

A Room Filled with Treasure – Mary Ellen Smajo,

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You showed me a room filled with treasure,
precious, priceless,
and told me it was mine;
I marveled:
what a gift!
such abundance!
a comfort to have it,
but what would I do with it?
then I knew it:
I could give it away...
You interrupted, insisted “This is yours.”

“I can’t give it away?” I asked.

“Beloved heart,
this is yours;
you’ve already given it away.”
And so it is with all we give
in Jesus’ name:
God remembers,
indeed has received
every gift Himself,
for all we gave
was given to
God-in-disguise,
whether or not
we noticed
or knew it;
God, in love, has saved each gift we gave,
priceless, precious treasure in God’s sight.

Infant Loss Awareness Mass with Archbishop Miller

October 15 is National Infant Loss Awareness Day. On that day, we remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honour them, Archbishop Miller will be celebrating Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special Mass on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey.



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus says, there is *no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able afterward to speak evil of me.* By our baptism we are called to prophecy, and to share the good news of salvation.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In our first reading, Joshua protests to Moses that two men who were not present when the Spirit of God came and rested upon the elders should not be prophesying. In the second reading, James tells us what happens to the things of this world.

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Today’s Readings:

1st: Numbers 11.25-29

Psalm: 19

2nd: James 5.1-6

Gospel: Mark 9.38-45, 45, 47-48

PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**

CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY
MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

NOVENA TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA
& BENEDICTION

BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH UPDATES

Parish Anniversary – We give thanks to God for many blessings in our parish. We graciously welcome Bishop Stephen Jensen of Prince George, Sarah Hall and Amy Kwan who created the art glass windows. We also welcome Kevin Skrenka, the installer. May God bless us all!

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KUDOS -- Parish Ministry Fair: *Embracing Stewardship as a Way of Life* – Our first fair was a success. Thanks to all for your talents and time. We look forward to next year's fair.

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PREP and RCIA – For those who has missed the registration, you can still enroll in these faith formation programs. Please contact the parish office for more information.

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Religious articles – A visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth from Belarus (Eastern Europe) will be here on Friday, October 12, before and after the morning Mass to promote their items of devotion. Your purchase helps to support their works and mission. Check the notice board for more info.

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Thanksgiving Sharing – Let us celebrate our THANKSGIVING by donating to the Richmond Food Bank. Our parish is accepting non-perishable food and canned goods until October 4th in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. Place your donation in the box provided. RFB also accepts monetary donation. Thank you and God bless you!

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy.” We have met our Archdiocesan commitment of \$25,000. THANK YOU for all our pledgers. We need others who have yet to make a gift to respond to the appeal. The rebates will help to recover expenses for the new sound system in the hall and the repairs of the church roof. Our parish total goal is \$75,000. Please see one of our Project Advance volunteers. God Bless YOU!

You may also make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca anytime.

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Archbishop's Dinner 2018—

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. at Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Reception at 6 p.m. Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds of the Seventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner to help the Archdiocese meet the costs of its intensive and comprehensive formation program for our future permanent deacons, along with the continuing education of those already ordained. Your donation and support will ensure well-trained ministers to bless our parishes, serve the poor, and contribute to the Church's presence in hospitals, First Nations communities, ports, and ecumenical gatherings, among many other places. Purchase tickets today at rcav.org/dinner2018.

Prayers of the Faithful—For our Archbishop and for all the bishops of our country, that, inspired by the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, they empower and support the young in being witnesses to Christ for the Church and for society.

ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES

Men's Hostel in need of men's socks and underwear—We are so thankful for the many gifts of socks and underwear, but did you know we have a real shortage of another clothing item we don't often talk about – **belts!** Please bring them to the Men's Hostel at 828 Cambie Street Downtown, or at John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Thank you for helping our guests be comfortable. We appreciate your gifts of clothing and your including our ministry in your prayers.

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Stewardship Awards 2018—The Archdiocesan Award for Stewardship honours members of the laity who have provided exceptional service toward our Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals in time, talent or treasure to their parishes or the archdiocesan Church as an example of outstanding, Christian stewardship. Awarded every 3 years, recipients exemplify lives of gratitude and generosity and their lives are outstanding examples of “Stewarding God's Gifts” in our community! Please submit your nominations to <http://rcav.org/stewardship-award-nomination/> by October 5, 2018. Awards will be presented at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, **Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver.** All faithful are invited to attend. For more info. please contact stewardship@rcav.org

Stewardship Reflection

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Mass Intentions

Sep. 30– Oct. 6, 2018

Mon, Oct 1—	Estelita Revita (TG)
Tue, Oct 2—	Danilo Rubin (RIP)
Wed, Oct 3—	9am, Cesar Rubin Sr (RIP) 7pm, Lala Revita (TG)
Thu, Oct 4—	P Choy (RIP) John L S (RIP)
Fri, Oct 5—	Aida & Alma (TG)
Sat, Oct 6—	9:30am, Fay D'Silva (TG) 5pm, Rev James Wan (INT)