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(Closed for Lunch from Noon to 1 pm)

## Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2022

My soul is thirsting  
for the living God.



"Do as little children do, who with one hand  
cling to their father, and with the other  
gather blackberries along the hedges."

St. Francis de Sales

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Help Line: 604-434-1328

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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

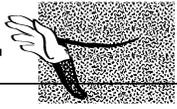
### By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.  
604-434-1328

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:15 am Monday-Friday  
7:00 pm November 1, All Saints Day  
7:00 pm November 2, All Souls' Day  
7:00 pm November 4, First Friday  
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

**THE LORD  
LIFTS UP ALL  
WHO ARE  
FALLING**



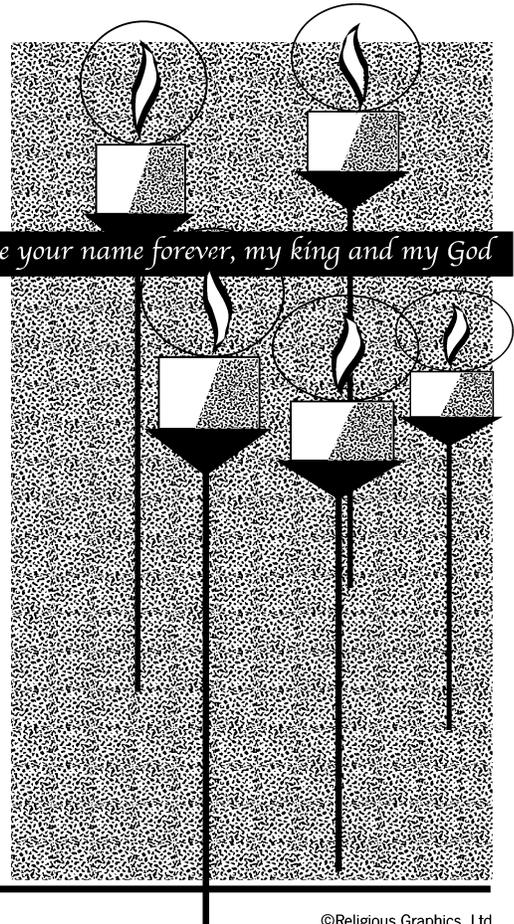
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Before the LORD  
the whole universe is as  
a grain from a balance or  
a drop of morning dew  
come down upon the earth.

*I will praise your name forever, my king and my God*

But you have mercy  
on all, because you can  
do all things;  
and you overlook  
people's sins  
that they may repent.

Your imperishable spirit  
is in all things,  
**O LORD and  
LOVER of souls!**



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### Holy Hour:

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

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

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

Sunday, October 30 Wisdom 11:22-12:2



*Sins that they may repent. (Wisdom 11:23)*

God sure does think differently than we do, doesn't he? Especially when it comes to sin. How many times have we been deeply offended by someone's sins? Even if we aren't the one being sinned against, our sense of justice is aroused. We respond with anger. We may even imagine the right retort or act of vengeance that we would deliver to the offender. We can be just as harsh when it come to our own sins as well. We are often our own worst judge, jury and executioner!

But that's not God's way. Today's first reading tells us that he chooses to overlook our sins and give us time to turn back to him. Or he may decide just to rebuke little by little in the hope that we will ultimately repent (Wisdom 11:23, 12:2).

Today's Gospel reading shows us this approach in practice. Seeing Zacchaeus' up in that sycamore tree, Jesus said nothing about whatever sins Zacchaeus might have committed. He didn't even tell him to leave his job as a tax collector. And if Zacchaeus was corrupt, as many people believed, Jesus didn't command him to repent. All he did was...invite himself to dinner (Luke 19:5).

It turns out, that's all Zacchaeus needed. Moved by Jesus' love and openhearted approach, Zacchaeus' acts were signs that salvation was indeed his (Luke 19:9).

It may be hard to believe, but Jesus is not up in heaven keeping track of your offenses and devising your punishment. He's standing before you, asking you to welcome him. He knows that if you do, his perfect unending, personal love for you will bring you to a repentance that will bear sweet, abundant fruit.

*"Lord, help me welcome you with an open heart."*

**Baptisms in our Parish**

*We welcome and Congratulate*

*Daniel Sam Abraham*

*Ezra Alexander Abraham*

*Benjamin Luca Abraham*

*Leia Louise Dulay*

*Levi Nataniel Maramot*

*Anthony Daniel Morales*

Baptized in our parish this weekend



- ⇒ Donate online at [projectadvance.ca](http://projectadvance.ca)
- ⇒ Place your donation in the basket at weekend Mass. Please mark on the envelope "Project Advance"
- ⇒ Donations can also be made in person or mailed to the Parish Office.

**NB: Project Advance letters and pledge cards have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you have not received your letter and would like one please call the parish office. 604-434-1328.**



*Catholic Women's League*

**CWL Diocesan General Meeting**

**DATE:** Saturday November 5, 2022

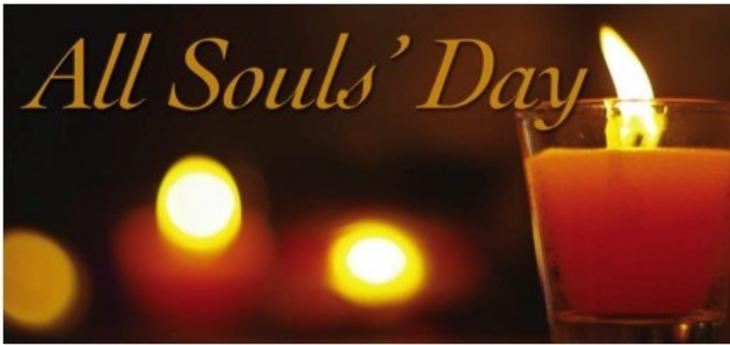
**LOCATION:** SFDS Church Hall

**TIME:** 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

**All Ladies are welcome!**

During the weekend of **November 6**, we will publish our "In Loving Memory" column for our loved ones who passed away in the month of **November**. If you wish to have someone included in this column, **please phone/email** the parish office: **By Wednesday Nov 2**.

*"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio*



### **Blessing of the Mausoleum Crypts and Graves on All Souls' Day**

Blessing of the graves 10:00 am at Ocean View & 1:30 pm at Forest Lawn. Please call the parish office if you wish to have a crypt or a grave blessed.

### **All Souls' Day Envelopes**

Are available on the tables at the entrance of the church.

Masses will be offered (either here in the Parish, or given to Mission Priests) for each envelope received.

### **Book of Life**

November is the month that we remember Holy Souls in a special way. We will remember our beloved departed by way of the general intercessions at Mass and also with the Book of Life that will be displayed in the Sanctuary during the month. Each family is invited to prepare a page for the Book of Life. New families may add their pages and all other parishioners may keep their pages up to date. We will provide sheets cut to size, so you can prepare your page with the names of your departed relatives and friends and then add your page to the book. Pages are available at the parish office.



### **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.*

**Hampers will be distributed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Individuals/families in need residing in South Burnaby can contact the parish office at 604-434-1328 until November 25.**

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 Down Town East Side. 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.

### **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love premieres in British Columbia**



The newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus will be premiered in British Columbia theatres on Nov 2 and 3 in Surrey, Nanaimo, Kelowna, Penticton and New Westminster. The film premiered in the U.S. earlier this month and was a smashing box-office success. In fact, it earned more than \$1.2 million in ticket sales and Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced that the Knights would allocate all of the revenue it receives from ticket sales to charitable purposes and efforts that advance the legacy of Mother Teresa. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### **All Souls' Day Mass with Archbishop Miller**

Join us for Holy Mass as we pray for our loved ones with Archbishop Miller. It will be at the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani on Nov. 2 at 6:00 p.m. Learn more at [rccav.org/events](http://rccav.org/events).

*"We interfere with God's plans when we push in someone or something else not suitable for us. Be strict with yourself, and then be very strict with what you are receiving from the outside."*  
Mother Teresa

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 30, 2022



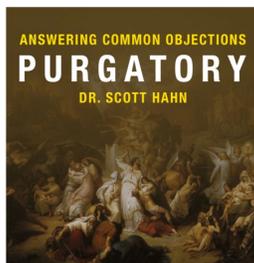
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## The Catholic Take on Halloween

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.



## Purgatory by Dr. Scott Hahn

This remarkable talk is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants make to the Catholic Faith, including the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, and the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

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