

### A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

If you think that only the Pharisees were able to make weird laws that could not be carried out, think again. These are real laws which all exist here in Canada to this day. In Nova Scotia, a person is not allowed to water their grass when it's raining. In Toronto, Ontario, it's illegal to drag a dead horse down Young Street on a Sunday! It is illegal to kill a Sasquatch in BC. There is a law on the British Columbia books that states if you're a bankrupt drunk who got thrown into jail, the law requires the jailer to bring you a bottle of beer on demand. In Fort Qu'Appelle Quebec, it is illegal for a teen to walk downtown Main Street with his shoes untied. It is illegal anywhere in Canada to pay for a 26 cent item in all pennies. The limit is 25 cents. In Alberta, it is illegal to set fire to the wooden leg of a wooden legged man.

The problem with multiplying laws is that people get confused about what things are truly important and what things are incidental. The Jews too had so many laws, all 613 of them, drawn from the Old Testament. Because the demands of one law often conflicted with those of another, Jewish moralists tried to work out a synthesis of the essentials of the Law.

Prophet Micah summarised the Law in these words: *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"* (Micah 6:8). Rabbi Hillel was once asked to summarise the whole law standing on one leg. His summary was *"What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole law, the rest is commentary."*

So when the scribe asks Jesus, **"Which commandment is the first of all?"** He was not simply asking for the first of the Ten Commandments: *"I am the LORD your God ... you shall have no other gods before me"* (Ex. 20:2-3). Rather he was asking for Jesus' own synthesis of the laws and commandments of God.

There are still many of us Christians today who see our worship of God in terms of observing laws and commandments. We go to church on Sunday to fulfill our "Sunday obligation." We celebrate the events of Holy Week to do our "Easter duty." Jesus reminds us today that whatever we do as Christians, in church, in our families, and at work should flow not out of a sense of compulsion but out of love for God and neighbour. Obedience is not the first duty of a Christian. Love is.



### ✝ Month of Holy Souls

In November, when the Church reminds us of our duty to pray for the dead, it is good to recall the meaning of Christian death as it is expressed in the rites of Christian burial. The Bishops of BC have issued guidelines to explain the Church's mind on the subject of funerals. You can access it at: [www.rcav.org](http://www.rcav.org)

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Phil. 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14  
 Tue. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24  
 Wed. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - Phil. 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33  
 Thurs. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Phil. 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10  
 Fri. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast  
 Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Cor. 3:9b-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22  
 Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - ST. LEO THE GREAT, memorial  
 Phil. 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15  
 Sun. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44



### ALTAR SERVERS



**Wed. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM** - Volunteers  
**Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM** - C & C Akol. M.Cabuhayan, J.Lanuza, J.Nguyen.  
**Sun. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM** - N.Caho, J & N Yuen.  
**11:00 AM** - R.Bottin, S.Cho, W.Pham, J.Roque.

**5:00 PM** - K.Alonzo, A.Babas, P.Casanova, T.Johnson, F & T Le, E.Nguyen, J.Plata.

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend at all the Masses for Peter's Pence. This collection supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you in advance for your support of today's collection

### MEMORIAL FOR YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

This Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm you are welcome to bring pictures of the deceased members of your family, as we will pray for the repose of their souls at the Novena Mass.

PROJECT ADVANCE - "Live Gratefully, Give Generously"  
 To date we have received \$79,992 in pledges from 28% of the congregation. Thank you to all those who have donated so far. Can we make it to \$80,000??? We are so close! If you wish to contribute, it is not too late, you can still drop off your donation marked Project Advance in the Sunday collection, at the parish office or give online at: [www.rca.org/giving](http://www.rca.org/giving).

ST. Jude's Raffle - Early Bird Draw  
 Congratulations to Mr. Mitch Montero and Elaisa Mae Cabungcal, winners of the early Bird Draw held last Sunday.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 pm Mass for the deceased members of the Mattarolo and Zamin families
Sun. Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for Everisto Giardullo, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for Mr. & Mrs. Charles Liang, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for Nicola, Maria Giovanni Monaco, R.I.P.
Tue. Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for the deceased members of the Farina family.
Wed. Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for Raffaele, Michelina & Giovanna Ruggiero, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Mass for Virgilio Carina, R.I.P.
Fri. Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Anna Crudo
Sat. Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass for deceased members of the Jimenez & Mendoza families

## SUCCESSFUL PARISH MISSION & FEAST DAY

Thank you to all those individuals and parish groups who volunteered their services: altar servers, sacristans, choirs, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, CWL, K of C and El Shaddai as well as to all those who donated food and helped at our Feast Day celebrations. Special thanks to Victoria Imperial and the Shrine committee for preparing and serving coffee every night after the Mission.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

- **Friendship Day:** Join us this Sunday, after the 9 & 11 am Masses in the church vestibule.



## IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Maria Di Palma** whose funeral was held on Friday.

**Mr. Ralph De Vita's**, funeral will be held this week. Prayers this Tuesday, at 7 pm; Funeral Mass Wednesday at 10 am. May they and all the faithful departed rest in peace!

## PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children attending public schools, grades 1 through 7, has begun. The program is held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted.

## RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). The program is suitable to anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and for those who would like to deepen their faith, whether you were baptized or not. For more information please call the parish office (604) 434-6700.



## SQUIRETTES NEWS

- Blanket Drive: Next weekend, Nov. 10/11 at the entrance of the church. Our Squirettes will be collecting gently used blankets and toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc...) for Covenant House.  
- Senior's Soup Day: will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass in the church hall!



## SCHOOL NEWS

- Photo Re-takes will be held this Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
- School Mass: This Wed. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. Join us!

## NOTRE DAME NEWS

Notre Dame Regional Secondary invites you to **Notre Dame: Uncorked**, a new fundraising event on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, hosted right at the school! The evening features wine tasting and great food, as well as an exciting silent auction. Tickets are \$50. More info at 604-255-5454.



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Up-Coming Events

#### Stewardship Reflections

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the 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 love, 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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#### THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY AND CONSECRATED MEN AND WOMEN will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 pm.

All are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly 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.

**Quo Vadis – Men's Discernment Events** - Nov. 16-18 at Seminary Christ the King, Mission. Visiting Christ the King Seminary for a weekend is one of the best ways to discern if you are being called to the priesthood. It's a chance to experience the life of a seminarian. You'll share meals, attend classes, and talk with others about your interest in priesthood. The weekend includes confession, Mass, talks about discerning your vocation, and plenty of time for personal prayer. We also play basketball and street hockey, so bring athletic clothes and your hockey stick. If interested, please download and complete an application form: <http://vocationsvancouver.ca/quivadis>

#### Fiat: Women's Discernment Events – Day of Recollection with Archbishop Miller on Sat. Nov. 17 at 12 p.m.

Fiat, the women's vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver is getting ready for another year of events. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. Join us at Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist Convent, 2811 Venables Street, Vancouver. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. E-mail [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org) for more information.

