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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 06, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Shakespeare once wrote that there is “tide in the affairs” of our life that is accepted or lost forever. There are opportunities in our life which if not perceived, may be would never come back. It is possible for lots of regrets for lost opportunities or chances. In the parable of wise and foolish bridesmaids, we have a clear case of a lost opportunity. And while they went buy oil, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaid came also, saying, “Lord, Lord open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you I do not know you”. Mt. 25:9-12.

This passage also could be understood as the Gospel passage concludes, “keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Mt. 25:13. The same passage could also be understood in the light of passage from our first Reading this Sunday. “Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her.” Wisdom 6:12. As people of the Kingdom, we are called to discern the situations were called to involve. Wrong assessment of the situation will put us in the same trouble where these foolish bridesmaids were left with.

Another aspect that we need to consider this Sunday is the end of time, death and resurrection. As we come to the end of the liturgical cycle, we have to keep in mind, as St. Paul writing to 2nd Thessalonians exhorts, “For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the Archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” Let us be ready not miss an opportunity to meet the Lord. 1 Thess. 4:16.

On November 11th let us remember with gratitude all those who fought for freedom and the men and women in the armed forces. Let u also pray for peace in our land and the world at large.

We are still accepting candidates for PREP and I would like to express my gratitude to our volunteer PREP teachers. Parents, if your children wish to attend the faith formation classes, please contact us at the parish office.

If you are interested to sing as family or an individual for Christmas Masses, please come forward and join with angels to sing of the arrival of the Messiah.

Please take care of yourselves.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD
Pastor

Source: <http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/>

Pope Francis Homily on November 12, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good morning!

This Sunday, the Gospel (cf. Mt 25:1-13) indicates the condition that would allow us to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and it does so with the parable of the 10 virgins: it is about those maiden brides who were designated to welcome and accompany the bridegroom to the wedding ceremony and, since at that time it was customary to celebrate the ceremony at night, the maiden brides were provided with lamps. The parable states that five of these maidens are wise and five are foolish: indeed, the wise ones have brought oil for their lamps, while the foolish have brought none. The bridegroom's arrival is delayed and they all fall asleep. At midnight the bridegroom's arrival is announced; at that moment the foolish maidens realize they have no oil for their lamps, and they ask the wise ones for some. But the latter reply that they cannot give them any because there would not be enough for everyone. Thus, while the foolish maidens go in search of oil, the bridegroom arrives; the wise maidens go in with him to the marriage feast and the door is shut. The five foolish maidens return too late; they knock on the door, but the response is "I do not know you" (v. 12), and they remain outside.

What does Jesus wish to teach us with this parable? He reminds us that we must be ready for the encounter with him. Many times, in the Gospel, Jesus exhorts keeping watch, and he also does so at the end of this narrative. He says: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (v. 13). But with this parable he tells us that keeping watch does not only mean not to sleep, but to *be ready*; in fact all the maidens are asleep before the bridegroom's arrival, but upon waking some are ready and others are not. Thus, here is the meaning of being wise and prudent: it is a matter of not waiting until the last minute of our lives to cooperate with the grace of God, but rather to do so as of now. It would be good to consider for a moment: one day will be the last. If it were today, how prepared am I? But I must do this and that.... Be ready as if it were the last day: this does us good.

The lamp is a symbol of the faith that illuminates our life, while the oil is a symbol of the charity that nourishes the light of faith, making it fruitful and credible. The condition for being prepared for the encounter with the Lord is not only faith, but a Christian life abundant with love and charity for our neighbour. If we allow ourselves to be guided by what seems more comfortable, by seeking our own interests, then our life becomes barren, incapable of giving life to others, and we accumulate no reserve of oil for the lamp of our faith; and this — faith — will be extinguished at the moment of the Lord's coming, or even before. If instead we are watchful and seek to do good, with acts of love, of sharing, of service to a neighbour in difficulty, then we can be at peace while we wait for the bridegroom to come: the Lord can come at any moment, and even the slumber of death does not frighten us, because we have a reserve of oil, accumulated through everyday good works. Faith inspires charity and charity safeguards faith.

May the Virgin Mary help our faith to be ever more effective through charity; so that our lamp may already shine here, on the earthly journey and then for ever, at the marriage feast in heaven.

Remembrance Day

November 11

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit. - Rom. 15:13



Reflection

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 08, 2020

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - *Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



Mass Intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday	Nov 07 4pm	+Goolkhanam & Carmuller Baksh+
	6pm	For the Parishioners
Sunday	Nov 08 9am	+Rose Geilty+
	11am	+Jason Du Perron+
	1pm	+Michele (Mike) lameo+
Monday	Nov 09 8am	Anonymous - Intention #1
Tuesday	Nov 10 8am	+Ronald Bainbridge+
Wednesday	Nov 11 8am	+Peter Tan+
Thursday	Nov 12 8am	+Rosemarie, Ignatius, Frances Mascarenhas+
Friday	Nov 13 8am	Sp. Int. of Tyler Brown

BOOK of LIFE

All Souls Day – November 2nd, 2020: The Church devotes the month of November to pray for the deceased members of our families and friends. You are invited to offer Mass(es) for your deceased loved ones throughout the year, but most particularly during the month of November. Envelopes and a marked box, for this purpose, have been placed in front of the statue of St. Joseph. A stipend of \$10 per envelope is suggested. The Book of Life is displayed where you can enter the name(s) of the loved ones that you wish to have remembered and prayed for.



For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. - Ecclesiastes 9:5 -



Sacrament of Reconciliation

3 pm every Saturday or by appointment

Starting this Saturday, Nov. 7, confessions will be heard at the Confession Room.

Please follow protocols and guidelines posted by the door.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov 09: Feast - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov 10: Memorial: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor

Nov 11: Memorial: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Nov 11: Remembrance Day: Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.

This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes. ORDO 2019-2020 p.389

Nov 12: Memorial: St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

Total donations to date is \$21,500. 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. Please check out our PA custom website at <https://support.rcav.org/guardianangels/>



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 Religious Education Program

PREP Classes 2020-2021 starts November 8 every Sunday. 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

Baptism Prep Class



For those preparing their child to get baptized in the Catholic church, we are conducting Baptism Prep Class upon request. Please call or email the parish office for details.

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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.

Remembrance Day Mass and Commemoration

Join us for Mass and prayers as we remember those who gave their lives for our country. Mass and a special ceremony will take place on Nov. 11 at 10:00 am in the Evangelist Chapel at Gardens of Gethsemani in South Surrey. Pre-registration is required at rccav.org/events

Virtual Catechists Evening with Archbishop Miller

Come and join the hundreds of catechists in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this annual event where Archbishop Miller will honour, celebrate, thank, commission and give his annual exhortation to the those involved in the catechetical ministry - PREP, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC) and CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd). This event takes place on Friday, Nov. 13 from 7:00 pm - 8:30pm. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

The Gospel of Luke: Turning the World Upside Down

Join us as we explore what makes the Gospel of Luke fascinating and beautiful. We will pay particular attention to how Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God. In addition, we will see how Jesus' mission is continued by the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, the sequel to Luke's Gospel. The message of Luke is important because it inspires us in the mission Jesus has given us. Join our speaker Fr. Nick Meisl on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm on Zoom. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

How to Spiritually Survive and Enjoy the Holidays as an Adult Child of Divorce at Online

This talk will feature some psychological tips from a licensed counselor on the topic of boundaries and confronting difficult family situations around the holidays. Then, it will have a witness talk from an adult child of divorce about different practices and attitudes that she has found helpful to have greater peace around her family during the holidays. Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Zoom. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2021-2022 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the ENTRANCE EXAM on Friday, December 4, 2020. For more information on our VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE and online application, please visit our website www.lfabc.org or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.