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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Scripture exalts the role of a woman and it enumerates four characteristics.

- 1) She is a good wife, she is the happiness of her husband. cv 10-12
- 2) She is a great worker, she takes care of her husband, children and all others involved in the household.
- 3) she has a great and generous heart. She is moved by the needs of the poor and needy and makes every effort to help them.
- 4) She is very religious and keeps the commandments.

Question is, are there women of this sort? Yes, there are lots of this kind of women who are hardworking at home and workplace and involved in caring for the poor. I am sure God uses their services to the family and community and they become instruments of God's creative work in nurturing the family and uplifting the less fortunate.

I want to deal with only one question from today's parable. Let me quote Fernando Armellini, SCI in answering this question. "It sounds the easiest of all the questions. Many will have answered that they are the qualities that each one has received from God, qualities that have to be developed and exercised, not hidden away. But this is a wrong answer and it changes completely the sense of the parable. Verse 15 states clearly that the talents have been distributed to "each in proportion to his ability", thus we cannot take them to stand for personal qualities and capacity (I told you to read very carefully). The rich master is Christ, who before leaving this world to enter into the glory of the Father, has entrusted all his "goods" to his disciples. The waiting time, during which the talents have to be put to good use to produce fruits is the period that goes from Easter to the return of Christ at the end of time. It is thus the time of the Church. The servants are all the members of the Christian communities. And what is the exact meaning of the talents, the riches entrusted to us? it is all that Jesus gave us: first of all his Gospel, his message of salvation, then Baptism, the Eucharist and all the other sacraments, the power to heal, to console, his love for the poor, for the suffering."

This Sunday is World Day of the poor. Let us be mindful of Pope Francis' message "throughout the world the Christian communities can become ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those in need."

Coming Sunday is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and we celebrate the end of the liturgical season with the Solemnity of Christ the King. From the weekend of November 28/29, we begin the season of Advent.

November 16-19 is Priests' Study Week. I will be away and there will be no masses on the 17th to 19th of November.

We have started our PREP classes. Parents, if you have missed to register your children for the faith formation, please do so as soon as possible.

There will be a presentation of the Gospel of Luke via ZOOM by Fr. Nick Meisl on November 14, Saturday, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Please register online at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD
Pastor

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STEWARDSHIP SAINT for November



Born in Grenoble, France, in 1769, Rose was the daughter of a prominent lawyer. She was educated in a convent school and entered religious life when she was 18 years old. She eventually became a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, and in 1815, at age 46, was directed to establish a convent in Paris. Sister Rose had heard a call to be a missionary since her youth. She revealed a spiritual experience she had had during a night of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday: "I spent the entire night in the New World ... carrying the Blessed Sacrament to all parts of the land ... I had all my sacrifices to offer: a mother, sisters, family, my mountain!" At age 49, Sister Rose responded to the call. In 1818, she was sent to the United States at the request of the bishop of the Louisiana territory who was looking for a congregation of educators. She arrived in New Orleans, and traveled north to St. Louis, then to nearby St. Charles, Missouri. There she established in a log cabin the first convent of the Society ever built outside of France. The small community, which included a boarding school for daughters of pioneers, faced many struggles including lack of funds and very cold winters. Sister Rose also had great difficulty learning English. By 1828, however, after much prayer, work and perseverance, Sister Rose had established six schools.

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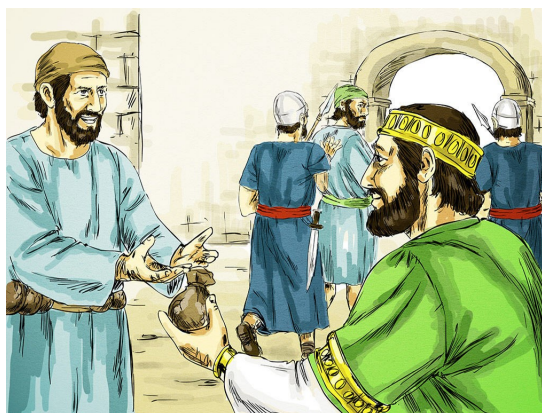
When Sister Rose was 72, a school for children of the Potawatomi tribe was opened at Sugar Creek, Kansas. Though many thought Rose too sick to go, the Jesuit head of the mission insisted: "She must come; she may not be able to do much work, but she will assure success to the mission by praying for us. Her very presence will draw down all manner of heavenly favors on the work." Her long hours of prayer impelled the tribal leaders to name her, "Woman Who-Prays-Always." Sister Rose was with the Potawatomi tribe only one year, however, as her health could not sustain the rigors of village life. In July 1842, she returned to St. Charles where she would spend the last ten years of her life. She died on November 18, 1852, at the age of 83. She was canonized in 1988 by Saint John Paul II. Her feast day is November 18.

KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

(Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)



Old bankers never die,
they just lose a little interest.
Old lawyers never die,
they just lose a little appeal.
Old wrestlers never die,
they just lose a little grip.
Old chauffeurs never die,
they just lose a little drive.
Old steelmakers never die,
they just lose a little temper.
Old schools never die,
they just lose their principals.



"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich;
but from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away." - *Matthew 25:29*

Reflection

International Catholic Stewardship Council November bulletin

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 15, 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.



Mass Intentions

Day	Intention
Saturday Nov 14 4pm	Anonymous - Intention #2
6pm	+Vicente L. Dela Cruz+
Sunday Nov 15 9am	Sp. Int. Neuves
11am	Thanksgiving - VDB
1pm	For the Parishioners
Monday Nov 16 8am	+Maria Agnes de la Cruz+
Tuesday Nov 17 ---	+Victoria & Felipe Santos+ ***
Wednesday Nov 18 ---	+Aunt Sheng+ ***
Thursday Nov 19 ---	+Frances Mascarenhas+ ***
Friday Nov 20 8am	+Mary Jane (Graham) MacDonald

BOOK of LIFE

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 Church. 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 15: World Day of the Poor

In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need." -Message of his Holiness, Pope Francis, First World Day of the Poor, Nov 19, 2017 (ORDO 2019-2020)

Nov 16 to 19: Priest Study Week

There will be NO Masses on Nov 17, 18, & 19 at Guardian Angels Parish. All Mass intentions for those days will be offered by the Pastor during Masses at the venue.***

Nov 17: Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Nov 21: Memorial: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov 22: Solemnity of CHRIST THE KING: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

Total donations to date is \$22,310. 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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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.

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

Love is the Answer Virtual Retreat

Join us for this virtual retreat on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux to bring people closer to Jesus during this difficult time of pandemic. Organized by Angelina Muniz from Lumen Vitae and team. We will have two talks, mental maps, time of recollection, contemplative prayer practice, videos and music. It is a free event, and open to everyone. This retreat will take place over Zoom on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Email angelina@vidahumanaedu... or send a WhatsApp to 778-668-7033.

Annual Report 2019/2020

The Archdiocese of Vancouver's Annual Report for 2019-2020 is now published online at annualreport.rcav.org

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.