

Stewardship of Our Parish: *Continue to Give Generously*

As COVID-19 continues to change the way the world interacts, we see parishes across North America responding creatively and finding new ways to minister. As parishioners who are charged with exercising good stewardship of our parishes, how are we supporting the ministries of our parish communities? More succinctly, how are we responding to our parishes with our giving practices?

We have a need to give, a need that is expressed through our love for Christ and his Church. Jesus sets the standard. His life is our greatest lesson about love. He identified love as the path to salvation. Love goes beyond well-wishing to action. He laid down his life for his community of disciples. Jesus saved us through giving. He gave us himself. We've all experienced the joy of giving, the excitement of presenting an unsolicited gift or a particularly generous one. We enjoy witnessing the joy our gift brings. Parents experience this when they give to young children. We all experience it when we give to a friend, a neighbor, a charity, a stranger.

However, the warm feeling that accompanies giving is the least important part of the experience. The truth is we need to give because we grow in Christ by giving. The world would have us believe that we grow by getting: the more I have, the more I am. In this view, persons are defined by things. Personal possessions count more than personal qualities, like character and virtue. But a fast car or expensive clothes are a poor means of self-expression. In order to express ourselves, we need to share our uniqueness with others, to create and to give. Giving also affords us the opportunity to grow socially. We need relationships and relationships are enriched by giving.

We sometimes hold back our giving because of fear. If I volunteer my time and give my money, will I have enough left for me? Am I willing to risk sacrifice? Giving and sacrifice strengthen relationships. We all have a need to continue giving faithfully to our parish community. Our gift continues to enrich the people who gather around the Eucharistic table, even if virtually. Our need is rooted in our commitment to the Gospel and our love for Christ, our community and our neighbor. When we give, we obey the first commandment, we practice the greatest virtue, and we reveal ourselves as Christian stewards.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In love, God waits for us to turn to him.

God the Father calls each of us, daughters and sons, to participate in his work. Will we go to his vineyard? Even if we have said "no" 10 times or more, we can turn around! The Father waits patiently and is always welcoming.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord speaks to Israel through the prophet Ezekiel and tells them that the wicked who turn from sin shall live. In today's Epistle, St. Paul exhorts the Philippians to live in unity, taking Jesus as their example of humility. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons whose father asks them to work in the vineyard; the first son refuses, but later obeys.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Ezekiel 18.25-28

Psalm: 25

2nd: Philippians 2.1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

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

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2020

We give thanks to almighty God and Archbishop Miller for confirming our candidates in the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday. May the Holy Spirit inspire them to share their gifts with us and those they meet in their daily life.

Project Advance 2020

Thank you to your support and generous response of our parish commitment to this year's appeal of the Archdiocese. Our share is \$13,000. Our total goal is \$40,000 plus expenses for the refurbished new floorings in the Parish Centre and classrooms. May the Lord bless you always!

Registered households who have not received the pledge card should have received Fr. Robert's letter for PA2020 and a pledge form in the mail to assist you in your participation. PLEASE respond when you are ready.

Rosary Coast to Coast

This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Some will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize multi-generational groups of children and families. Learn more at rosarycoasttocoast.ca

Mass Registration – Absolutely!

Public Masses signed up. It is necessary to register for a Mass participation. This is for the safety of EVERYONE! You want to call the parish office or contact by email. Please be gentle and patience with each other.

Needs of the Canadian Church – Sept 27

The Bishops of Canada appeal for our generous support. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and episcopal assembly. Any additional funds from the collection are for our local pastoral needs. Thank you for your generosity.

A Stewardship Moment

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass

On Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020, at 3:30 pm, the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. The Mass will be live-streamed at holysarycathedral.org/live-stream for all who would like to join in prayerful celebration and solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is home to Catholics from many countries and Mass is celebrated in over twenty-two languages. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. 2020 will be the 9th year we as an Archdiocese join the universal Church in commemorating and observing the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Catechist Online Training

The Catechist Online Training series prepares catechists to effectively teach the faith to children and will enhance one's faith formation as an adult. Each course is stand-alone and does not require a prerequisite. The training explores the noble vocation of the catechist and offers basic methods and tools needed to facilitate effective catechetical formation either in the classroom or using a digital format.

Forming Children in the Faith

Monday, Sept. 28 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Zoom Webinar

Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events/catechist-online-training

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Daniel 3.31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Knights of Columbus 59th Annual Charity Appeal

Tickets only \$3 - WIN \$177,000 in prizes - Limited Tickets!

1st Prize \$100,000

2nd Prize \$50,000

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4th Prize \$5,000

5th Prize \$2,000

6th to 15th \$1,000 each

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Prizes will be drawn with the grand prizes and 12 consolation prizes on Saturday January 30, 2021

Mass Intentions

Sep 27-Oct 3, 2020

Mon, Sep 28 - 9am, Editha Perez (+)

Tue, Sep 29 - 9am, Macrina Armero (+)

Wed, Sep 30 - 9am, Miguella Armero (INT)

Thu, Oct 01 - 9am, Luisa Carsula (INT)

Fri, Oct 02 - 9am, Rollie Gomez (+)

Sat, Oct 03 - 5pm, T L (+)