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St. Joseph, Pray for Us

October 31, 2021

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Bible Verse for October 31: Phil. 4:1

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Stewardship Reflection:

"... 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself,' - this is much more important than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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Mass Intentions:

Monday	Nov. 1	William Laurillard +
Tuesday	Nov. 2	All Souls' Day: 9am Manuel Delgado + 6 mos. d/a 7pm Teodoro P. Abalos, Jr. +
Wednesday	Nov. 3	5pm Legion of Mary deceased members
Thursday	Nov. 4	Nihal Livera +
Friday	Nov. 5	Anna Teindl +
Saturday	Nov. 6	Rafael (John-Boy) Aragon +

Sunday, November 7:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Nov. 6	5pm Joao & Virginia Narciso +
Sunday	Nov. 7	9am Zachary Restiaux
Sunday	Nov. 7	11am Graceamma Chittattu +

Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges: Peggy Baker, Wade Baker, Margaret Boe, Bob Curley, Anne Dranchuk, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatrault, Jean Hellier, Ken Hodge, Lilia Huff, Bruno Mannella, Lola Mannella, Diana Martin, Henry Merz, Mabsie Merz, Patricia Peters, Anna Peterson (mother of Nadia Dohan), Eugene Power, and Zachary Restiaux.

St. Joseph's Food Bank will be having a **Bottle Drive** on **Saturday, November 6**, from **10am - 2pm**. Please drop off your returnable bottles at the Food Bank. All necessary safety precautions will be taken. Thanks for your support.

Project Advance 2021 Our Way Forward: Our \$15,000 commitment to the Archdiocese of Vancouver has now been met. Henceforth any donation to Project Advance will be rebated back to the Parish. On Thursday night there was an emergency with water overflow causing damage. This is the type of emergency where your donation to Project Advance can be of great assistance. Another plus is that donations to Project Advance are not taxed by the Archdiocese. Please make your cheques out to Project Advance and put in the box in front of the sanctuary or bring in to the office. Thank you.

Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy and Consecrated Men and Women: The annual Mass for deceased bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at **Holy Rosary Cathedral** on **Wednesday, November 3** at **12noon**. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Kindly remember in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is offering a free burial service called Reverently Laying to Rest Ashes at the end of November. It is for people who have urns at home that they cannot afford to bury. Please contact aloch@rcav.org if you would like more information or know of someone in need of this service.

The Letters of Saint Paul: Paul Heals a Divided Community: In his letters, St. Paul sought to heal divisions in local Churches. Join us as we explore how Paul's writings, particularly 1 Corinthians, were aimed at building unity among followers of Jesus. His guidance is relevant today as we seek to overcome divisions in our own communities, whether they be our families or the Church, **Saturday, November 13** at **7pm**. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Are you involved in lay ministry work?: Receive funding to cultivate essential skills for faithful and effective ministry. St. Mark's College at UBC has multiple new scholarships for people working (paid and volunteer) in lay ministry. Free tuition and fee funding are available for courses on the theology of ministry, scripture, and foundations of theology. This is your chance! **Deadline: Tuesday, November 30, 2021**. For further information, contact Dr. Lynda Robitaille, Irobitaille@stmarkscollege 604.822.4463

St. Monica's Mission Holy Hour: Many parents are grieving the loss of their adult child's faith in the Catholic Church. Through St. Monica's Mission, A Prayerful Journey of Perseverance and Hope, parents are invited to join our monthly Holy Hours on the Third Friday of the month at various parishes across the Archdiocese. **Friday, November 19** at **6:30pm**. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events

CWL Meeting: Thursday, November 4, 7pm.