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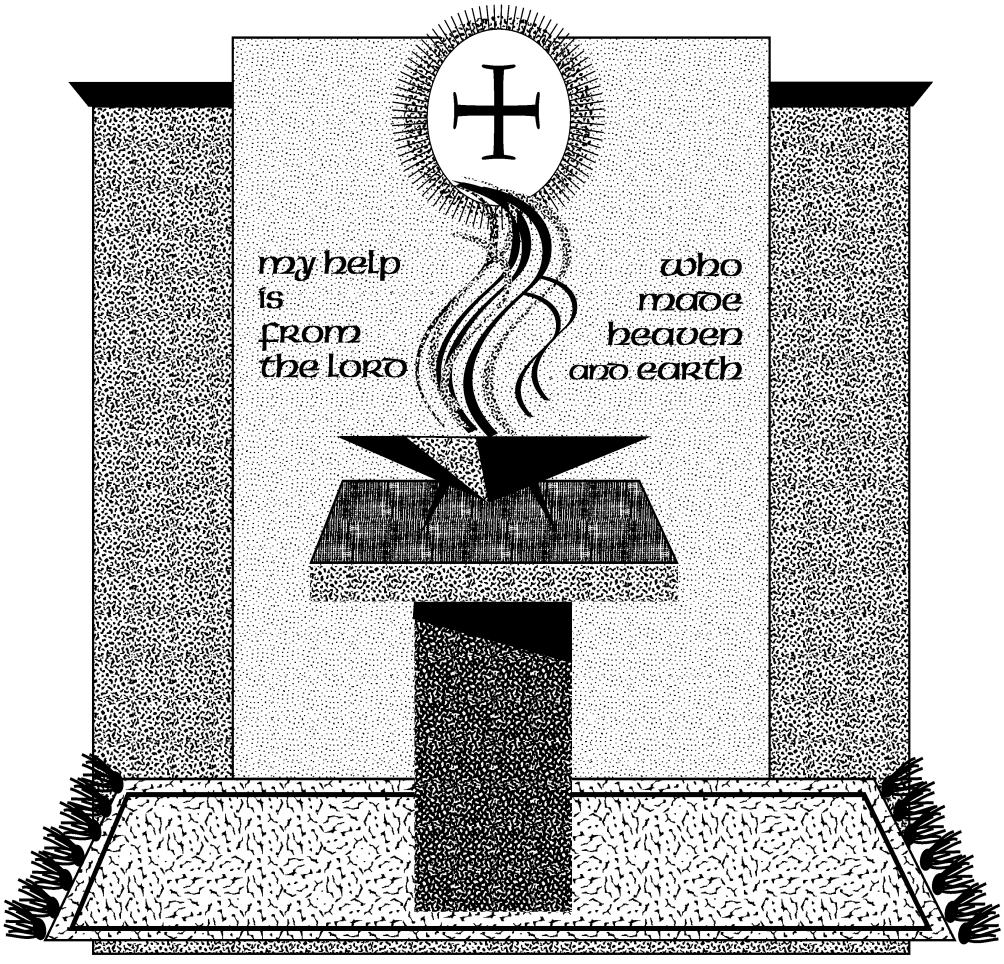
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

"Let us run to Mary and as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."

St. Francis de Sales

Our help is from the Lord



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Confessions:

Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday
9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment
Please call the Parish Office.
604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:15 am Monday-Friday
9:00 am Monday October 10
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Mass of Anticipation
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings after Mass.
First Friday's at 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 16 Luke 18:1-8

Pray always. (Luke 18:1)

Do you want a summary of today's readings? Keep praying! You may need support, like Moses in the first reading, but keep praying! You may need to persevere, like the widow in the Gospel, but keep praying! Why? Because our God is better than the unjust judge. Our God loves us, He desires our good and promises to answer us.

It sounds so simple, if we just pray hard enough, with enough faith, God will act. He will bring healing or reconciliation or victory over sin and all will be well. But lets be honest sometimes it doesn't work that way.. Sometimes God is "slow to answer" (Luke 17:7). And sometimes it seems that he doesn't answer us at all.

So how do we handle unanswered prayers? This is one of life's hardest questions. Even Jesus prayed that his "cup" of suffering would pass and it didn't (Matthew 26:39). He prayed for all believers to be one and we aren't (John 17:21). Even so, Jesus tells us to pray always and not grow weary because in the end, God will see that justice is done (Luke 18:1, 7).

Perhaps there is more to persisting than praying hard until we get our answer. Maybe it also means clinging to God when he seems distant. Maybe it means praying for a miracle while also surrendering to God's mysterious plan. Maybe persisting looks like Jesus in Gethsemane.

So like Jesus, we can keep bringing our prayers to God. Like him we can hold onto God's love and trust him. And like Jesus, we can persist in surrendering to God's ways, even when we don't understand. "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). Jesus knows that none of this is easy. But the God who sent angels to comfort Jesus will strengthen you. And one day he will bring you into his presence. So until then, keep praying. Trust and hope in the Lord who will make all things new.

"Lord in your goodness, answer me."

Baptisms in our Parish

We welcome and Congratulate

Dominic Kier Lingat-Del Mundo

Baptized in our parish this weekend

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† Louis Sinosich

Passed away October 8, 2022

Father of Trisha Sinosich-Arciaga (Roberto Arciaga)

& Tami Sinosich

Grandfather of Kristian Arciaga

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord

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The Eleventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner

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The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather and to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year and where we are headed in the coming year. We are excited to host the Eleventh Annual Archbishop's Dinner on Oct. 26 at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. This year's Archbishop's Dinner will fund Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Learn more and register at: rcav.org/dinner2022.

Matt Maher & Friends: Love Reaches Everywhere Join Mary's Meals for an evening of celebration and captivating stories, featuring nine time-GRAMMY nominee and three time-GMA Dove Award winner, Matt Maher along with best-selling author, CNN Hero award recipient, founder and Global CEO of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow. This inspiring night of music will uplift your spirit and feed your soul, while also discovering the work of Mary's Meals and our mission to feed millions of the world's poorest children in their place of learning. Hear engaging stories of hope and resilience, of lives touched and transformed, demonstrating that love really does reach everywhere. Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Surrey. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

" Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction." St John of the Cross

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers 2022.

Thank you for your generous donations in the past. Donations can be placed in the box at the entrance of the church or dropped off at the parish office starting October 11. The gift cards can be put in the offertory collection at Mass.

We are requesting for the following items:

Coffee, tea, canned meat (ham or chicken only), canned fish (tuna or salmon only), pasta sauce, breakfast cereal (e.g., Cheerios, instant oatmeal packets like Quaker oats or healthy cereal for kids), Kraft dinner, peanut butter, canned fruit, packet juices, jam, mayonnaise, canned corn, baked beans, canned spaghetti, ravioli, chili, stew, snack bars, instant noodles, canned & packaged soups, crackers, hot chocolate, 2 lbs packets of sugar.

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* **Have a desire to welcome people old and new to the parish?**
* **Regularly attend Mass?**

Greeting people as they enter the Church is more than a handshake and a smile. It is an opportunity to express God's love through Christ and set the tone for the upcoming worship service.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GREETRS FOR THE FOLLOWING MASSES (To be scheduled on a rotation basis) 5 pm, 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm.

If you can offer 20 minutes of your time before Mass for this important ministry, please contact Leona Desharnais (Gonczy) at the parish office 604-434-1328 as we will be preparing the schedule for the upcoming liturgical year very soon.
Thank you for your willingness to become involved in your parish.

Leona Desharnais (Greeter Coordinator)

All Hallows Eve is right around the corner and with it comes lots of candy. The **Good Shepherd Ministry** gives out almost 15,000 bags of candy each year on their walks throughout the DTES.

Each bag contains a prayer or note of inspiration. Our mission, to introduce everyone we meet to the beauty and power of prayer and to know a loving God, which begins with a small bag of candy!

Last year, the stores sold out early. Please be generous! Cash donations are always gratefully accepted.

You may drop off your donations at:
PREP, school and at the Church on Sunday in a special marked box or at the parish office.
Thank you and God bless.

KOFC Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday October 16
Downstairs in the Church Hall
After the 9 am & 11 am Masses
Everyone is welcome!

Annual White Mass

All Catholic physicians, healthcare workers, and their families are invited to pray for the sick and their families in this Annual White Mass. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session

Are you called to be a deacon? Join the information session on Saturday, Nov. 5 for a special talk entitled: "Come and Serve: Discerning the Permanent Diaconate". It will be hosted at Christ the Redeemer Parish from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m with a light lunch provided. Men interested in this ordained ministry, along with their wives, are invited. Registration is required and accepted until Oct. 28. Please register by emailing deacons@rcav.org.

All Saints' Day Mass

Join us for Holy Mass as we pray for our loved ones, ask for the saints' intercession and honour the triumphant Church in Heaven. It will be at the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani on Nov. 1 at 6:00 p.m. Learn more at https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/event-all-saints-day-mass-/3hw5cg/1102408666?h=xLWFEJnRtbr7-C-z3MkHYQHuA4ftwshpudF3xpg_HJw.

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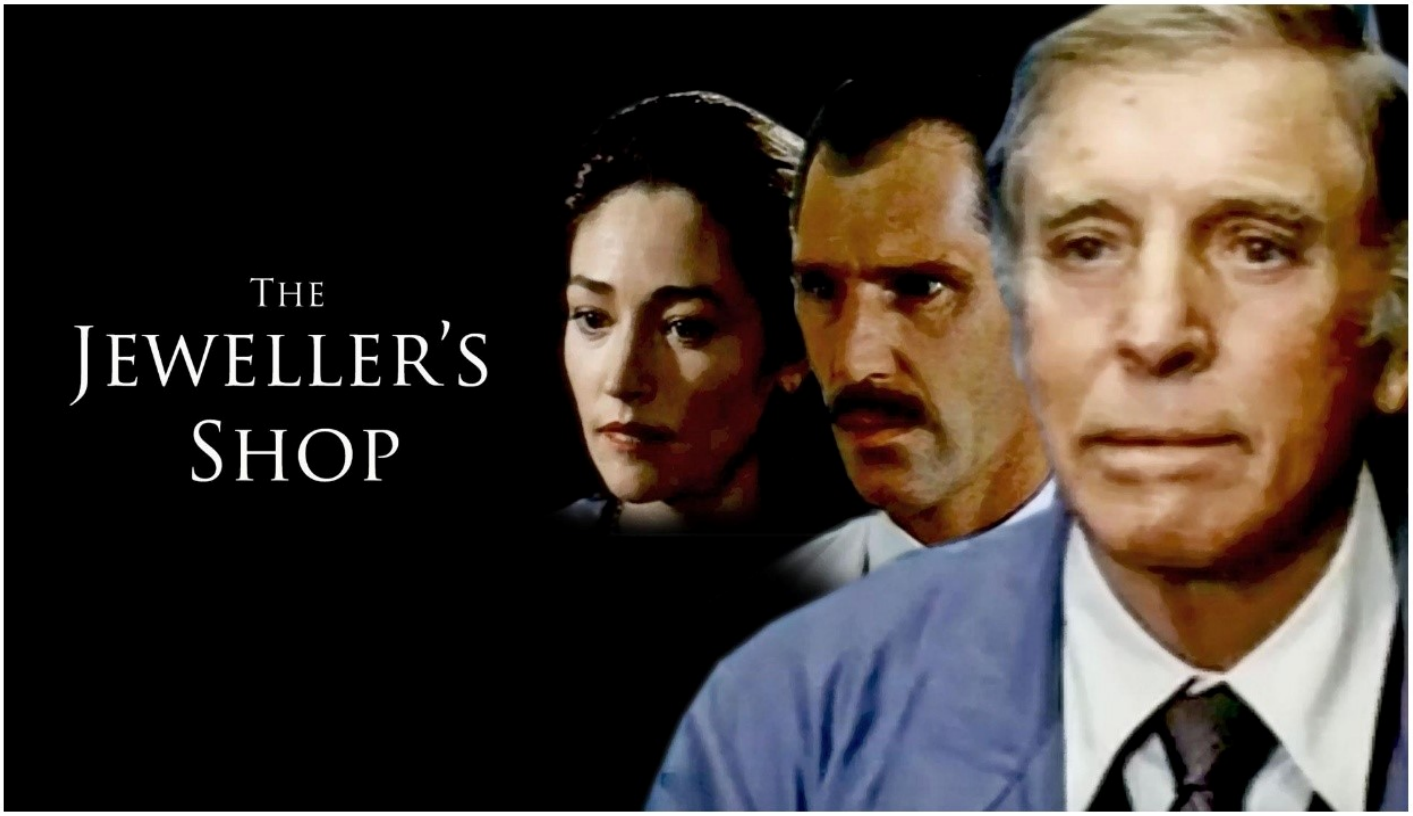

The Jeweler's Shop: A Modern Mystery by Pope John Paul II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweler acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."

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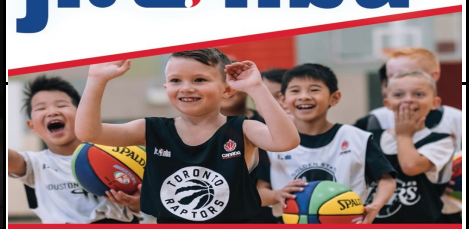

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