



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG 20, 2023

BULLETIN

1st Reading: Isaiah 56.1, 6-7
2nd Reading: Romans 11.13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Persistence in the Right

Deep down, we know what is right. Sometimes the line between right and wrong can be blurred and there are often mitigating circumstances that can take some of our culpability away when we've done something wrong. But essentially, we know what is right and we know what is wrong. Just ask any four-year-old. It's right when we can see Truth, Goodness and Beauty in our actions because when those elements are present, we know God is present and it is right.

The Canaanite Woman knew who Jesus was, even though she was a gentile, a pagan and from, well, Cana, the land of the most hated enemies of the Jewish people, the Canaanites. Yet she knew that it was right for Jesus to heal her daughter. And against all odds she persisted in what she knew was right and her daughter was healed. She stood up for what is right, challenging even Jesus because she knew what he was capable of. And deep in her bones she knew it was right that Jesus should heal her daughter.

There is no end to the variety of moral dilemmas we are faced with in our society today. The secular culture has taken a decidedly sharp turn away from the Christian values of yesteryear, a time that was referred to as Christendom.

That was a time not that long ago, perhaps only 10 or 20 years ago that Christian truth, values and the Word of God could be spoken in the public square and we could expect that most people would know what we were talking about. And even if the person wasn't a believer he or she had respect for those words and those values.

Not so anymore.

We find ourselves in a world that doesn't recognize Christian values or Catholic teaching. In fact, Christianity in many circles is considered the enemy. The Catholic Church is the very last bastion against the killing of innocent human life through abortion and euthanasia. We are almost the only opposition to it.

And there are myriad ways that the Church is being attacked, not just by individual malcontents, but by the various levels of government.

The point is, that every day, if we are paying attention, we could find ourselves on the horns of a dilemma: a conflict between what we know is right and what the secular world wants us to do. We know the difference between right and wrong. With the grace of God, let us always remain persistent in standing up for what is right.

Peace,
Father Larry

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WELCOME


We welcome all visitors. If you are new to the Parish, please fill out the registration form available at the entrance to the Church. And please introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Larry.


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ANOTHER SIGN THE PANDEMIC IS OVER

Sign of Peace at Mass

This is a quick reminder that, if so desired in a particular parish, the previous way of sharing the **Sign of Peace by way of a handshake**, which was eliminated during the pandemic, may now be restored. – Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB



Family Eucharistic Summit

The Family Eucharistic Summit is a one-day event for families to enter into the wonder and awe of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with activities for children, youth and adults. It will be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Burnaby on **Saturday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m.** Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events/family-eucharistic-summit.

THE MEN'S RETREAT

Are you yearning to know the real Jesus?

The Men's Retreat: **YESHUA** delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of RockRidge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit. From Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1, at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. Cost is \$275+, which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

The Chosen

The Chosen TV Series is returning to our parish – after Summer break – on **Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023**. Save the date on your calendar so you won't miss out! The Chosen **"The best movie version of the life of Jesus ever committed to pixels!"** – Father Larry Lynn CSC (Canadian Society of Cinematographers, Life Member)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon. to Sat.: Rosary at 7:55am and Mass at 8:30am
Thursday Mass will be followed by Adoration.

SUNDAY MASS

English: Sat.: 5:00pm and Sun.: 9:00am
English/French: Sun.: 11:00AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Masses: 8:30am and 7:00pm
Adoration: 9:00am – 10:00am and 5:45pm – 6:45pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tues. to Sat. at 8:00am until 8:25am
Sat.: 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Or by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION

Anyone who is not able to attend Mass and wishes to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

By appointment only.

MARRIAGE

All couples planning to be married in this Parish should contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance. Non-parishioners must obtain written permission from your parish.

FUNERAL

Contact Parish Priest before making arrangements.

SACRAMENTALS

For blessing of cars, religious articles and house blessings, please contact Parish Office.

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. Please connect with the parish office to request an intention.

**PROJECT
ADVANCE** Empowering
our Parish Vision
2023

We have sailed by the Archdiocesan goal of **\$15, 600**. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. Time for the rest of us to show up.

One Year Ago Today



Parish Religious Education Program

Wanted! Catholic children who attend public schools.

- Are you a parent of children who attend public school from Grade 1 to Grade 7?
- Do you know someone, or a family, who is in those circumstances?

Let's help those children to learn their faith. Speak to those families and let them know how important it is for the children to be well formed in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

To register or to volunteer, please connect with Ana at the parish office.



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THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

19-Aug	Saturday	5:00 PM	✝	Kambiz Forouzan
20-Aug	Sunday	9:00 AM	INT	OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISHIONERS
20-Aug	Sunday	11:00 AM	✝	Juan Deduque
21-Aug	Monday	8:30 AM	✝	Procelyn Tan
22-Aug	Tuesday	8:30 AM	INT	Jessica Christina Weeks
23-Aug	Wednesday	8:30 AM	✝	Rosina Bertani
24-Aug	Thursday	8:30 AM	✝	Gisele Bilodeau
25-Aug	Friday	8:30 AM	✝	Florisine Bilodeau
26-Aug	Saturday	8:30 AM	✝	Paul Bilodeau

Monthly Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join the Catholic faithful for the monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. The next Mass will be on **Saturday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey**. To learn more, please visit beholdvancouver.org/events.

Upper Room Conference 2023: Registration Now Open!

Proclaim's Upper Room conference connects hundreds of Catholics in pursuit of transforming their parishes into missionary outposts. Be inspired by our roster of engaging speakers, make meaningful connections, and discover strategies and tools to equip you for mission! Join us on **Saturday, September 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at Pacific Academy in Surrey. Cost is \$75, inclusive of food and two breakout sessions. Parking is free. To qualify for a \$10-discount, simply gather a group of 8 or more people and register together with a parish coupon code. Learn more and register at upperroomvancouver.com.

24-Hour Fast and Pray for Young Adults: Praying With the Saints for the Love of the Poor

Spend time with other young adults (19-39) as we fast and pray for world peace, the Church, the marginalized, and victims of abuse. There will be Masses, Adoration, talks, sharing, social/bonding and prayer time. Hosted by Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM). This event will be held at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver on Fri., Aug. 25, at 6:00 p.m., with a carpool to Westminster Abbey in Mission on Sat., Aug. 26. Cost is \$30/person. Subsidized fees also available. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill, especially:

Lina Aussant, Jamie Awa, Dr. Erb, Kathleen Lauzon, Ralph Roberts, Gilberte Collette and the Quek Family.

Through the intercession of St. John Paul II we ask that you heal them O Lord. Give them love and strength we pray, through Christ our Lord.

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS

Come and join us for coffee after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays. Celebrate with each other and get to know your fellow parishioners. This weekend we thank **the Couples for Christ** for sponsoring.



PARISH MINISTRIES

- Altar Servers** Alex Lim
- ACRSS Rep** Irenaeus Lim
- CWL** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 9am)** Josephine (Dollie) Basa
- Choir (Sun 11am)** Roger De Villa
- Couples for Christ** Alejandro & Stella Delos Santos
- K of C** Danny Kusnardi
- Grief Support** Peter O'Reilly
- Lector** Suzanne Tkach
- Prayer Group** Alex & Nancy Lim
- PREP** Marilyn Sarte
- Project Advance** Kathy Gorkoff & Francis Gutierrez
- RCIA** David & Angela Kan
- Sacristan** Alex Lim
- Ushers** Robert Tang & Terry Charbonneau

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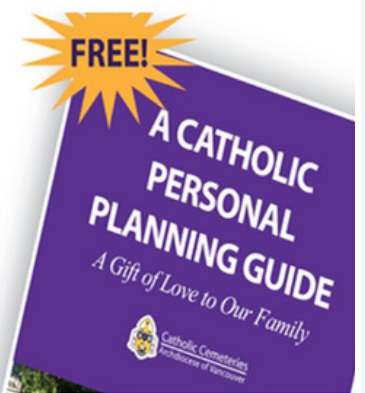
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