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Christ, the Sacrifice We Offer

Christianity is often castigated for teaching that God is an angry God whose wrath at human sin required a perfect human sacrifice to appease his bad temper. And we can even admit that some Christians do misrepresent the gospel in this way. But today's readings tell a very different story.

It is not God who demands the death of the innocent, but us. The reading from Wisdom lays bare the human response to innocence. It makes us uncomfortable. And so, when God comes to us as an innocent man, we cannot bear his presence and we crucify him.

In the letter of James, and in today's Gospel, we see the human dynamics that underlie our propensity to sacrifice the innocent. But we also see Christ's answer to those dynamics. If we are not to be people who sacrifice the innocent, we must be, as James says "peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy," or, as Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." The sacrifice we offer at Mass today then, is not an innocent victim presented to an angry God but a loving victim who offered himself to God by offering himself to us.

Brett Salkeld, Regina, SK



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Leonie Faucher, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Dave Thomas, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

New Parishioners who registered in August & September

Anna-Lissa Bailey, Emmanuel & Elvira Bautista, Melissa Cheung & Robert Chu, Doreen Favaro, Corey & Hayley Hanna, Peter & Elaine Kwok, Isaac McCauley & Simone Anderson, Rolando & Ria Mesa, Bruno & Yeildy Tonta and John & Sheila Yray
Welcome to the Precious Blood Parish Family!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Next meeting on Wednesday September 26 is in the CCS School building. Please bring your children to their classrooms and do not leave unless an adult (either the teacher or assistant) is present in the class with them. The children's safety is our concern. As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact Karla by email at pbbprep@telus.net.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Still open to newcomers. Topic for Wednesday, September 26: What do the 56 words comprising The Lord's Prayer actually mean? Do we really understand what we ask God for? Find out from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Everyone welcome in the Cenacle Room.



MEN'S FAITH STUDY for men 16 yrs. old and up looking to become better followers of Jesus. Saturdays, at 8.00-9.00 am in the Parish Centre. No cost, except for sacrificing sleep. For info: darrenxfriesen@gmail.com



PARISH PRAYER GROUP will resume this Tuesday, Sep 25, 7-9 pm at the Columbus Room. Everyone welcome to experience the power of the Holy Spirit.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM proceeds benefit the Organ replacement fund. We've collected \$29,129. Organ balance \$1,665.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Our next meeting will be on Tue, Oct 2 @ 7 pm in the Parish Centre. This is our planning meeting for the year. Pls bring your wonderful ideas. Questions? Preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.



SENIORS SOCIALS GROUP Our Seniors group that meets on Mondays from 1-4 PM at the Columbus Room is looking for more members to play cards with them. If you are 50 or older looking for a fun group to hang out with, please come or call the Parish Office 604-574-4363 for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION on September 30 for the Needs of the Canadian Church. Proceeds of this collection goes to support the work of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please give generously.

Parish Schedule

Sep 24 Mon	9:00 AM Int: Pat Nicholson †	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10AM-12PM Walking With Purpose 12:30 PM SENIORS SOCIAL 7:00-9:00 PM Walking With Purpose
Sep 25 Tues	9:00 AM Int: Jose Perez †	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 7:00PM Tuesday Parish Prayer Group
Sep 26 Wed	9:00 AM Int: Ellie Cranfield †	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY Meeting 6:30 PM PREP in CCS school 6:30 PM RCIA
Sep 27 Thurs	9:00 AM Int: Sister Mary Bethany	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 10AM-12PM Walking With Purpose 1:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Sep 28 Fri	9:00 AM Int: Renee La Grange †	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession CCS PRO-D DAY First Aide Course
Sep 29 Sat	9:00 AM Int: Wilhelmina Janssens 4:30 PM Int: Noemi Hangad	8-9 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confession 6:00PM Thanksgiving Dinner c/o Shamooan
Sep 30 Sun	9:00 AM Int: PB Parishioners 11:00 AM Int: M. A. C. †	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-9 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all."

(Mark 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called in Stewardship to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy"... In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

WEEK 33

SUN	1Maccabees 2 ; Ecclesiastes 9; Luke 6:1-36
MON	1Maccabees 3 ; Ecclesiastes 10; Luke 6:37-49
TUE	1Maccabees 4 ; Ecclesiastes 11; Luke 7:1-23
WED	1Maccabees 5 ; Ecclesiastes 12; Luke 7:24-50
THU	1Maccabees 6 ; Song of Songs 1; Luke 8:1-25
FRI	1Maccabees 7-8 ; Song of Songs 2; Luke 8:26-56
SAT	1Maccabees 9 ; Song of Songs 3; Luke 9:1-26



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

HOLY HOUR on Friday, Sep 28, 2-3 pm. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule. Please try to spend some time with Jesus in adoration He waits for you in the Holy Eucharist.

"Where your treasure is, there is your heart... Could you not watch one hour with me?"

AROUND THE PARISH

VOLUNTEER PARISH ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR NEEDED Our Parish grounds and buildings are always in need of looking after. Ray Poitras, our Volunteer Maintenance Coordinator for many, many years, is in need of an assistant who can eventually take over from him. We are looking for a caring parishioner who is semi- or retired with knowledge and experience in general building maintenance. If you or someone you know is willing and able to share your time and talent to keeping our Church property in working order, please call the Parish office to let us know so we can arrange a meeting with Ray Poitras.

ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR Mark your calendars on Nov 24, 9am to 2 pm for this event. Craft tables will be available for rent at \$30 each. Contact luciaborkowski@gmail.com to reserve a table. More parish bazaar details to follow.



VESTIBULE EXPANSION Please pray and support this important project of our parish which will roughly cost \$400,000. Donate to Project Advance or use the Building Fund envelopes available in the vestibule.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$47,965 with 13.5% (or 134) of our families participating. Gifts can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket. Thank you!

PRO-LIFE CORNER—SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM MONTH ONE—Developing Baby



Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his/her brain, spinal cord and nervous system by the 20th day. His/her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his/her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his/her mother to give him/her the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

LIFE CHAIN 2018 is on Sunday, Sep 30 at King George Blvd from 96th Ave to 104th Ave from 2-3 pm. More info to follow.

GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI OPEN HOUSE Fri, Sep 28, 9am—6pm and Sat, Sep 29, 9 am-5 pm. Come & see what's new. There will be self-guided walking tours, a virtual tour of the new Holy Angels Mausolea & Columbaria and their family Advisers will be available for pre-planting & reservations. Visit www.rcav.org for more information.

HOLY CROSS JUNIOR CRUSADERS Boys Basketball Tryouts Fri, Sep 28, 6-8 pm at the Holy Cross gym. Boys in Grades 4-7 thinking about attending Holy Cross High School are invited. Tryout is free for everyone.

MONTHLY INTENSIVE PRAYERS WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Sep 30, 2-5 pm at Sacred Heart Augustinian Monastery Chapel, 3900 Arthur Drive, Delta BC. Prayers will be for healing, comfort & reparation in the Church, especially the victims and accused perpetrators in the sexual abuse scandal in the United States.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED @ Star of the Sea Parish. For more info, see www.rcav.org/employment

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevanancouver.com	Creighton Method: fertilitycarevanancouver.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org