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"Our misery is the throne of God's mercy."

St. Francis de Sales

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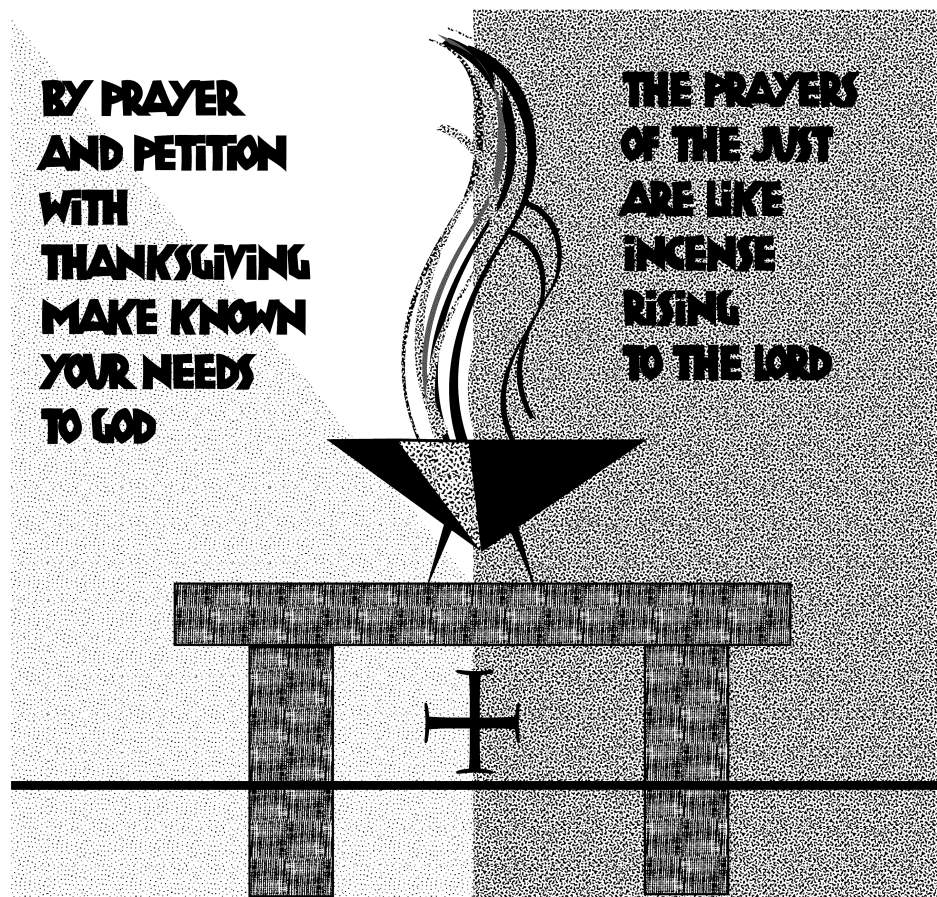
### Domestic Abuse

Help Line: 604-640-7549

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023

You are the Lord of all!



**BY PRAYER  
AND PETITION  
WITH  
THANKSGIVING  
MAKE KNOWN  
YOUR NEEDS  
TO GOD**

**THE PRAYERS  
OF THE JUST  
ARE LIKE  
INCENSE  
RISING  
TO 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  
9:15 am Friday October 13 (school Mass)  
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 8 Matthew 21:33-43



*The Kingdom of God will be given to a people that will produce its fruit.*  
(Matthew 21:43)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable to some Jewish leaders about vinedressers who killed the servants sent by a landowner to collect the fruit of the harvest (Matthew 21:4-39). What is Jesus trying to say?

It would be easy to conclude that Jesus is rebuking these chief priests and elders for rejecting John the Baptist and himself. But he is doing more than foreshadowing his death by identifying himself with the murdered son of the vineyard owner (Matthew 21:37-42). He's not addressing only the Jewish leaders, he is speaking to us as well.

Jesus is telling us that the kingdom of God will be given to people who bear fruit. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, we hear the same message. John the Baptist exhorted Israel's religious leaders to "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matthew 3:8). Jesus warned his disciples that "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down" (7:19). And what's the good fruit he is looking for? Faith in him and love for his people.

Jesus told this parable the day after entering Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:9). He cured all the sick who flocked to him there, and everyone was amazed, except these leaders. Instead of accepting him and rejoicing that God's people were healed, they questioned his authority (21:23-24). And in doing so, they bore no fruit. But that doesn't have to be our story. We can be a fruitful vineyard for the Lord! He has already planted the seed of faith within us. Each day he pours out grace to make us "rich soil" that produces fruit, even a hundredfold (Matthew 13:8). So let's nurture our seed with faith filled prayer and prune our vines with repentance and works of mercy. Let's bear the fruit of faith, hope, and love. Let's receive the kingdom!

### OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† Elizabeth Rye

Passed away on Tuesday September 26, 2023

Loving Mother of Sharon (Kazun) & Noreen (Miles)

Funeral Mass at SFDS Parish

On Wednesday October 11, at 11 am

*Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord*

### The Twelfth Annual Archbishop's Dinner

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 next. Your support of the twelfth annual dinner will provide funding to the Caring for Our Clergy Fund, St. Joseph's Society, and for furnishing a new convent for the Sisters.

On Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Learn more and register at [rcav.org/dinner2023](http://rcav.org/dinner2023).

*"A tree is known by its fruit, a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost, he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."*  
St. Basil



# LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar

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**Every Wednesday | Oct 11 - Nov 29 | Parish Hall | 7:00 PM**

### Topics:

Week 1	God's Love   Fr. Médard Kamanzi   St. Francis de Sales Parish, Burnaby
Week 2	Salvation   Fr. Patrick Chisholm   St. Joseph's Parish, Langley
Week 3	The New Life   Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian   St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver
Week 4	Receiving God's Gift   Fr. Mark McGuckin   St. Francis de Sales Parish, Burnaby
Week 5	Baptism in the Holy Spirit   Vernon Robertson   Seminar of Hope
Week 6	Growth   Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian   St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver
Week 7	Transformation   Fr. Mark Schwab   St. Stephen's Parish, North Vancouver

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

2 COR 3:17





ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CWL FALL BAZAAR

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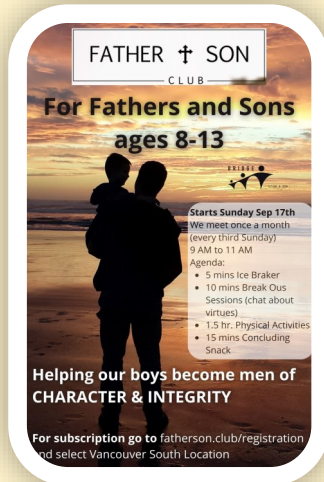


### Father and Son Club, South Vancouver

The Father and Son Club aims to empower the next generation of young men by nurturing virtues, life skills, and strong character traits through shared father-son experiences. The program's major goal is to shape boys into resilient, respectful, and principled young men while providing opportunities for fathers and sons to bond and build stronger relationships.

All fathers and sons aged 8-13 are welcome! Every third Sunday of the month until June 16, 2024. Venue varies each session. Free to join, but each family is responsible for any costs related to outings, activities, etc.

Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).



### Listening to Indigenous Voices

*Listening to Indigenous Voices* goes beyond a workshop by channelling truths from Indigenous sources. The course emphasizes active listening, guided by Indigenous witnesses in sharing circle sessions. It reframes challenges as rooted in colonization and advocates for absorbing Indigenous voices for enlightened action. Aligned with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it envisions ongoing reconciliation through historical understanding, acknowledgment of harm, atonement, and change. The curriculum navigates Indigenous worldviews and the history of colonization, culminating in reconciliation, decolonization, and indigenization. *Listening to Indigenous Voices* offers an opportunity to inspire proactive engagement, encourage openness to transformation, and prompt purposeful actions toward justice, healing, and a post-colonial future. The course consists of 12 sessions and will run on Saturdays every two weeks, starting October 14 at St. Augustine's Parish in Vancouver. Cost is \$30, which includes a course guidebook. Limited capacity. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 11.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events).

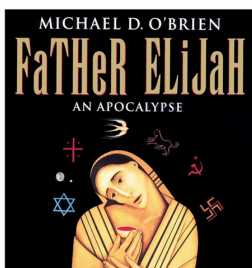
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 08, 2023



## John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



## Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



## Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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