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“True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.”

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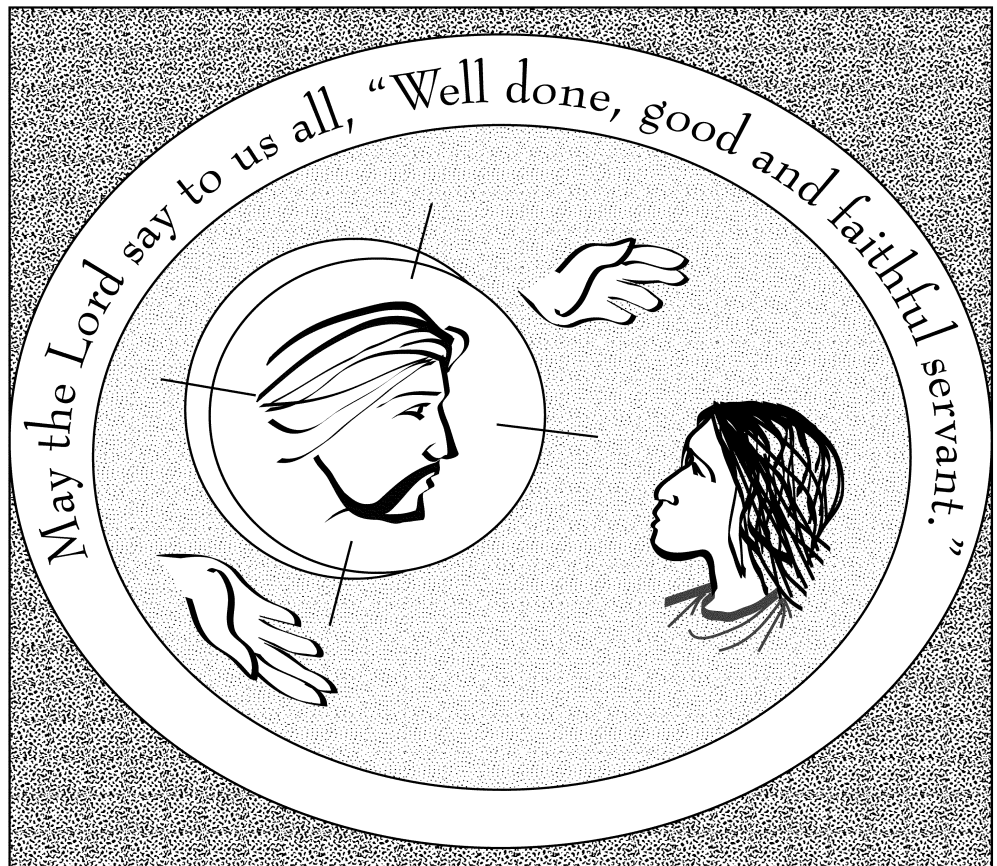
Domestic Abuse

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Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

You will call upon me,
and I will answer you!



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Confessions:

Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.
604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule:

8:15 am Monday-Friday
Friday November 24 (NO SCHOOL MASS)
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm Mass of Anticipation
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings after Mass.
First Friday's at 6:00 pm

Men's Bible Study

Every Tuesday 9 am to 11 am
In the Parish Hall

Sunday, November 19 Matthew 25:14-30



Well done, my good and faithful servant... You were faithful in small matters
(Matthew 25:23)

Don't we all long to hear these words from Jesus when we meet him face to face? Though we stumble and fall, we put our faith in our Lord's mercy. We hope that one day, we will greet our Master with joy and confidence rather than with fear and trembling. But how can we see this hope fulfilled? Today's Gospel gives us a clue. In this parable, Jesus is doing more than giving financial advice. He is teaching us how to be ready for his return in glory.

Earlier in this discourse, Jesus told two similar parables. First he spoke of two servants who are put in charge of their master's household (Matthew 24:45-51). One is responsible and provides faithfully for his fellow servants. He is rewarded and put in charge of all his master's property. The other is lazy, selfish, and cruel to the others, he earns a severe punishment.

Jesus' second parable involves two groups of woman waiting for a bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13). Some are wise and bring oil, some are foolish and don't. When the bridegroom returns, only the wise woman have oil to light their lamps. They are ready to greet him and enter the feast. The foolish rush off to buy oil, but in the end, they are too late to join the celebration.

Now in today's parable, Jesus tries once more to show his disciples how to be ready for his return. He wants them, and all of us, to enter the feast of heaven and "share our master's joy" (Matthew 25:21). And that requires faithfulness. Jesus wants us to be like those servants who earned a return. He's urging us to stay alert, obey his commands, and be faithful "in small matters" (25:21). Every act of love and obedience will help us to live as children of light. Then our hearts will be ready to greet Jesus and hear him say, "well done!"

New Subscriptions or Renewals for 2024

Missalettes—\$30 per year

The Word Among Us—\$25 per year

Please **SEND** payments to the Parish office or drop them off in the collection basket in an envelope with your name and marked "**Missalettes**" or "**The Word Among Us**" payment. Please contact the Parish office to make any changes to your subscription. Thank you!



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday November 19
After 9 am & 11 am Masses.



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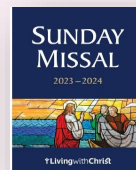
"There is nothing small in the service of God."
-ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Advent Retreat: Choose the Better Part

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "*Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.*" This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this event a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season. Registration is only \$25, offering you a chance to delve into spiritual reflection, strike the perfect balance between contemplation and action, and foster connections within our Catholic community. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm.

2023-2024 Sunday Missals

will be on sale this weekend after all Masses or you can purchase them from the parish office. Cost is \$5/each.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers 2023

Thank you for your generous donations in the past. Donations can be placed in the box at the entrance of the church or dropped off to the parish office. The gift cards can be put in the offertory collection baskets at weekend Masses.

We are requesting for the following items: Coffee, tea, canned meat (*ham and chicken only*), canned fish (*tuna and salmon only*), pasta sauce, breakfast cereal (*e.g., Cheerios, instant oatmeal packets like Quaker oats or healthy cereal for kids*), Kraft dinner, peanut butter, canned fruit, packet juices, jam, mayonnaise, canned corn, baked beans, canned spaghetti, ravioli, chili, stew, snack bars, instant noodles, canned & packaged soups, crackers, hot chocolate.

Hampers will be distributed on December 2nd. Individuals/families in need residing in South Burnaby can contact the parish office at 604-434-1328 until November 26th.

CWL Presents their

Christmas Luncheon Menu

Soft Rolls
Green salad
Italian dressing

Roasted white and dark turkey

Sausage stuffing

Pineapple glazed Ham

Mashed potatoes
Glazed carrots
Charred Brussel sprouts

Cannoli
Kourabiedes
Pumpkin tart

\$35.00 per guest

Sat. Dec. 9, door opens at 12:30
SFDS Church Hall

Archbishop's Annual

MASS FOR *Life*

*"May we defend it and promote it from
conception to its natural end."*

December 16, 2023

Holy Rosary Cathedral | Mass at 12:10 pm

Celebrant: Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB



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of Vancouver

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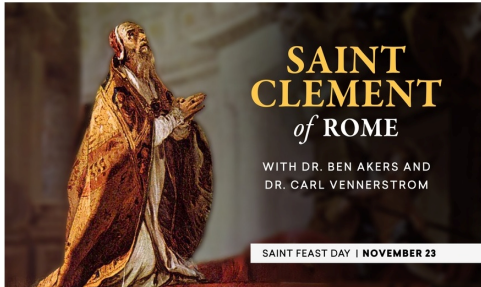
THE GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Toothbrushes
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Mens bar soap
Womens bar soap
Shampoo (Large and small size)
Socks (Walmart - 20 pairs = \$10)
Under garments
Hats and scarves
Gloves (Dollar store **only**)
Feminine hygiene products
Chocolate treats

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basket at the entrance of the Church
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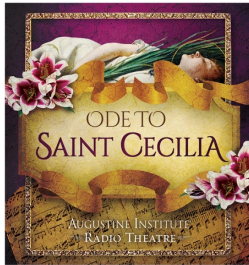
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 19, 2023



St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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