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Twenty-eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

Behold our God,  
to whom we look to save us!



"Love is a movement, an  
effusion and a step from the  
heart towards goodness."

St. Francis de Sales

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Help Line: 604-640-7549

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WILL PREPARE  
A RICH FEAST  
FOR ALL PEOPLE



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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  
No School Mass Friday October 20  
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 15 Matthew 22:1-14**



*Many are invited, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:14)*

This is a sobering parable. None of us want to end up like those villagers who became victims of the violence they had visited upon the King's servants (Matthew 22:7). And we certainly don't want to be like that poorly dressed wedding guest (22:13)! So how should we respond?

Jesus told this parable to those chief priests and Pharisees in Jerusalem who had been seeking to destroy him (Matthew 21:45). Despite the malice he encountered from them, Jesus loved them deeply. So he told them a story to warn them about the stark consequences they risked if they continued down the path of unbelief and hatred they had started on. He wanted them instead to find their way into his kingdom, just as so many "tax collectors and sinners" had done (9:11).

Jesus wants everyone to enter his kingdom. His invitation is open to his enemies as well as his disciples, "bad and good alike" (Matthew 22:10). He welcomes all who come to him in humility, faith and repentance, including you. And when you come he showers you with mercy. He offers you his Bread of Life. He heals your wounds and gives you peace. Whether you are more like the chief priests or the tax collectors, he removes all of your sins and gives you a seat of honour at his banquet table.

Choosing the kingdom is not just once and done. It's an ongoing vocation. Today and every day, you will encounter many invitations from the Lord. They will come through the people you interact with, will you love them as Christ does? They will come as you scan the headlines, will you intercede for all the suffering in the world? They will come as you spot opportunities to share your faith, will you witness to the Lord, whether through your words or actions?

You are among the "many" who are invited (Matthew 22:14). Choose Jesus!

*"Lord, thank you for inviting me into your kingdom!"*

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

*Jilliana Bui Gutierrez*

*Valeria Liang*

*Vale Liang*

*Brielle Dalde*

Baptized in our parish this weekend



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**This Sunday Sept 15**  
**After 9 am & 11 am Masses.**

## OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† **David Hare**

*Passed away on Monday October 9, 2023*

*Loving husband of Rose Hare*

† **Margaret Lee Sun**

*Passed away on Wednesday October 11, 2023*

*in South Africa*

*Loving sister of Lois Lee Sun*

*Niece of Marjorie Woolner & Hilton Mason*

† **Lloyd Zimmerman**

*Passed away on Thursday October 12, 2023*

*Loving Father of Paul, Helene & Jonathan*

*Funeral Details to follow*

***Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord***

We are thrilled to invite you to a captivating event that promises an unforgettable blend of compassion, solidarity, and elegance. Join us for an evening uniting the harmonious notes of music with the symphony of hope and solidarity. "Sounds of Ukrainian Soul" is a charity concert showcasing the rich tapestry of Ukraine's musical heritage.

**7:00 pm, Friday, October 13, 2023**  
**501 4th Avenue, New Westminster**

**For a Noble Cause** Every dollar raised during this exceptional evening will be directly channelled to procure essential **medical supplies** for the brave men and women in the Armed Forces of **Ukraine**. Let us make a tangible difference in their lives, united for freedom and dignity.



# FALL BAZAAR

*Bake Goods Wanted !!!*

**Can you bake cookies/  
cake/cupcakes,/bread  
Would you have time to  
make some????**

**YOUR DONATION IS  
VITAL TO OUR  
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**Pls drop off October 20th  
Friday afternoon at the school gym.**

brownies, chocolate chips, carrot  
cake, banana bread, peanut butter  
cookies, rice krispies, cake pops,  
etc. Thank you so much!!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers 2023

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 to the parish office. The gift cards can be put in the offertory collection baskets at weekend Masses.

### We are requesting for the following items:

Coffee, tea, canned meat (*ham and chicken only*), canned fish (*tuna and 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.

Hampers will be distributed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Individuals/families in need residing in South Burnaby can contact the parish office at 604-434-1328 until November 26<sup>th</sup>.



## The Great Divorce: A Book Study for Young Adults

*The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis is the story of the journey of a man taking a bus ride from Hell to Heaven. Along the way, he follows several people who, upon arriving in Heaven, meet people and situations from their past lives. Each chapter of the book is a vignette about a different character and their journey towards or away from eternal happiness, all while encountering the deadly sins and the beauty of doing things God's way. Young adults aged 18-35 are welcome to a book study with the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese. Meetings will occur in Vancouver on the following dates:

- Friday, November 3 (6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- Friday, February 9 (6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.)
- Saturday, April 6 (12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and the Religious Sisters of the Archdiocese in a discussion setting. It also offers a chance to go deeper in overcoming the struggles of living a Christian life in the modern world.

**Registration deadline: Friday, October 27.** Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).




## 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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Week of October 15, 2023



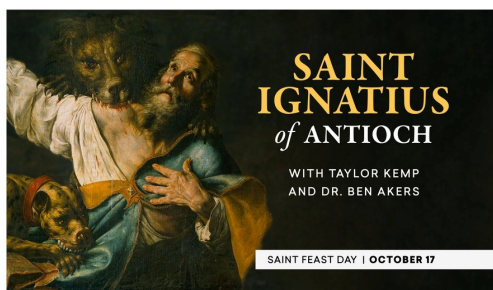
## St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.



## Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



## Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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