

## STEWARDSHIP AND PUBLIC LIFE:

### ***Bringing the Good News to all Creation***

With the provincial election upon us, it is more important than ever for mature Catholics to be mindful of their responsibilities to exercise good stewardship over their neighborhoods, communities and society by participation in the public life of our province and country.

Jesus said that we, his disciples, are the light of the world. We must not hide that light under a bushel basket (see Matthew 5:16) or in the privacy of our homes or in a church building. We must let it shine so that all men and women can see it. Stewards understand that living out their faith in public life is part of their responsibility to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation (Mark 16:15); and that their relationship with Jesus Christ and their desire to please him should inform all of their moral decisions, including how they participate in public life and how they vote.

How should stewards exercise their responsibilities as citizens? One way of course, is to inform themselves of the political issues of the day and to vote. Voting is literally the least one can do to promote Gospel values in our communities, province and nation. Stewards are not found wanting in this vital area of their stewardship. The teachings of the church help us understand our responsibility to make informed choices about issues that concern our society and world, especially as it relates to peace and justice and the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers.

Stewards commit to prayer, reflection and discussion among others in their community of faith about how to bring the Gospel to public life. They believe in continued conscience formation and conversion, take the teachings of the Church seriously, and keep themselves informed on the political issues of the day. Stewards also strive to make prudent choices, vote and encourage others to vote. These are just a few of the ways stewards can help bring the Good News to all creation.

*Adapted from the October Newsletter of International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC).*



## ST. MONICA PARISH

12011 Woodhead Road, Richmond, BC V6V 1G2

Tel. 604.278.0844 Fax. 604.279.0334

Website: [stmonicaparish.ca](http://stmonicaparish.ca) Email: [parish.smon@rcav.org](mailto:parish.smon@rcav.org)

October 4, 2020

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

⋈⋈⋈

*Nothing we have is truly our own. It is all a gift from God.*

As humans, we can be possessive of our worldly goods and take credit for our talents. Yet, everything we have is a gift from God – even the works we do to earn a living is done through the energy and talents God gave to us. Like the tenants in today's Gospel, we owe everything to God, our divine Landlord.

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Isiah tells of a friend's vineyard, a friend who does everything possible to tend to his vineyard, only to find that it produces wild grapes. Paul encourages the Philippians to be not anxious but pray with thanksgiving and to think about what is true, just and lovely. Jesus tells a parable in the Gospel about vineyard tenants who kill the servants who come to claim the produce.

⋈⋈⋈

### **Today's Readings:**

*1st: Isaiah 5.1-7*

*Psalm: 80*

*2nd: Philippians 4.6-9*

*Gospel: Matthew 21.33-43*

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 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

### **BAPTISMS**

4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

### Sunday Missal 2020 - 2021

We have ordered 350 copies of the *Living with Christ*, same as in previous years, anticipating our church will return to the normal schedule before the First Sunday of Advent. Meanwhile, you are encouraged to own a copy of the Missal for your perusal at home. \$5 a copy is a great investment for your faith life all year round. This new missal is available NOW. You can get your copy at the Office or in the church foyer. Thank you for keeping up your spiritual life with the Word of God.

####

### 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](http://rosarycoasttocoast.ca)

####

### Resumption of Saturday Morning Mass

Since the beginning of COVID, there was no Saturday morning Mass except on a few occasions. We have now resumed the Saturday 9:30am Mass. You will still need to register for this Mass as usual. You may phone the Office or send us a note by email for your Mass registration. Thank you for your cooperation.

### A Stewardship Moment

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we are not good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?

### October is the month of Rosary

The 7<sup>th</sup> of October is Our Lady of the Rosary. You are encouraged to pray the mysteries of the Rosary with your family, fellow parishioners or personally. Our Church windows lay out the different mysteries beautifully and they are a great source for our prayerful contemplation. O Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

####

### Estate & Memorial Planning Webinar

This free presentation provides general information for preparing or updating your will and learning about the beauty of the funeral rite and formulating pre-need arrangements. You will be pointed to complementary guides, tools and practical resources. Join us for an hour on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 10:00 am on Zoom. Register online at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events). This event is sponsored and presented by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

####

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2020

*The Laity's Mission in the Church:* We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

<p align="center"><b>Knights of Columbus</b>  <b>59th Annual Charity Appeal</b>  <u><b>Tickets only \$3 - WIN \$177,000 in prizes</b></u>  <b>- Limited Tickets!</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100,000</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50,000</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$10,000</b>  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$5,000</b>  <b>5<sup>th</sup> Prize \$2,000</b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> \$1,000 each</b>  <u><b>BUY YOUR Tickets ONLINE -</b></u>  <u><b>KofCDraw.net/C12861</b></u></p> <p><b>Prizes will be drawn with the grand prizes and 12 consolation prizes on Saturday January 30, 2021</b></p>	<p align="center"><i>On October 18, children around the world will pray the Rosary for the victims of COVID-19. Let us join them.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>Aid to the Church in Need—Canada</b></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Mass Intentions</b>  <b>Oct 4-10, 2020</b></p> <p>Mon, Oct 05 - 9am, Iluminado Manalo (+)  Tue, Oct 06 - 9am, Aurea Kalaw (+)  Wed, Oct 07 - Bonifacio Capalad (+)  Wed, Oct 07 - George John Rangel (+)  Thu, Oct 08 - 9am, Justin Alexander (+)  Fri, Oct 09 - 9am, Erasmo Alvarez II (INT)  Sat, Oct 10 - Babette Cruz (INT)</p>