

WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY

29th Sunday In
Ordinary Time

CALLED TO
SERVE WITH
SELFLESS LOVE



October 21st, 2018

Stewardship Reflection

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share.” This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

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World Mission Sunday

Instituted by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday encourages prayers, cooperation, and help for missions as well as reminds Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person. The theme of this year’s observance, “Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all,” echoes the synod on youth whose theme is “Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” A second collection will be taken up for World Mission Sunday on Oct. 21.



Archbishop’s Pastoral Visit:

As a Parish we are blessed to have Archbishop Miller come for a Pastoral visit. It will be an opportunity for him as our Shepherd to spend time with us in the setting of our parish and school family.

Archbishop’s Pastoral Visit on Nov 8th, 10th & 11th

Please note: This is a ‘Tentative Schedule’ and is being sent out now so that our parishioners will hopefully schedule in time to meet Archbishop Miller.

Thursday, Nov 8th

The Archbishop will arrive late afternoon to meet with the school staff and the Parish Education Committee.

Saturday, Nov 10th

Saturday Morning at 9:30am: - The Archbishop is hoping to visit with Parishioners who are engaged in our various Parish Ministries and Parish Committees: Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Ushers, Leaders of Song, Senior Servers, Finance Council, Pastoral Council, Pastoral Care, Special Event Co-ordinators, Knights of Columbus, Children’s Liturgy, RCIA, PREP, Cubs, CWL, Refugee Committee, Seismic Committee, Maintenance Committee, Class Parents, High School and University Students.

Saturday Afternoon: – The Archbishop will visit St. Michael the Archangel Chapel – our sister community at Musqueam.

Sunday, Nov 11th

The Archbishop will celebrate the Sunday 11:30am Mass. A Parish luncheon will follow in the gym where the Archbishop wants to meet and visit with each of you.

All Souls’ Day Mass – Friday, November 2 at 7:00 PM

At this Mass we invite the families who had a funeral Mass at Immaculate over this past year to gather and to pray for their loved one who died. The name of your loved one will be prayed aloud and the family is invited to bring up a Prayer Candle in their memory. We provide the candle.

If you had an immediate family member die this past year but the funeral was elsewhere you re also invited to remember them at this Mass. Their name will be prayed aloud and you are invited to bring up a candle in their memory. (Please contact Kathy in the parish office to let us know their names and when they died).

Other parishioners who come to the Mass will be given a Prayer Card and invited to write down the names of their loved ones who died over the years. You will be invited to bring your Prayer Card up to the Altar where they will remain for the month of November and remembered at all of the Masses.



Franciscan Friars of Canada: Next week the Franciscans from eastern Canada will be gathering with the Franciscan Friars from western Canada for a 'Chapter of Union' at the Star of the North Retreat House outside of Edmonton. The Franciscans in the east were the mother Province of the Franciscans who moved out to the west at the turn of the twentieth century. The western Bishops asked the Franciscans to come from Montreal to minister within Francophone communities and to run a college in Edmonton so that the children of immigrants would have access to a quality and a higher education.

The Chapter event is to celebrate that the Franciscan Province of St. Joseph (the eastern Province of Franciscans) is entering into a Union with the western Province of Christ the King. After the Chapter all of the Franciscans in Canada will belong to one Province – The Franciscans of Canada – The Province of the Holy Spirit. This new united Franciscan Province will stretch from the east coast to the west coast. The Franciscan Minister General, Michael Perry, whose headquarters are in Rome will preside at this historical Chapter event. This restructuring is happening after many years of discernment and planning. It is a restructuring to facilitate the Revitalization of the Franciscan spirit and presence in Canada. The Franciscans have been in Canada for over 400 years and continue to be present across the country.

Please keep the Franciscans in your prayers as they seek to follow the Holy Spirit into the future. Fr. Paul and Fr. Regi will be attending this Historical, Franciscan, Church and Canadian event.

Halloween Candy for Agape Street Ministry – The Agape Street Ministry invites you to share Jesus' message of love, hope and acceptance by donating to them some of your Halloween Candy. Agape (Christ's Love) is a Catholic Ministry which has over 35,000 encounters with street women. As a gesture of love and friendship, the women are given little bags of candy and a card of blessing.

These women who are lost in the inner-city beam with delight when they encounter the women from Agape. Which one of us does not desire to have another see us – delight in us and look upon us as a friend, in goodness and with blessing ... the little bag of candy opens the door to a holy exchange.

Please speak to your children about this ministry and encourage them before they go 'trick or treating' to plan 'to tithe' (to share) a portion of their Halloween candy with Agape.

We all have a desire in our hearts, souls and minds to bless, to share and to care for one another. We will have containers in the Church after Halloween so that the children can bring up their candies.

❖ *Philosophy of the Human Person*

Our Next Session: Saturday, October 27th, 9:30-11:30am

Annual White Mass for Healthcare Workers will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller on Friday, October 26 at St. Augustine's Church – 2028 W.7th Ave in Vancouver. Hosted by the Catholic Physicians' Guild. For Info: 604-240-2725

In the Spirit of Reconciliation Join us for the screening of Father Larry Lynn's film *In the Spirit of Reconciliation*. Father Larry Lynn, a Vancouver-based priest and filmmaker, captures residual tension between residential school survivors and the Catholic Church in his new film. The documentary portrays tales of sorrow and ultimately forgiveness - Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Chapel, UBC.

Condolences: Let us pray for †Fr. James Fagan who passed away this week. Vigil prayers for †Fr. James will be held on Sunday, Oct 28 at 4pm at Good Shepherd Church. The Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Oct 29 at 1pm. Eternal rest grant unto Fr. James, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



R.C.I.A – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: R.C.I.A is an informal process

to help men and women discern why Religion is important and relevant in our personal life, family life and in our society. We will be meeting every other Friday from 7:30-8:30pm. For those who are interested please contact the Parish office.

Twilight Mass We were delighted to see so many 'new' and 'old' faces coming to join us at our monthly Twilight Mass on Oct 14. We hope that everyone went home with a heart refreshed, renewed and reformed in the love of Christ. Our next Twilight Mass will be on Sunday, Nov 4 at 8pm. We look forward to seeing you again. All Are Welcome!