

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

Where do we find God? In one sense, because God is everywhere, we can find God in any place. Nevertheless, it is true that God is easily found in some places rather than others. Jesus makes this point to the Sadducees in today's gospel, when he says, "God is not God of the dead, but of the living." God's reign is a reign over life and goodness, not over death and despair. Our God is God of the living. The evangelist Luke uses this same word, "living," at the end of his gospel. Two men say to the women at the tomb, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The risen Christ is not to be found in a tomb but in the blessings of life.

So, if we are looking for God, we should look among the living. This is important because all too often we look for God among the dead. Evil and pain come into all our lives. And when they do, they tend to absorb all of our attention and all of our energy. But you cannot find God in evil and in pain. God is God of the living.

When someone we love deeply dies, the pain can paralyze us. Everything around us points to our loss. The emptiness within us is so deep it is difficult to breathe. But life cannot be found in grief. Joy is not in dying. We must look among the living. We must ask, who are the people still in my life who love me? Where are the places that I can go and still find consolation and peace? It is there that we should look for hope. It is there we should look for God.

When we must face sickness or the consequences of old age, it is easy to become discouraged. We cannot do the things we used to do. We cannot move as would like. Pain is often our companion. Yet life is not to be found in pain. There is no joy in immobility. We must look among the living. What are the activities, however limited, that we still can accomplish? Who are the people in our life of whom we are proud? It is there that we should look for hope and look for God.

When we fail in some major way, when a relationship we were counting on evaporates, when a project crumbles, it is easy to feel worthless and incapable. But life is not to be found in regret. There is no joy in pity. We must look among the living. What talents and abilities do I still have and can still use? What are the opportunities that still lie ahead of me? There is where we should look for hope and God.

Grief, sickness, and failure all want to control us. They seek to absorb all of our time and define who we are. That is why we must turn to what is positive. We will not find life among the dead. Today's gospel asks us to recognize the parts of our life that are alive and claim them. It is there we will find joy. It is there that we will find the God who saves us.

**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. www.rcav.org

REMEMBRANCE DAY "Lest we forget"
This Monday, Nov. 11th, is Remembrance Day.
Please note our office will be closed and our Mass will be celebrated at 9 am.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon. Nov. 11th - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, memorial
 Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6

Tue. Nov. 12th - ST. JOSAPHAT, memorial
 Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wed. Nov. 13th - Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thurs. Nov. 14th - Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Fri. Nov. 15th - Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Sat. Nov. 16th - Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Sun. Nov. 17th - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Malachi 4:1-2; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19



Please Note the following changes in the Mass schedule this week: **As Fr. Jun and Fr. Joseph are away on study week, there will be NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT this coming Monday through Friday and the Mass schedule will be as follows:**

Monday Mass at 9 am (holiday schedule)

NO Mass Tues and Wed. Morning

Fr. Bileski will be coming to celebrate the 7:30 pm

Wednesday Novena Mass as usual.

NO Mass Thursday and Friday morning.

There will be a 2nd Collection next weekend at all the Masses for Home Missions.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Nov. 9 th	5 pm Mass for Joseph Chu & Yet Sheung, R.I.P.
Sun. Nov. 10 th	9 am Mass for Rogelio Salao, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for the dec. memb. of Yeung fmly. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Nov. 11 th	9 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory
Tue. Nov. 12 th	8 am Mass for Nicola, Maria & Giovanni Monaco, R.I. P.
Wed. Nov. 13 th	9 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Nov. 14 th	8:00 am Mass for Raffaele, Michelina & Giovanni Ruggiero, R.I.P.
Fri. Nov. 15 th	8:00 am Mass for Benjamin Laureola, R.I.P.
Sat. Nov. 16 th	9:00 am Mass for Bonifacio Soria & Trifonia Mendoza. R.I.P.

ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Nov. 13th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Nov. 16th - 5:00 PM - N & N Nunez,
Alison, Dominic & Katelyn Sussey.

Sun. Nov. 17th - 9:00 AM - A.Babas, J & R Huang,
S & S Lee, M & M Reyes. 11:00 AM - F.Hua, J.Lanuza,
N.Lawrence, W.Pham, S.Yip. 5:00 PM - A.Belnas, J.Cayabyab,
J & E Chan, A & A Chavez, M.DeLeon, R & R Suganob.



ST. JUDE'S SCHOOL & PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISING

TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH / \$20 PER BOOK. FIRST PRIZE \$3,000; 2ND PRIZE \$1,000 AND 3RD PRIZE \$500. DRAW DATE DEC. 14TH.



SCHOOL NEWS

- NO School Mass this week.

Grade 7 Promotion - Fundraising

- **Granola Bars:** The Gr. 7 class will be selling granola bars after the Masses this Sunday at the entrance of the church.

- **Purdy's:** St. Jude's Grade 7 Class of 2020 is fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for Christmas - Avoid those line-ups and busy malls! Orders will be accepted until Monday Nov. 25th. Pick up your orders on Monday Dec. 9th at 3pm from St. Jude School - cafeteria. Please support us by visiting <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1033040-68657> or by calling 778-838-4559.

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration – Intensive Prayer at St. Jude's The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade is a prayer warriors group of the Office of the Filipino Ministry. It gathers month-to-month in different parishes for Intensive Prayer with Scriptural Rosaries during a three-hour Eucharistic Adoration. All are invited Sunday, Nov. 17, 1 pm. to 4 p.m. at St. Jude's Church in Vancouver. Prayers are in English and all are invited to unite in prayer and sacrifice for the Church in Vancouver.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflections

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." (2 Thes 2:16-17)

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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Vocation Live-In at Seminary of Christ the King

On the weekend of Nov. 15 – 17, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. For more information call 604-826-8975.

Spiritual Direction and the Journey to God

Based on his book, Navigating the Interior Life: Spiritual Direction and the Journey to God, Dan Burke will speak on prayer, growth in the interior life, the universal call to holiness, contemplation, and the three ways of the interior life. If you are looking to deepen your faith and prayer join us for this free event on Friday, Nov. 15, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Fourth Annual Ordinandi Dinner

Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of Deacon Felix Min who is soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Join us Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$50 (\$25 for students). Option to sponsor a priest or seminarian. To register, or for more information, please visit vocationsvancouver.ca.

Into the Deep: The Art of Community in Mental Health

How do we find hope and healing in relationship? Discover the vital role of community in mental health through Lisa Rumpel's journey to wellness and Stephen Ching's experience as a counsellor. With both personal and professional reflections on how community is an art to creatively foster, the gifts of presence, love, and kindness come to light. For we are hardwired for connection and are not meant to live alone. This free event takes place on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. "Into the Deep" is a free bi-monthly series of talks, lectures and experiences for seeking disciples

St. Helen's Christmas Craft Market

Join us Saturday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Helen's Church in Burnaby. Vendors showcasing and selling their crafts, fresh homemade baking, lunch, photo booth, and much more.

