



January 22, 2023 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23–9:3 | 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | Mt 4:12-23 or Mt. 4:12-17

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Since the Fall, the world has been riddled with strife and divisiveness. From the disobedience in the Garden, to Cain and Abel, to conflicts and wars throughout the centuries, it's clear that we humans are prone to picking sides and fighting over them. We hear about this even within the early Church from St. Paul in today's second reading. There were rivalries, and Christians were saying things such as, "I belong to Paul" or "I belong to Cephas." But Paul wisely asks: "Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" Clearly not. There is only one source of Truth – Jesus Christ – and Paul never hesitated to refuse credit for himself, and to instead glorify the Lord in his word and deed. This is the model set for us – to refuse to set ourselves or God-made-in-our-own-image over and against the Triune God who created us. Christ came to unite us with himself and to one another, in reconciliation with the Father. His words are now our words: Repent and believe in the Gospel. Pray for the grace to come together as the body of Christ so that we can be his hands and feet in the world and carry out the work he began.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: In Jesus Christ the kingdom of God enters into human history, fulfilling God's promise of salvation for his people. Christ inaugurated the kingdom on earth, and as members of his Church we are responsible for continuing to build it – here and now. As Christ called his first disciples and made them "fishers of men," so he calls us, that we might go forth "proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people."

PRAY: The Lord has commissioned us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Where we cannot go physically or in person, we can go in prayer. Bring before the Lord all who yet need to hear his voice and repent and believe. Pray for those who are persecuted for their belief in Jesus Christ.

Whatever you do, whatever your skills, and whatever your age—you can live your life for the glory of God. Let this inspire you to take action today. Even the smallest act for God can make huge changes in someone's life. –St Dominic Savio



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MASS SCHEDULES
WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**
SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**
SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULES
SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm—4:55 pm**
10 minutes before Daily Mass

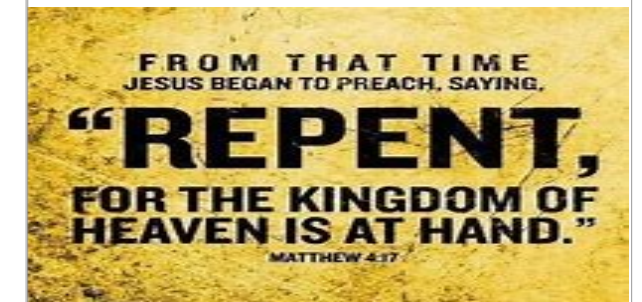
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HOUSE BLESSING, SICK CALL**
Please call the Parish Office

January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word
Our salvation is at hand.

Isaiah proclaims a new time, where once there was darkness and despair there will now be light and joy. In the second reading, Paul urges unity among the community in Corinth, reminding them that the Church is one Church in Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, preaching that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Today's Readings:
1st: Isaiah 9.1-4
Psalm: 27
2nd: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13, 17-18
Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23



Chinese Lunar New Year

Happy New Year to all who celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, beginning this day, January 22!

Chinese New Year Mass with Archbishop Miller

Join this Chinese New Year's Eucharistic celebration with Archbishop Miller on Jan. 22, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima parish in Coquitlam, at 3:00 p.m. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade – Next Sunday!

Filipino Catholic Ministry and our Archdiocese invites you to the monthly Intercessory Prayers with Eucharistic Adoration and Scriptural Rosaries in our parish, St. Monica, Sunday Jan. 29, 2:00 to 4:30pm. Check out the poster on the board for more information.

Priest Replacement

Fr. Jim Comey will be replacing Fr. Robert from Jan. 25 to Feb. 1, during his time away. We thank Fr. Jim for his availability.

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring back your 2022 palms, which will be used to prepare ashes for the beginning of Lent on Wed, Feb. 22. Thank you for your help.

Full Time Job at St. Paul, Richmond

Custodian and General labourer position is available at our neighboring parish. Please check our notice board for more information.

2023 Pilgrimage to Turkey, Egypt, and Holy Land

A few openings are still available for those hope to join this pilgrimage with Fr. Robert from April 23 to May 9. Please contact the Royale Orchid Tours at royaleorchidtours@gmail.com; www.Royaleorchidtours.com

Pray the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Retreat

Join this intensive (9-month) retreat offered in the Archdiocese of Vancouver geared toward young adults looking to find God's will for their lives. The retreat begins in May 2023 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. Deadline for registrations is Jan. 31 2023. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join this monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life from its beginning to its natural end every first Saturday of the month from Feb. 4, 2023, until Aug. 6, 2023. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

A Stewardship Moment

In today's gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting, and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey and must learn from their experiences of being open and resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. Join the prayer services for unity at various locations from Jan. 18 to 30. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Memorial Masses at Gardens of Gethsemani

Join one of the two memorial Masses offered on the last Sunday of each month in 2023 for those buried at Gardens of Gethsemani and St. Peter's Catholic cemeteries. Mass times are 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Evangelist Chapel on site. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Come and Serve: Discerning the Permanent Diaconate

Would you like to know more about the vocation of a Permanent Deacon? Join us on **Saturday, Feb. 18**, for a special talk: "**Come and Serve: Discerning the Permanent Diaconate.**" At Saint Nicholas Parish, Langley, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Men interested in this ordained ministry, and their wives are invited. **Registration is required and accepted until Feb. 14.** Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Please register at deacons@rcav.org. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Mass Intentions | Jan 22 - 28, 2023

Mon, Jan 23 - Theresa Lim (INT)	Thu, Jan 26 - Rev Matt Linn, SJ (INT)
Tue, Jan 24 - Conrado Salandanan (+)	Fri, Jan 27 - Lita/Addie Comilang (INT)
Wed, Jan 25 - Remedios Masangkay (+)	Sat, Jan 28 - Salvador Family (INT)

*The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother. He leads each child by the hand...
as a sighted person leads a blind person. -St John Mary Vianney*
