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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners,

Psalms are like hymns, people of Israel used to praise God for His goodness and mercy. The bible is full of Psalms about thanksgiving. These Psalms can help us give thanks to God for having done great things in our lives. Those scriptures can help us to change our attitudes into gratitude or lead us in the path of sanctifying our lives and all that we do. “My heart overflows with noble words. - Ps. 45.” “I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with His godly people. How amazing are the deeds of the Lord. – Ps. 111.”

Psalm 95 invites us to give thank to the Lord in the following way. “Come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 92 affirms that it is good to give thanks to the Lord and Psalm 89 to sing to the Lord for his unfailing love.

I know, this year, thanksgiving will be different from the past years. Families may not come together in big ways. Whatever the gathering be, and however small it will be, let us join to give thanks to the Creator as the hymn by Fred Pratt Green says “For The Fruits Of His Creation, Thanks Be To God; For The Gifts of Every Nation, Thanks Be To God; For The Plowing, Sowing, Reaping,...thanks be to God.”

Prophet Isaiah assures us, in the first reading of this Sunday, that God will provide for us rich food and He will wipe every tear from our eyes. The Lord in the Gospel invites everyone to the wedding feast and heavenly banquet, and to dress accordingly as it is necessary. Let us put on Christ and in Christ, as St. Paul says in our second reading, in doing all things.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. God bless all our families, the land and nation.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Pastor



Source: <https://theconversation.com/>

Fratelli Tutti: Pope Francis delivers new teaching aimed at healing divisions in the face of coronavirus (excerpts only)

Pope Francis has delivered a message to the world's 1.2 billion Catholics and people of goodwill everywhere which aims to soothe the fear caused by the coronavirus pandemic and unite communities riven by racism, inequality and climate change.

Fratelli Tutti (All Brothers) was signed on October 3 in Assisi, central Italy. He has always wanted to make it clear that his papacy is one of action – placing the needs of the poor, marginalised and disenfranchised at the centre of his ministry.

As a community of believers, Catholics are expected by Pope Francis to mobilise and become agents for change in the world. This action was to be based upon the canon of Catholic social teaching that had built up since the late 19th century and was, until recently, known as the church's "[best kept secret](#)".

Francis was going to make sure that Catholics put that teaching into action by providing a road map for change – and, in doing so, invited all people of goodwill to join him. While [Laudato Si'](#) (Praise to You, 2015) implored the world to "care for its common home", *Fratelli Tutti* offers teaching devoted to the concepts of fraternity and social friendship based upon the example of [St Francis of Assisi](#) who "wherever he went ... sowed the seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters".

COVID encyclical

It is inevitable that this encyclical will be known as the COVID-19 encyclical – and Francis himself acknowledges in paragraph 7 that this 45,000 word tome was written during the first wave of the pandemic. But he sees the questions regarding the purpose and meaning of life that many asked during the lockdowns as an opportunity to reset a pattern of catastrophic systemic failures that has created an unequal and polarised world. As he states in paragraph 33:

the pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realisation of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organisation of our societies, and, above all, the meaning of our existence.

Through *Fratelli Tutti*, Francis offers a new vision of society in which human dignity and the human rights of all are respected. He believes that actions based on the common good – the concept that everyone should be able to contribute meaningfully to society – must form the bedrock of politics and that people must acknowledge and respect everyone as their equal. Further that social and economic policy must be based on long-term planning rather than short-term populist soundbites.

Francis addresses this invitation to all people of goodwill – not just Catholics. *Fratelli Tutti* is an encyclical which above all teaches that complacency is the enemy of a peaceful and just society.



A Prayer to the Creator

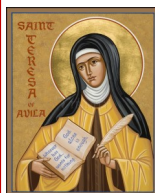
*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in
dignity: pour forth into our hearts a
fraternal spirit.*

*And inspire in us a dream of renewed
encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.*

*Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world, a world
without hunger, poverty,
violence and war. Amen.*

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA (1515 - 1582)

She was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.



"If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. And I clearly see that if we expect to please him and receive an abundance of his graces, God desires that these graces must come to us from the hands of Christ, through his most sacred humanity, in which God takes delight."

Stewardship Reflection - October 11, 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"My God will supply whatever you need..."
- Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

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Mass Intentions

	Day		Intention
Saturday	Oct 10	4pm	For the Parishioners
		6pm	+Concepcion Perez Tuells+
Sunday	Oct 11	9am	+Placida Tan+
		11am	Sp. Int. of David DuPerron
		1pm	+Consuelo & Julio Perez+
Monday	Oct 12	8am	+Rosemarie, Ignatius, & Frances Mascarenhas+
Tuesday	Oct 13	8am	+Jess De Francia+
Wednesday	Oct 14	8am	+Milagros Roybal+
Thursday	Oct 15	8am	+Margaret Roybal+
Friday	Oct 16	8am	+Alfredo Roybal+

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020



There have been a further 21 donations made to Project Advance in the past two weeks bringing our total to \$17,815 from 52 donors. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far. Please remember that you can donate online, by mail, or by enclosing your contribution in an envelope marked "Project Advance" and placing it in the collection basket during the offertory at Mass.

Parish Religious Education Program

For inquiries about PREP classes for the year 2020/2021, please email parish.ga@rcav.org or call 604-684-5775; or send your email direct to the PREP Coordinator at carmelacorpuz@hotmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Sessions are for persons inquiring about the Christian faith or wanting to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Session is ongoing and is held every Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct 15: Memorial: St. Teresa of Jesus (Feast day for Carmelites)

Oct 16: Memorial: St. Marguerite D'Youville
- World Food Day

Oct 17: Memorial: St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop, Martyr

Oct 18: World Mission Sunday



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Since 1926, Popes have entrusted The Society for the Propagation of the Faith to facilitate this important celebration of the missions.

October 2020

Dear Friends,

October is Missionary Month and the whole world celebrates WORLD MISSION SUNDAY! This year The Holy Father chose the theme, **Here I am, send me!** It is not only timely, but necessary, considering the challenges we currently encounter in our lives, in our church, and in our world.

The primary purpose of World Mission Sunday is to unite Catholics all over the world in prayer and support of the missions. It encourages prayer and financial assistance for the missionary work of the Catholic Church throughout the world. It enables the Gospel, the Good News, to reach millions who have yet to hear it, and it supports many who daily experience a significant lack of basic needs.



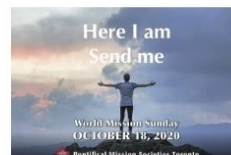
This year with the restrictions imposed on churches due to COVID, we are reaching out to you through this letter to provide you an opportunity to know what is going on at missions worldwide and offer a way to make a difference in the lives of those at the missions. We have heard of stories of missionaries who are unable to reach those in their care because of the distance and the financial difficulties that goes with it, and of others who are faced with extreme poverty, displacement, hunger, and disease on top of the pandemic within their communities.

#WeAreStillHere is a hashtag adopted by PMS worldwide to express that *our missionaries are here for you, they are not going anywhere, they are not giving up, and their hope is that you can be here for them.*

The most amazing thing is that the Lord asks, "Who will I send? Who will say YES and be available to go on my behalf to condemn today's evils in the world? Who will proclaim the Gospel that will transform it?" The Mission of Evangelization will continue in our contemporary culture only if the baptized people respond consciously with, "Here I am, Send me!" The missions need your help.

Yours in the service of Christ,

Alex Osei
Rev. Alex Osei, C.S.Sp.
National Director



Rosary Procession

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Come & join us for Rosary Procession at our own backyard, from the Grotto and around the Rectory, on October 24 at 3 pm. Bring your family and friends. Event will be headed by Legion of Mary - Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium. **"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary."** - Saint Francis de Sales



KIDS & SENIORS CORNER (Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)

In 1578, Martin Frobisher and his crew gave thanks to God when they safely landed in Nunavut.

It is not a Stat. holiday in PEI, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

Until 1931, it used to be celebrated on Remembrance Day.

In 1957, Parliament moved it to the 2nd Monday of October.

Pumpkins are associated with Thanksgiving because it represents abundance and prosperity.

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

⚠ **Email Fraud Warning**

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

VIRTUAL
**WHITE
MASS**

Livestreamed from Holy Rosary Cathedral

RCAV.ORG/WHITEMASS

Wednesday October 21 at 7pm
646 Richards St., Vancouver

Limited seating with Covid 19 protocols in place.

Mass celebrated by:
Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB

Hosted by Catholic Physicians' Guild

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Lane at 604.240.2725
or Dr. Toni Parsons at drtoniparsons@telus.net

Rosary Coast to Coast

This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Some will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize multi-generational groups of children and families. Learn more at rosarycoasttocoast.ca

Helping My Children Become Themselves

This 4-day PRH workshop will help you to understand your children and their needs, thus foster their development, improve your relationship with each child and understand the cause of certain behaviours in order to manage the difficulties encountered. Join us online over 2 weekends: Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. To register, contact Leah at lbittante2@gmail.com

Diaconate Ordination of Raffaele Salvino

We invite all of the faithful in the Archdiocese to the Diaconal Ordination of Raffaele Salvino on Friday, Oct. 23 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to witness a young man further pursue his vocation to the priesthood. Register online at rebrand.ly/OrdinationOct2020

Please pray for Raffaele that he may imitate Christ, who made himself a servant for all, and that the Archdiocese of Vancouver may be united by this moment of hope in this challenging season.