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"It is our part to plant and
water carefully,
but to give increase that,
belongs only to God."

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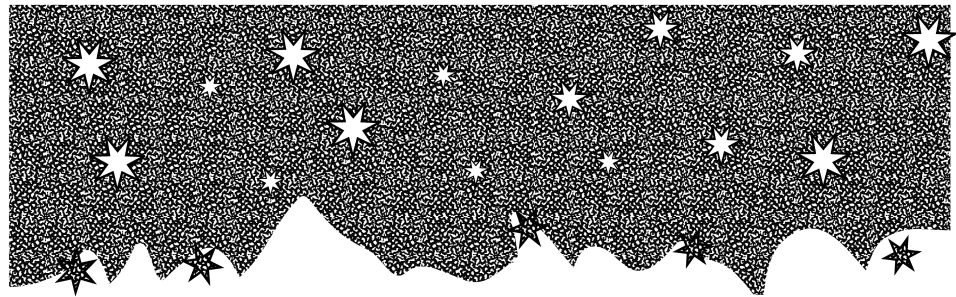
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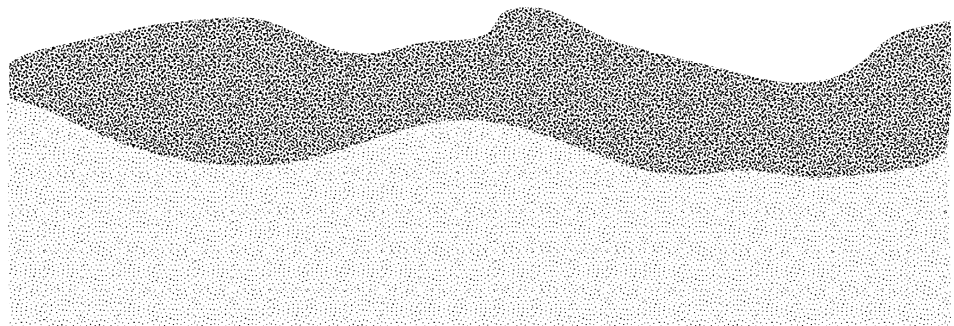
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord!



As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.



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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 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

Prayer Group:

Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm
In the Church Hall

Sunday, September 24 Matthew 20:1-16



You too go into my Vineyard. (Matthew 20:4)

Jesus told this parable to help us better understand how generous and merciful God is. But the seeming unfairness of the landowners decision can still leave us feeling a bit unsettled. We might react differently, however, when we consider the lives of two people who, like the workers in this parable, came to the vineyard later in life.

Felix Leseur was raised Catholic in nineteenth-century France but lost his faith in medical school and became an atheist. His wife, Elizabeth, on the other hand, grew closer to God and began praying fervently for her husband's conversion. After her death at the age of forty-seven, Felix began reading her diary. The deep faith he saw there touched him, and he returned to the Lord at the age of fifty-six and eventually became a priest.

St. Angela of Foligno was born in 1248 to a wealthy family in Umbria, Italy. Married at a young age, she reveled in the worldly life and all its trappings. But a series of natural disasters and an ongoing war led her to re-examine her priorities. At the age of thirty-seven, considered midlife for that time, she sought the Lord's mercy in Confession. Then after the premature deaths, of her husband, mother and two children, she gave up all her possessions and became a lay Franciscan.

When we hear about people like Felix and Angela, we don't begrudge them the heavenly reward they are now enjoying. It doesn't matter that they came later to the vineyard. God and his angels in heaven still rejoiced, and should we anytime we hear of someone turning to God later in life.

God is always inviting people to "go into my vineyard" (Matthew 20:4). Today at Mass, pray for the people you know who have not yet accepted his invitation. May they one day receive the reward he so graciously has in store for them!

"Father, I praise you for your mercy and generosity, which have no bounds!"

Preschool -

There are still spots available for the Preschool 3 pm (2 afternoons a week) and Preschool 4 am (5 mornings a week). Please inquire by contacting Mrs. Hara at ahara@sdfs.school



In Loving Memory

During the weekend of October 1, we will publish our "In Loving Memory" column for our loved ones who passed away in the month of **October**, if you wish to have someone included in this column, please phone or email the parish office by **Wednesday Sept 27**.

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is hosting our Annual **OPEN HOUSE** on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm and is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the **ENTRANCE EXAM** on Saturday, December 2, 2023. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

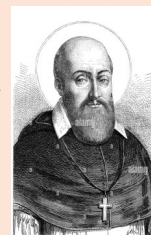


LIFE CHAIN Sunday OCT 1 From 2:00-3:00pm

Is a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of Human Life and the harm of abortion and euthanasia. Please join us at Kingsway Street, West from Sperling Avenue. Gather in the parking lot of St Francis de Sales Church at 1:45 pm. For more Information: Call 604-524-8005.

Silent Weekend Retreat: "An Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales

The Guard of Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites you to a silent weekend retreat from October 27-29 (Friday evening - Sunday lunch) at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. The theme of the retreat is *An Introduction to the Devout Life* by St Francis de Sales. The retreat master is Father David Bellusci, OP. Cost is \$165. **Registration deadline: Sunday, October 15.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.





LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
 6610 Balmoral St. | Burnaby | BC V5E 1J1
Every Wednesday
Oct. 11 - Nov. 29, 2023
Parish Hall | 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Topics:

- Week 1 God's Love
- Week 2 Salvation
- Week 3 The New Life
- Week 4 Receiving God's Gift
- Week 5 Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Week 6 Growth
- Week 7 Transformation




Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 COR 3:17



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KITCHEN TOOLS

Saturday
October 21



"It is not those who commit the least faults who are the most holy, but those who have the greatest generosity, the greatest love, who make the boldest efforts to overcome themselves, and are not immediately apprehensive about tripping." St. Francis de Sales



Miles Christi Silent Retreat for Young Adults

The priests of Miles Christi will be in Canada to offer the Spiritual Exercises at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC. Young adults age 19-30 are invited to the silent retreat on the weekend of October 13-15.

The retreat involves conferences and meditations necessary to make the Spiritual Exercises. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, Adoration, as well as times for one-on-one spiritual direction and Confession. The retreat will be silent, and it is important to come prepared to fully engage in the entire experience.

Cost is \$230, which includes a single room, private bathroom, and all meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

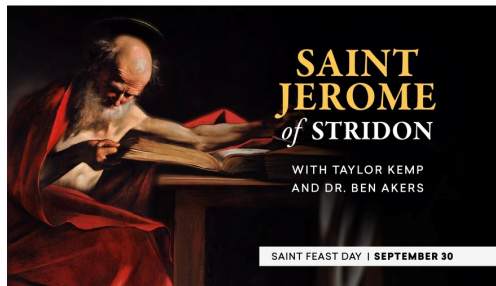
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of September 24, 2023



Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?



St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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