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WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, please be sure to register, complete the registration form and get Sunday donation envelope.

Registration forms are available at the Information Centre, or at the Church entrance.

If you are moving from the parish, changing address, or phone#, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Last Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 11am.

PREPARATION

Baptism Class is required for Parents and Godparents, offered on the 2nd *Wednesday* of the months of January, March, May, September, and November @ 7pm.

Requirements must be all completed before attending the Baptism Class.

Contact Parish Office to register.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday –
10am to 12pm & 1pm to 4pm

MASS TIMES

Weekends –

Saturday 5pm (anticipated)
Sunday 9am, 11am & 4pm

Weekdays –

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:15 am

Tuesday 6pm

Friday 9am

First Friday 9am & 6pm

Saturday 9am

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Wednesday after 8:15am Mass

School Mass Wednesday 9:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30am – 10:30am
in the church

MARRIAGE

Contact Father Joe through the Parish Office at least six months before making any plans.

FUNERALS,

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK,
COMMUNION FOR ELDERLY,
AND HOUSE/CAR BLESSINGS**
Contact Father Joe anytime.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parish Religious Education Program
(P.R.E.P.)

Classes on Sundays for Grades 1 to 7 & Post-Con, 10:30am to 12pm, from September 2022 to June 2023.

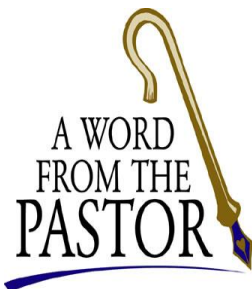
For more information, please contact Ana Alayan @ 604.872.2900.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

Non-Catholic adults who desire to join the Catholic Church and also Catholics who wish to deepen their faith.

Every Thursday, 7pm to 8:30pm from September 2022 to June 2023.

For more information, please contact parish office @ 604.327.2824.



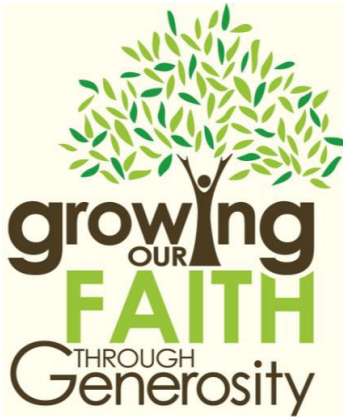
Today in our parish, we celebrate Commissioning Sunday. Those who are to serve as Catechists and Teachers will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Those who are involved in the parish liturgical ministries will also be commissioned.

Today, we not only highlight the work of Catechists and Teachers in our parish and school, but we too acknowledge the Parents and Guardians who are truly the primary Catechists of their children.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect seriously on our roles, by virtue of our Baptism, in sharing our faith and being witnesses to the Gospel always.

Let us celebrate Commissioning Sunday as we dedicate ourselves to serve our parish community. Together, we embark on a journey of faith and service.

+ *Father Joe*



We need to follow God's example and show grace to our neighbor.

When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume that person needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times, we have done wrong and gotten off free. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness, nor rejoice in their miseries. We become envious of others because of our lack of

generosity of heart. Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control, and dare not pass judgment on, the way God blesses others, only rejoice that He does so, just as He blesses us.

We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each of us to our own ministry and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. Our call to God's vineyard is a free gift from Him for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given by God. We should express our gratitude to God by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our blessings with the needy, and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

We need to practice generosity. We can be generous in the way we give someone encouragement and a kind word when that person is feeling down, even though that person might not be one of our best buddies. We can be generous in the way we give of our time to help someone going through a rough patch. When someone says something that offends us, we can be generous in our reaction, sympathize and understand, rather than give back the hostility or injury just as it was given to us. When we believe we have been unfairly treated, we can be generous in our willingness to reach out, make amends and restore friendships. When someone really annoys us and gets under our skin, we can be generous with our patience and kindness, dealing with that person in a way that reflects the generous nature of God.

Excerpt from Radio Vaticana on Liturgical Reflections

**PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL 2023
"EMPOWERING OUR PARISH VISION"**

Update as of September 17, 2023

Total Number of Pledges: **217**

Total Amount of Pledges: **\$ 59,175**

THANK YOU to all parishioners who have generously made a gift to Project Advance.

Parishioners' Participation



- Parishioners who have Donated
- Parishioners who have not yet Donated

What's Happening



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Or maybe you still need to receive all of your Sacraments of Initiation?

Information Night

**Thursday, September 28, from 7pm to 8:30pm
in the church basement**



Although our current parish audio system is still functioning, it is over 25 years old and is showing its age. Multiple band-aid solutions have been done through the years to correct distorted sound, mic breakdowns and intermittent buzzing and loud feed-back.

In the hopes of the system overhaul to take it to the 21st century, the **gam Group of the St. Andrew's Parish Music Ministry**, in cooperation with the Cebuano Society of BC, will hold **A MASQUERADE NIGHT** on **Saturday, October 14 @ St. Patrick's Gym (located at 2881 Main Street, Vancouver)** Tickets can be purchased from the parish office. Any assistance you may extend to the success of the evening will be greatly appreciated.



A **PAULINE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR** on **Tuesday, September 26** in the church basement (til 8pm). Parishioners are welcome! It offers teachers, students and their families a wonderful selection of resources that highlight and reinforce our Catholic beliefs and values from Pauline Books & Media, the publishing house of the Daughters of St. Paul. The Book Fair selections include: Board books, Catholic Fiction, Coloring & Activity books, Bible stories, Saint biographies, Comic books (also known as graphic novels), Prayer books, Parent and teacher resources. Accept Cash, Visa, Mastercard and Debit. A portion of the net proceeds would go to St. Andrew's School.



SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY IS FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH

Please support and be a part in this wonderful project of evangelization and faith throughout Canada. Through your contribution, you too can collaborate with the bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern. Thank you for your support.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 08, 2023

Mon Sept 25

8:15 am Lk 8:16-18 Severino Emnacen (*Thanksgiving*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)

Tue Sept 26 Lk 9:23-26 **St. Jean De Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues**
6 pm Vilma Flores (*RIP*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)

Wed Sept 27 Lk 9:1-6 **St. Vincent De Paul**
8:15 am Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Rodolfo Caringal (*RIP*)
Rosario Edano (*Thanksgiving*)

9:30 (*School Mass*)
Thurs Sept 28 Lk 9:7-9
8:15 am Urcina Dullaga (*RIP*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)

Fri Sept 29 Jn 19:47-51 **Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
9 am Elisea & Lino Javier (*RIP*)
Estrella Leorente (*RIP*)

Sat Sept 30 Lk 9:43b-45 **St. Jerome**
9 am Stephanie Ward (*Thanksgiving*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
5 pm Maria & Elias Vicente Sr. (*RIP*)
Bobstil Occeno (*RIP*)

Sun Oct 01 Mt 21:28-32 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9 am Perry Arcilla (*Thanksgiving*)
Cecilia Mangubat (*Thanksgiving*)
Galileo Marasigan (*RIP*)
11 am Sinocruz Family (*Thanksgiving*)
Irene Borja (*RIP*)
4 pm Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Aurelio Sagayaga (*RIP*)
All Parishioners

Mon Oct 02 Mt 18:1-10 **The Holy Guardian Angels**
8:15 am Ma. Lourdes Chan (*RIP*)
Marcelina Magtibay Claveria (*RIP*)

Tue Oct 03 Lk 9:51-56
6 pm Leonarda Destura (*RIP*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)

Wed Oct 04 Lk 9:57-62 **St. Francis of Assisi**
8:15 am Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Rodolfo Caringal (*RIP*)
Nilo Galorport (*RIP*)

9:30am (*School Mass*)
Thurs Oct 05 Lk 10:1-12
8:15 am Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Realiza Nunez (*Thanksgiving*)

Fri Oct 06 Lk 10:13-16
9 am Joseph Cruz (*Thanksgiving*)
John Evans & Lori Maciel (*Thanksgiving*)
6 pm Sebastiao De Silva (*RIP*)
Pablo Jimenez (*RIP*)

Sat Oct 07 Lk 10:17-24 **Our Lady of the Rosary**
9 am Aurelio Sagayaga (*RIP*)
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
5 pm Silvestre Lacerda (*RIP*)
Cherry Galorport (*Thanksgiving*)
Jimenez Family (*Thanksgiving*)

Sun Oct 08 Mt 21:33-43 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9 am Maria Lo (*RIP*)
Pacifico Estillore (*RIP*)
Lorna Falloran (*Thanksgiving*)
Robert Padernilla (*Thanksgiving*)
11 am Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
Hamlin & Solon Brito (*RIP*)
4 pm CWL Celebrants
Urbana San Jose (*RIP*)
All Parishioners

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS –



ALL OF THE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Kathie Coll, Merlita Dayrit, Reynaldo & Cynthia Dela Cruz, Lorna Delos Santos, Cindy Ferrer, Elisa Mohammed, Kristina Moser, Linda Navalta, Josie Taboada, Katherine Tomei, and John Topp.



ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ESPECIALLY: DANIEL JOSE DE SOUSA BOTELHO. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD... AND MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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AT A GLANCE

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

On the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, **September 30**, join us in honouring the Indigenous experience. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY COURSE

Sessions are every other Thursday evening **beginning Oct. 5** and **ending Nov. 16** from 7pm - 8pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$100. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS AND MISSION IN A SECULAR AGE

What is the role of traditional Christianity in a region noted for its lack of traditional religious belief or attendance at church? The annual Carr Lecture at St. Mark's College, Vancouver, will be on **October 11** at 7pm. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ADDICTION: FROM PORNOGRAPHY TO SEXUAL TRAFFICKING

This talk addresses not only changing bad habits but also how pornographic consumers contribute to the sexual trafficking industry. On **October 12**, 7pm at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. No registration required. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND - MARRIAGE HELP

Repair and rekindle your relationship! The program consists of one weekend retreat on **October 13-15** and six Sunday afternoon follow-up sessions. For confidential information or to register, visit helpmy marriage.ca.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION – FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
For people living on the margins ~ We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



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