

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

On October 27, 2018, terror struck a Synagogue. The Tree of Life, in Pittsburgh, gathered together to worship on the Sabbath Day for a child's naming event. An enraged man, armed with several guns, mercilessly mowed down innocent people celebrating a child's naming ceremony. Also, that same week, several pipe bombs were sent to many people and organizations in the United States of America. It was a miracle that no one was hurt.

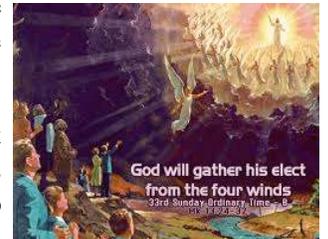
Despite the best efforts of responsible governments, it seems like our world is becoming more and more a dangerous place. Things seem to be falling apart. The same may be true for some of us in our personal lives. Family problems, health concerns, the loss of someone we love, can turn our world upside down. How do we live in the midst of such chaos? What can we do when our world or our lives become unhinged? The simple answer is this: we continue.

There is a Peanuts comic strip in which Charlie Brown decides to build a birdhouse. Lucy comes over and says, "How's the birdhouse coming along, Charlie Brown?" He responds, "I'm a lousy carpenter, I can't pound nails straight, and I can't saw straight. I keep splitting the wood. I'm nervous, I lack self-confidence, I have bad taste, and I absolutely have no sense of design. But considering all those things, it's coming along OK." Despite overwhelming odds, Charlie Brown continues. We are asked to do the same thing in our broken world. In this effort our faith can be of assistance, because our faith can support both hope and commitment.

The scene in today's Gospel is one of chaos. The sun does not shine, and the stars are falling from the heavens. The world is falling apart. But Jesus is not absent. He appears in the clouds as the Son of Man. This is the scripture's way of saying that even amidst the chaos of this world, Jesus does not abandon us. His power is real. It is not clear how He will use his power, but it will be for our good. When we claim in faith that Jesus stands with us in the midst of the chaos of the world, it can give us hope.

It can also bolster our commitment. The Gospel says that the Son of Man dispatches his angels to gather the elects. The elects are those who do God's will. We are called to be the elects by carrying on Jesus' work. Even in the midst of upheaval, we are asked to continue as good parents, fair employers, and loyal friends. We must continue to work, to love, and to be thankful, even in the midst of violence and confusion.

I wish that the world were a safe place. I wish that the problems of our lives would disappear. But they press against us in fearful ways. That is why it is important to cling to the hope that Jesus stands with us in the midst of the chaos and to re-commit ourselves to his service. Now is not the time to collapse or to give up. Now is the time to continue.



✝ 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

A 2nd Collection will be taken-up this weekend, at all the Masses, for Home Missions.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Nov. 19th - Rev. 1:1-4, 2:1-5a; Luke 18:35-43

Tue. Nov. 20th - Rev. 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

Wed. Nov. 21st - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY

Rev. 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

Thurs. Nov. 22nd - ST. CECILIA, memorial

Rev. 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

Fri. Nov. 23rd - Rev. 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

Sat. Nov. 24th - ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & Companions

Rev. 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

Sun. Nov. 25th - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Daniel 7:13-14; Rev. 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: November 18, 2018

In Canada, 1.9 M families struggle to make ends meet. Poverty is more than just low income: food insecurity, social exclusion, inadequate housing, lack of access to transportation and services and more. In recognition of this World Day of the Poor, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is in need of financial donations and non-perishable food items in their parishes and communities. Donate today and help them to provide assistance to the less fortunate.

A 2nd collection will be taken up next weekend at all the Masses for our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PROJECT ADVANCE - Fall Campaign

"Live Gratefully, Give Generously"

This weekend, after all the Masses, volunteers will be at the entrance of the church to help you with your pledges. This is part of our Fall Campaign to give the opportunity to all those who have not yet contributed but would like to do so. You can also drop off your donations at the parish office, in the Sunday collection basket marked Project Advance or if you prefer give online at: www.rca.org/giving.

SQUIRETTES NEWS

- Thank you to all those who donated blankets and toiletries for Covenant House. Your support is much appreciated.
- Senior's Soup Day: This Sunday, Nov. 18th after the 11 am Mass Seniors are invited to join us in the church hall!



ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Nov. 21st - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Nov. 24th - 5:00 PM - A.Chavez, D.Giuliano, C & C Tsang, S.Yip.

Sun. Nov. 25th - 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 Suganob, K & K Tan.

ST. Jude's Raffle

Do you have your lucky ticket? Did you know that for just \$2 you have a chance of winning one of our 3 cash prizes. Don't delay, they are selling fast. We will be selling our raffle tickets after the Masses this weekend.



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Will be held in our church on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, at our Novena Mass at 7:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 17 th	5 pm Mass for Elpidio Rapanot, R.I.P.
Sun. Nov. 18 th	9 am Mass for Alberto & Gina Boldrin, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for Angelo Casanova, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Nov. 19 th	8 am Mass for the dec. memb. of the Viduya & Hombrebueno families
Tue. Nov. 20 th	8 am Mass for Giuseppe & Rachela Esposito, R.I.P.
Wed. Nov. 21 st	9 am Mass for Gregorio Santos, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Nov. 22 nd	8:00 am Mass for Adelaida Clado, R.I.P.
Fri. Nov. 23 rd	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Obdulia Javier
Sat. Nov. 24 th	9:00 am Mass for the int. of Ricardo Alvarez

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

- School Mass: This Wed. Nov. 21st, at 9 am. Join us!
- Pro D Day: No school Fri. Nov. 23rd.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflections

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” – Mark 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” how will you respond?

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WHO AM I WORKSHOP?

Are you longing to... Discover the richness within yourself? Improve your relationships? Increase your happiness and productivity? Join us on Saturday, Nov. 24, 8:30-4:30 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. To register contact Leah Bittante at 604-613-0023. rcav.org/event/who-am-...

STEP INTO ADVENT

Come and prepare yourself for a deeper encounter with the Christ Child. Spend moments of meaningful Advent reflections with our dynamic and very engaging speaker Fr. Tony Ricard, then be ready to prepare others to celebrate a joyous Christmas. For individuals in Parish Ministry – LWC, PREP, RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Youth & Young Adults. Saturday, Nov. 24, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Anticipated Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. Register today: <https://rcav.org/adventretreat/>

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICE - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society invites you to come and enjoy our Gala evening Rhinestones & Angel Wings on Saturday December 1st 2018 at St. Matthews Elementary School Gym in Surrey. Tickets are now available through the Domestic Abuse Services (DAS) office (604) 585-6688. Great dinner, live music, fabulous auctions, and great company

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is accepting applications from prospective Gr. 8 candidates for the 2019/20 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the Entrance Exam on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018. To apply please fill out the online form on our school website www.lfabc.org/apply or contact Kathi Wilson at 604-738-9016 xt. 114.

ANNOUNCING AN UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES - Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 2018

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more info contact our registration team at 604-530-6710 (leave a message to be called back).

