

## HAPPY FEAST DAY!

### A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

What if you could live your life over? What if you had a second chance to live life again? What would you change? What would you keep the same? Or to put it in terms of today's Gospel, what would you want to see differently?

The cry of Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is "**Lord, I want to see.**" If that cry were to become true for you, what would you want to see? Father William Bausch in a beautiful essay on the Bartimaeus story suggests that there are three things we would want to see differently: (1) relationships, (2) the overlooked and (3) the hints of God's grace in our lives.

The first thing Fr. Bausch says we would want to see differently is what our heart has always told us is true: that relationships are the most important part of life. This would lead us to ask ourselves why we allowed the madness of individualism and consumerism to get ahead of our relationships? Why did we allow our careers and our schedules, our entertainment and our desire to accumulate things push the people in our lives to the side? When we look at our lives, all too often our most important relationships are not as treasured as we know they should be. Yet, in our most sober moment we know that nothing is more important than our relationships. Then why don't we see it?

The second thing that Fr. Bausch says we should ask to see is the overlooked. You know who the overlooked are: the poor, the needy, the troubled, the non-persons who suffer because they have value in the eyes of so few. The overlooked are the people who tried to love us and we did not love in return, the people who cried out to us and we did not hear, and every person we did not treat with the value that they deserved.

The third and final thing we would be called to see is the presence of God in our lives, the hints of God's presence that surround us. God is always present in our lives, living in every moment and every breath. The beauty of God pulses through our daily routine. Yet, how infrequently do we see that presence and take comfort and strength from it. How much deeper, how much more rewarding our life would be if we could have increased sensitivity to the ways in which God is present in our lives. I would like to share with you the words of an anonymous author who shows this kind of sensitivity to the beauty of God in daily routine.

The cry of Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is, "**Lord, I want to see**". It is the cry of every disciple, the cry of every person who wishes to be fully human. As a human person, I want to see the primacy of relationships in my life. I want to see the people I overlooked and the flaws in my own life I cannot face. I want to see the hints of your presence in my daily routine. If you make that request, do not be surprised if Christ will hear you. Do not be surprised if Jesus grants your prayer. For that is the good news. The promise of the Gospel is that the second time around can begin today.



ST. JUDE'S PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE - Early Bird Draw will take place this Sunday, after the 11 am Mass, at our Feast Day reception, in the school gym.

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Ephes. 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17

Tue. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> - Ephes. 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21

Wed. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Ephes. 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30

Thurs. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - ALL SAINTS, solemnity

Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Mat. 5:1-12a

Fri. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - ALL SOULS

Sat. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Phil. 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

Sun. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deut. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34



### ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Fri. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00 PM - A.Chavez, D.Giuliano, C & C Tsang, S.Yip.

Sun. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM - C.Barraca, J.Casino, J & R Huang, V.Velasquez. 11:00 AM - M.Balocan, N & N Nunez, C.Paule. 5:00 PM - M. De Leon, A.Ferreira, M & M Hong, R & R Sugaanob, K & K Tan.

### ST. JUDE'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

A reception will be held this Sunday, after the 11 am Mass, in the school gym. All are welcome to attend!

### 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).



### 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)

**ALL SOULS' DAY - Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Commemoration of all the faithful departed. **Masses at 8:00 am & 7:30 pm.** Come and pray for the holy souls in Purgatory.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Mass for Josue Barraca, R.I.P.
Sun. Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for parishioners 11 am Mass for the int. of Julie Casanova 5 pm Mass for Sophia Cheung, R.I.P. 7 pm Mass for the int. of Renee Tyuchuk
Mon. Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for the int. of Maria Farina
Tue. Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for Joseph Chun-Teh Chu, R.I.P.
Wed. Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>	9 am Mass for Andrea Roa, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 am Mass for All the souls in purgatory
Fri. Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Eileen Teo 7:30 pm Mass Giorgio Gagno, R.I.P.
Sat. Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 am Mass for Humberto Almeida, R.I.P.

### THANK YOU DEACON TONY GRAY

We are grateful to Deacon Tony for having come to preach our Mission "Putting God at the Centre of My Life". The Mission was very successful as it was well attended and we received very good feedback by the participants who said it gave them lots to think about.

### 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 Adults). 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.



**FIRST FRIDAY, 24 HOUR, EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, will be held this Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the 8 a.m. Mass, until Sat., 8:30 a.m. Please write your name at the hour you can attend, on the sheet provided on the table at the entrance of the church.**

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

- **Friendship Day:** Next Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9 & 11 am Masses at the entrance of the church.



### SQUIRETTES NEWS

- Blanket Drive: will be held on the weekend, of Nov. 10/11 at the entrance of the church. They will also be collecting toiletries (soap, shampoo etc...) for Covenant House & Agape.
- Senior's Soup Day: will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11 am Mass in the church hall.

### ✝ IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mr. Ralph De Vita, a long time parishioner, and father of Ed De Vita who passed away this week. May he rest in peace!

### SCHOOL NEWS

- School Mass: This Wed. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9 am. Join us!
- Photo Re-takes will be held Nov. 6. Mark your calendars

### TIME CHANGE

It's that time of the year when we fall back one hour. Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, at 2 am. Please remember to change your clocks, on Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, before going to bed!



### 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. For more info contact the school at 604-255-5454.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Up-Coming Events

#### Stewardship Reflections

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."* Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

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### SPIRIT DAY

Designed to celebrate the Gr. 7 students of our Archdiocese, it helps participants encounter the love of Christ, gets them excited about receiving the sacrament of confirmation, and awakens the Holy Spirit in young and old alike. The day includes sessions, testimonies, games, music, skits, prayer, food, and Mass. This is a one-day event, offered on 2 different days: Nov. 3 & 4. Pre-registration is required (deadline Oct. 31) [rcav.org/spiritday/...](http://rcav.org/spiritday/)

### PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, Nov. 3. Mass at 9:30 a.m. at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Richmond, followed by the Rosary.

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 parishioners 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.

