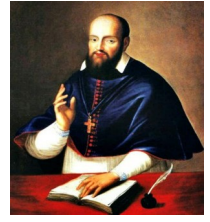




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Saturday

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 Oct 14
9:15 am Wednesday Oct 16 (School Mass)
9:00 am Saturday's & Holidays

Holy Hour

Thursday mornings after Mass
First Friday's at 6 pm

*“Mary, give me your Heart:
so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate;
your Heart so full of love and humility
that I may be able to receive Jesus in
the Bread of Life and love Him as you
love Him and serve Him in the
distressing guise of the poor.”
St. Mother Teresa*

Oct 13 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Liturgy offers us the encounter between Jesus and a man who "had great possessions" (Mk 10:22), and who went down in history as "the rich young man" (cf. Mt 19:20-22). [...]

The man begins with a *question* : "What must I do, to have eternal life?" (v. 17). Notice the verbs he uses: "*must do*" — "*to have*". Here is his religiosity: a duty, a doing so as to obtain; "I do something to get what I need". But this is a commercial relationship with God, a *quid pro quo*. Faith, on the other hand, is not a cold, mechanical ritual, a "must-do-obtain". [...] Here is a first test: what is faith for me? If it is mainly a duty or a bargaining chip, we are off track, because salvation is a *gift* and not a duty, it is free and cannot be bought. [...]

Jesus, in the second step, helps this man by offering him the true face of God. Indeed, the text says, "Jesus looking upon him loved him" (v. 21): this is God! This is where faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something that is to be done or paid, but from a *gaze* of love to be welcomed. [...] Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. [...] This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved by him, by he who is father.

After the question and the gaze there is — the third and final step — an *invitation* from Jesus, who says: "You lack one thing". What was that rich man lacking? Giving, gratuitousness. "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor" (v. 21). It is perhaps what we are missing too. We often do the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to do the maximum possible. How many times are we satisfied with doing our duties — the precepts, a few prayers, and many things like that — whereas God, who gives us life, asks us for leaps of life! [...] A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity, makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home "sorrowful" with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. [...] Do I remember to nourish it [my faith] by letting myself be looked at and loved by Jesus"? Letting oneself be gazed at and loved by Jesus; letting Jesus look at us, love us. "And, attracted by him, do I respond freely, with generosity, with all my heart?". [...]

We Welcome and Congratulate
Cliffron Joao Pedro Mascarenhas
Baptized in our parish this weekend

FIAT Readings and Reflections

All young, single Catholic women are invited to go deeper in their faith by reading selections from various sources together and discussing the deeper meaning of the passages and application to our own lives, alongside other young women and Religious Sisters.

The readings will focus on the transcendentals of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth.

Meetings will be held October 18, November 15 and February 7, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 2811 Venables Street, in Vancouver. Food and drinks will be provided.

Register by **October 13** at beholdvancouver.org/events.

KofC 50/50

Charity Appeal started on October 1 and will run until December 14, 2024.

Please scan QR code for online purchase.

Local Council members will also be selling physical e-tickets via Handheld devices accepting debit/credit cards after all Masses. Final draw is on December 14th.

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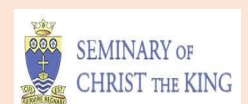
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An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (KOC) Charity Foundation. KOFCS are invited to fund all charitable efforts. Thank you for your support!

Authentic Assertiveness Workshop

This program supports our growth in self-knowledge and confidence before others in our lives. Together, we will explore the "Art of Existing," learning more about who we are in our strengths and how to exist before others with respectful assertiveness. By standing up, allowing ourselves to be seen and heard for who we truly are, we will find confidence, happiness, and better relationships. The group will meet monthly for nine sessions, using the PRH (Personality and Human Relations) methodology. The first meeting is Sunday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Registration cost according to scale. Register for all sessions by **October 17** at beholdvancouver.org/events

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 2-3 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca



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Saturday, October 26, 2024

Save the date, brothers and sisters. Our CWL are spearheading our parish's Craft Fair and Bazaar that'll be happening in our school gym from 10 am to 3:30 pm, on Saturday, Oct. 26.

There will be food, drinks, prizes galore, a whole variety of items, and so many opportunities to connect with old and new friends.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase this weekend after our Masses. Hope to see you there!!

Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
 Next Sunday October 20
 After 9 am & 11 am Masses.

Call for Applicants: Ambrose Matilda Music Competition - Strings, Piano, Vocal and More

Ambrose Matilda Music Connection Society is a non-profit organization that hosts international music competitions to discover future classical stars. The upcoming 4th online competition is open to individuals up to the age of 32. The event is supported by a number of sponsors, including the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Archbishop Miller will present certificates to the winners and recognize three churches for their high participation or winner counts. The winners will be given performance opportunities in Ottawa, Canada, in 2025. **Preliminary application deadline: Friday, November 15.** Learn more and apply at ambrosematilda.com

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FRIDAY, OCT. 18 @ 7PM HERE AT SFDS

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Please arrive early at our church (before 7pm) on Friday, Oct. 18 to settle in, We'll be praying for you all, leading up to the 'must experience' event. And...do you have friends who are non-Catholic and could use some extra prayers? Bring 'em along too! Again, as always, all are welcome.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Grocery Card Collection

Thank you for your generous donations in the past.

This year, we will NOT be collecting canned or boxed foods.

Instead of food items, we will be accepting grocery cards (Save On Foods, Walmart, Superstore, BuyLow).

Gift cards can be placed in the offertory collection at weekend Masses or dropped off at the parish office.

Individuals/families in need residing in South Burnaby can contact the parish office at 604-434-1328 until **November 28th**.

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." -Saint Francis de Sales

This year, our campaign is directed to enhancing / renovating key parts of our parish hall, making it more attractive to all the thousands who utilize the space over the course of the year AND ... we need to secure more initial funds to help get our developing regional teen ministry program off the ground in 2024.

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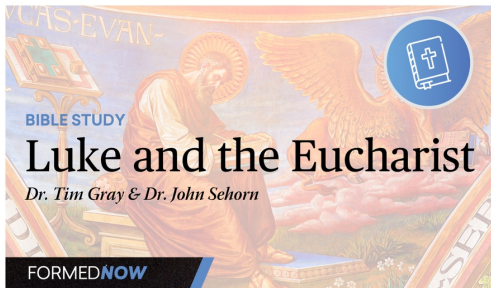
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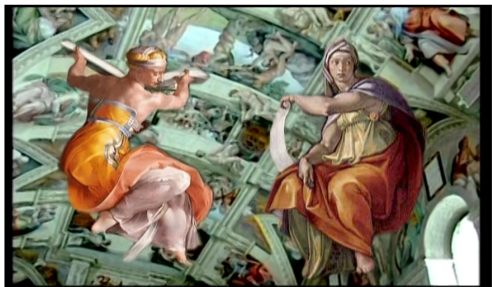
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Luke and the Eucharist

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Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

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