mental health. Whatever you're trying to do, it's not as valuable as you and your peace of soul. I try to repeat to myself the counsel of St. Francis de Sales: "Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset." For the next few hours, don't lose your inner peace for anything. Begin now. And begin again if you fall away from that peace.

Prayer:

Lord, give me the grace to trust in your divine plan in all things. Amen.

A Heart at Peace

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."—Philippians 4:6-7

I think that sometimes good people are too hard on themselves. Their real fault is that they let their inner peace slip away. Big mistake! Without God's peace we begin to allow demonic thoughts of how bad we are beat us up. The solution comes from this advice from St. Francis de Sales: "Keep your heart open and always in the hands of Divine Providence, whether for great things or small, obtain for your heart more and more the spirit of gentleness and tranquility. The more we abandon ourselves trustingly into his providence will his providence work for us."

Prayer: Lord, you are the master of peace. You hold my life in your hands, and your love for me is infinite. Let me never doubt your ways and trust always in your Divine Providence. Amen.

Monsignor Frank Bognanno

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Couples For Christ Talk # 8 - Transformation In Christ November 18

Saints for November

Saint of the Day for November 30th

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.



He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

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Mission

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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

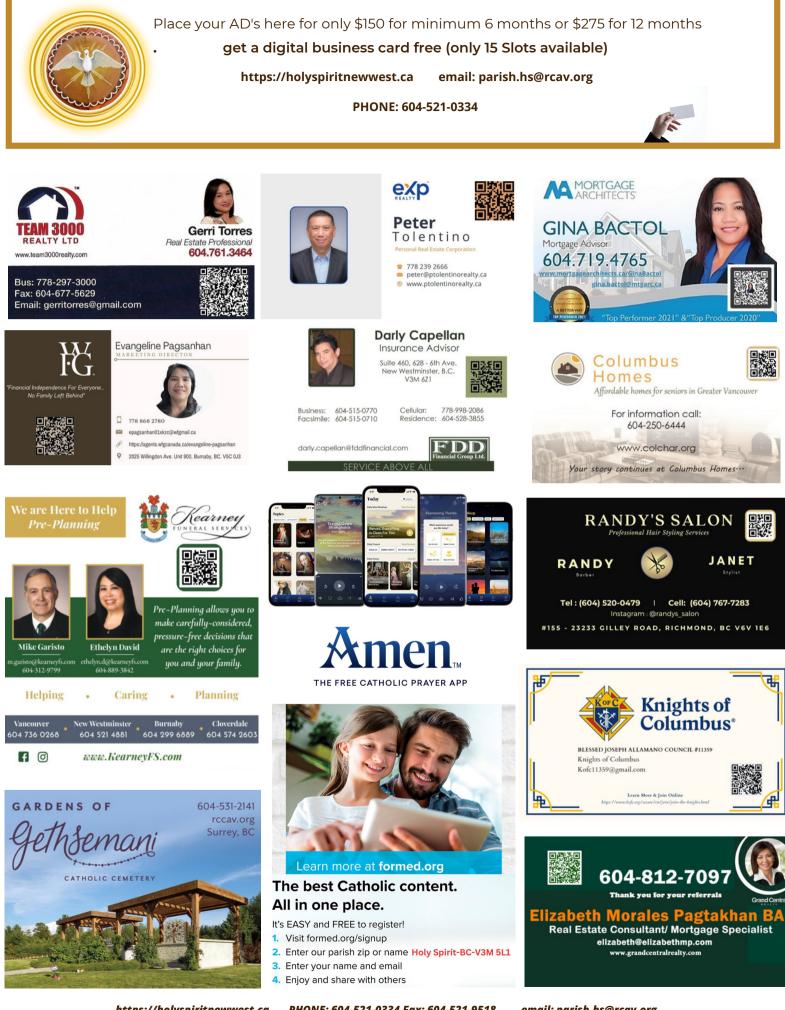
1. We see a parish that is diverse, Spirit-filled and vibrant, joyously worshipping together.

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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