

STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for November*



Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

Born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, Rose was the daughter of a prominent lawyer. She was educated in a convent school and entered religious life when she was 18 years old. She eventually became a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and in 1815, at age 46, was directed to establish a convent in Paris.

Sister Rose had heard a call to be a missionary since her youth. She revealed a spiritual experience she had had during a night of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday: "I spent the entire night in the New World ... carrying the Blessed Sacrament to all parts of the land ... I had all my sacrifices to offer: a mother, sisters, family, my mountain!"

At age 49, Sister Rose responded to the call. In 1818, she was sent to the United States at the request of the bishop of the Louisiana territory who was looking for a congregation of educators. She arrived in New Orleans, and traveled north to St. Louis, then to nearby St. Charles, Missouri. There she established in a log cabin the first convent of the Society ever built outside of France. The small community, which included a boarding school for daughters of pioneers, faced many struggles including lack of funds and very cold winters. Sister Rose also had great difficulty learning English.

By 1828, however, after much prayer, work and perseverance, Sister Rose had established six schools.

When Sister Rose was 72, a school for children of the Potawatomi tribe was opened at Sugar Creek, Kansas. Though many thought Rose too sick to go, the Jesuit head of the mission insisted: "She must come; she may not be able to do much work, but she will assure success to the mission by praying for us. Her very presence will draw down all manner of heavenly favors on the work." Her long hours of prayer impelled the tribal leaders to name her, "Woman- Who -Prays-Always."

Sister Rose was with the Potawatomi tribe only one year, however, as her health could not sustain the rigors of village life. In July 1842, she returned to St. Charles where she would spend the last ten years of her life. She died on November 18, 1852, at the age of 83. She was canonized in 1988 by Saint John Paul II. Her feast day is November 18.



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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

(temporarily suspended)

BAPTISM COURSE

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

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

WEDDING/HOUSE BLESSING/SICK CALL

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

November 15, 2020

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

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God empowers us to participate in his work to bring about good in the world.

We are called to get involved in the work of God to multiply goodness in our world. God gives us all we need for this work. Especially in the Eucharist, we receive God's grace and strength that we, too, may be faithful in small matters and great responsibilities.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from Proverbs declares a worthy wife as having value *far more precious than jewels*. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out to the needy. St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that they *are children of the light and children of the day*. Thus, disaster will not befall them when the day of the Lord comes. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the faithful servant who multiplies the talents given him by his master.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

Psalms: 128

2nd: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Today, Nov. 15, World Day of the Poor

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that “throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s charity for the least and those most in need.” (Message of his Holiness, Pope Francis, *First World Day of the Poor*, Nov. 19, 2017)

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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.

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Project Advance 2020

Many parishioners have made your donation online via the RCAV.org website. THANK YOU for 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. PA2020 continues until December 31. May the Lord bless you always!

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Into the Deep: De-Mythifying Palliative Care

Palliative care helps people with serious illness to live as well as they can for as long as they can. But most people feel that palliative care is only something that is offered once there is “nothing more to be done” for their disease and means that death is close at hand. This presentation will provide knowledge of what palliative care is, its benefits, and how it can be accessed. Using our polling tool, we will assess your understanding of palliative care and provide factual explanations and answer questions. You never know who you might help! Join us on Friday, Nov. 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom. Register online for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents, using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn’t want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ’s Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

How to Spiritually Survive and Enjoy the Holidays as an Adult Child of Divorce at Online

This talk will feature some psychological tips from a licensed counselor on the topic of boundaries and confronting difficult family situations around the holidays. Then, it will have a witness talk from an adult child of divorce about different practices and attitudes that she has found helpful to have greater peace around her family during the holidays.

Join us on Tuesday

Nov. 17 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Zoom.
Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

November – All Souls

This month we remember our deceased family, relative and friends. Special All Souls envelopes are available for your Mass offering. You may obtain the envelope at the back inside the church. You can bring it to the parish office or put it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

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Throughout the month of November, Catholics also pray for souls in purgatory who may be undergoing a process of purification before entering into the presence of God. Sign up to receive Holy Souls prayers in your inbox for each day of November at rccav.org/november

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One way for you to pray this month is through lighting a candle as a way of showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered. We will place a lit candle on the grave of a loved one during Hallowtide if they are interred at Gardens of Gethsemani. Order online at rccav.org/store

Knights of Columbus

59th Annual Charity Appeal

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

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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

Nov 15-21, 2020

Mon, Nov 16 - 9am, Sandra/Jude D Souza (INT)
Tue, Nov 17 - 9am, Rosales Family (+)
Wed, Nov 18 - Benjamin Ang Sr (+)
Thu, Nov 19 - 9am, Zenaida Panopio (+)
Fri, Nov 20 - 9am, Christine/Albert Man (INT)
Sat, Nov 21 - Alfredo Pates (+)
Epitacio Sison Jr (+)