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"There is nothing small in the service of God."

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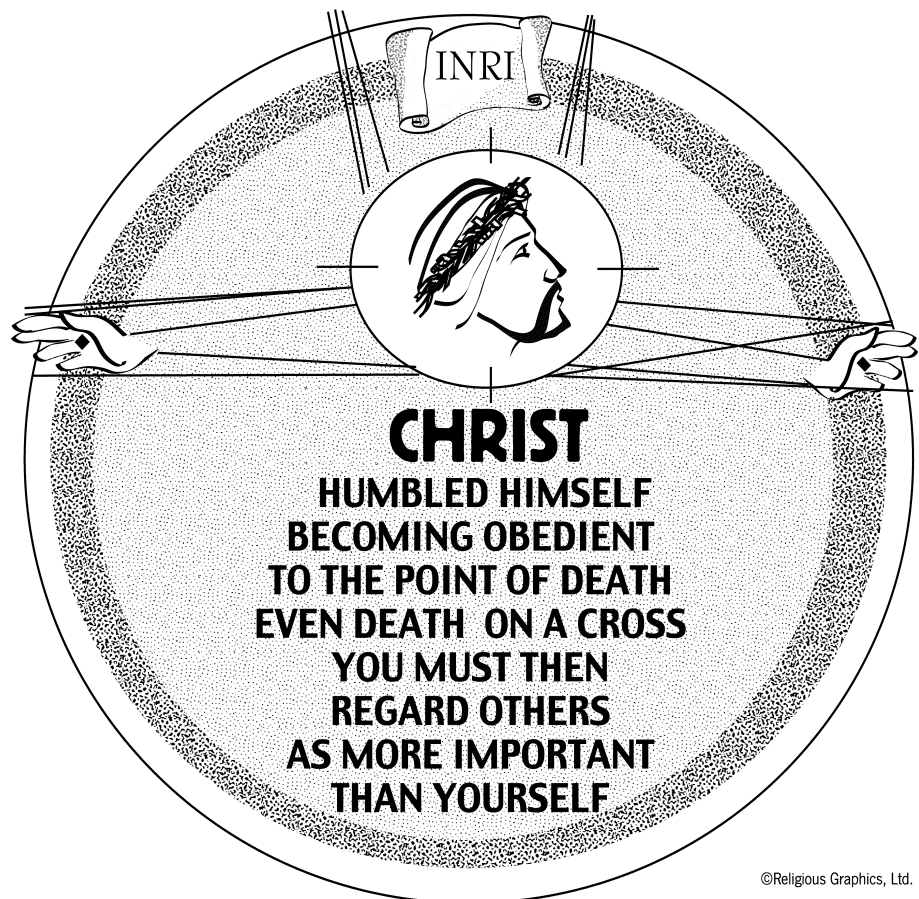
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Help Line: 604-640-7549

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

O Lord, make your ways
known to me!



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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 2
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, October 1 Matthew 21:28-32



A man had two sons, (Matthew 21:28)

It wasn't an unusual beginning for a story. In Jesus' time, rabbis often used stories with two sons who respond to their father and by extension, to God in two different ways. So when Jesus told the chief priests and elders this parable, it didn't seem so different. Here, a father tells his sons to go work in his vineyard and gets two different answers. But ironically, despite their different responses, each son teaches us something similar about the free will God has given us.

The first son, who immediately said no to his father but afterwards went to work, teaches us that it is always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's "no" wasn't the final answer for him, he thought better of his initial response and went on to do his father's will.

The second son, who immediately said yes but did not do what his father wanted, also teaches us that it is always possible to change our minds and hearts. This son's "yes" sounded like an obedient response to his father, but in the end, something made him change his mind and turn that "yes" to a "no."

Jesus' parable tells us that changing your mind can work both ways. That's the blessing of free will that Ezekiel also describes in today's first reading. Imagine! God loves us so much that he gives us this freedom, even when it might mean, like that second son, that we turn away from him. But Ezekiel assures the Israelites of God's promise, when someone turns from wickedness and toward the Lord, they will receive mercy (Ezekiel 18:27-28). And that can happen no matter how long ago we have turned away from the Lord.

So take heart! It's never too late to use your free will as God intended. If there is a way that you have turned from the Lord, be like the first son in Jesus' parable and return to him with all your heart.

Baptisms in Our Parish **We welcome and Congratulate**

Raeden Jace Aquino

Stella Yin-Yu Chan

Lamech Kefali

Baptized in our parish this weekend

RAFFLE
Fall Bazaar

DRAW:
21 OCTOBER @
2:00 PM

licence # 144907

Goal: 1250 tickets

1st prize \$500
2nd prize \$300
3rd prize \$200

2.00/ticket

baskets

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Let's LEVEL UP St. Francis De Sales Community!

October 6th is this year's SFDS Annual Walkathon & we need your help to reach our goal of \$45,000! Money raised will help fund various projects supporting our students' learning and development, including our technology program, new classroom furniture and class field trips.

Walkathon Raffle tickets are on sale!

They are just \$5 each, and we have some great prizes to be won.

FIRST PRIZE | 2 Canuck's Club seats (valued at \$750)

SECOND PRIZE | Nintendo Switch (valued at \$550)

THIRD PRIZE | Family Night package (valued at \$200)

Visit bit.ly/sfdswalks2023 to make a donation online.

There will be volunteers after each Mass
collecting donations and selling raffle tickets.

IN LOVING Memory

Michelle Hajd	October 1, 2005
Michael Thomas	October 2, 2008
Antonio Almadin	October 2, 2017
Stephen Juba	October 3, 2017
Ricardo Mazzucco	October 3, 2020
Jose Hapa	October 4, 1965
Gerard Thomas	October 4, 2005
Amelia Manubag	October 4, 2017
Celedonio C. Dipasupil	October 4, 1990
Charles Faessler	October 5, 2017
Cosorcia Bonifacio	October 6, 1994
Mario Siasoco	October 6, 2021
Candelore Dorazio	October 7, 1959
Angelita G. Rebodos	October 7, 2007
Aldegonda Onas	October 8, 2007
Angela Zita Ferro	October 9, 2020
Mary-Lynn Murray	October 10, 2017
Josefina P. Rey	October 11, 2014
Benito Escobedo	October 12, 2010

IN LOVING Memory

Fernando Ruzza	October 13, 1996
Tommaso Gianelli	October 13, 2012
Canio Colocero	October 14, 1997
Emerenciano O. Rey	October 14, 2014
Annie Hare	October 15, 1999
Veronica Cruz	October 16, 2012
Lourdes Bau	October 16, 2016
Ian George McKee	October 16, 2011
Raymundo C. Riego	October 19, 1978
Tibor Gabor Gajdics	October 19, 2014
Therese Eisner	October 19, 1997
Thomas Gaines	October 20, 2013
Joseph W. D'Mello	October 25, 2022
Ana Wai Kuen Lau	October 27, 1999
Julia F. Santos	October 28, 1998
Rev. Robert Yeung	October 28, 2021
Hopson Lee Sun	October 29, 2010
Pantaleon Cajipe	October 29, 2010
Johnellen Derasmo	October 30, 2013



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar



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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

FREE

TO REGISTER

Deadline Oct 4

SCAN ME



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

2 COR 3:17

LIFE CHAIN 2023



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.

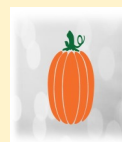
Please join us at Kingsway Street, West from Sperling Avenue.

Gather in the parking lot of St Francis de Sales Church at 1:45 pm.

For more Information: 604-524-8005.

Thanksgiving Weekend October 9.

We are looking for donations of pumpkins, squashes, plants & fall decor to decorate the altar for the Thanksgiving weekend. Please bring your donations to the parish office by Thursday, October 5th Thankyou!!



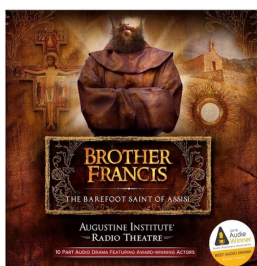
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 01, 2023



Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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