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**October 14, 2018**      **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."*

Mark 10: 26-27

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**SATURDAY:** 9:00 AM / Anticipated Mass at 5:30 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** Monday to Friday (except TUESDAY) 8:00 AM  
Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Friday Night—Mass at 7:00 PM (Vietnamese)  
\*\*\*except First Friday (in English)

**CONFESSIONS**

- Weekend & Daily Masses: half an hour before each Mass

**Appeal to our parishioners:** Please be mindful that the hymn books in the pews are not toys and garbage should be disposed of in receptacles provided.

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**First Friday**  
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12:00 noon Benediction  
6:25 PM—Holy Rosary

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct. 18	9 AM	Two Thousand Hail Marys	Church
Oct. 25	9 AM-12 PM	Flu Clinic	J. Hall
Dec. 2	12 Noon	Raffle Draw	Gym
Dec. 15	7 PM	Christmas Concert	Church
May 11	6:30 PM	Spring Dance	Gym

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Tuesday	1 to 4 PM	Fifty Plus Social	Jubilee Hall
2nd Tuesday	7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus	Jubilee Hall
3rd Tuesday	7:30 PM	CWL	Jubilee Hall
Wednesday	9 AM	St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen	Kitchen
Thursday	10 AM	Legion of Mary	Upper Room
Thursday	4:30 PM	Junior Legion of Mary	Fireside Room
Thursday	7 to 9 PM	Bible Study	Church
Every 2nd Friday	9 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Upper Room
Saturday	9:30 AM	RCIA	Room 129
Every Friday	5:30-7:30PM	Knitting/Crochet Group	Upper Room
Every 2nd Friday	5:30-7:30PM	Pro Life Meeting	Upper Room

**BAPTISM:** By appointment with a minimum of 2 months' notice (during pregnancy) so that instructions can be given to parents and godparents about the duties and responsibilities assumed in this Sacrament.

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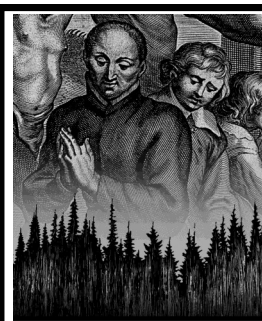
**FUNERALS:** Please call the parish office before making arrangements.



Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he—in word and deed—check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But He's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow Him?



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and  
ST. ISAAC JOGUES  
OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

*This week we honour courage in the face of suffering, persecution, and sacrifice. October 14 is the feast of the first North American martyrs.*

*Most famous among them is Isaac Jogues. The young priest left his role as college professor in France to become a missionary to the Huron tribe. He was captured by a warring tribe of Iroquois. He escaped just over a year later but not unscathed. Several of his fingers had been removed during torture in captivity. He returned to France, only to sail back to the New World, where he was later martyred. Fr. Jogues was one of 8 Jesus priests martyred over a 7-year period. They knew the dangers yet pressed forward in love for Christ and His people. May we be inspired by their courage!*

**PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)**  
**Please note students and parents in Elementary school please use the entrance by the playground at all times. Thank you for your cooperation!**  
**Gr 4 Catechist Needed:** Please contact the PREP office for more details. Catechist Substitutes are needed. Experience as a past catechist is required.  
**October 17 – Staff meeting for all catechists and assistants.** New catechists and assistants are required to attend to complete "Code of Conduct" policy.  
**Gr. 7 – Investiture Mass – Saturday October 20th** – please meet in the Jubilee Hall by 5:10 PREP, SME and Vietnamese PREP.  
**PARENTS:** Public school students who wish to receive Sacraments (Grade 2 – Reconciliation & First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Gr. 7) are required to attend PREP classes beginning in Grade One. Classes are offered for those students including High School who wish to receive their sacraments and may be in catch-up mode. Please contact the PREP office for more details.  
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**"50" Plus Social**  
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**CWL Corner**  
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October is a special month dedicated to the rosary and to Our Lady. She is the patroness of all CWL members. Ask her to walk with you and your families.  
Last Saturday I went to vote for our municipal elections. Are you confused? So many names on the ballot. On October 6, 2018 the Vancouver Sun had a very good write up on the candidates for mayor. Read it, it may give you some food for thought and pray to the Holy Spirit to let you make a good decision. **Ria Ling**

**Gardens of Gethsemani:** With continued interest in mausoleum burial space, Catholic Cemeteries is construction a new mausolea and columbaria on its sacred grounds at Gardens of Gethsemani. Holy Angels Mausolea & Columbaria will include the addition of full body crypts, granite niches, and glass-fronted niches, providing a bright and reverent space for remembering. **Special preconstruction discount available starting Sept. 1, 2018, Purchase before Oct. 15, 2018 and receive 20% of your purchase.**

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**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Are we content and satisfied with the bare minimum and essentials of our faith, or do we desire excellence and proficiency? The Ten Commandments represent the minimum and, if we are honest with ourselves, are pretty easy to keep. The fullness of the Gospel, however, is another story. Truly living as Jesus taught often comes with great self-sacrifice, self-emptying, and possibly leaving the things of this world behind. Are we ready to pursue this kind of life? God wants us to live and love abundantly, not superficially. Love asks that we extend ourselves beyond the status quo and the bare minimum and venture into that which is risky, countercultural, and even radical. What we possess can no longer be important. When Jesus laid this out before the rich young man, he went away sad because he had much. When Jesus laid it out before us, how do we react?

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**Coats for Kids!**

October brings with it wind, rain and colder temperatures. Many children and young adults are in desperate need of a warm coat or jacket. Did your child get a new one? Is the old one too small and just cluttering up your closet? Please donate to our project. Bins will be in the foyer till the end of this month. We all thank you.



Ria Ling

**Flu Clinic**

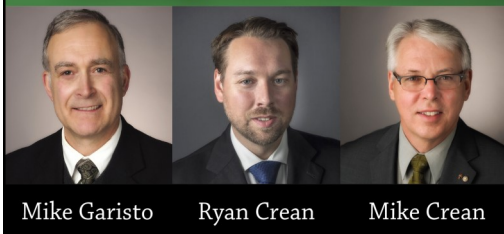
Thursday, October 25, 2018—from 9 am—12 noon in the Jubilee Hall. Please call the Parish Office to register for the clinic.

**St. Matthew's Pro Life Ministry**

October 28th marks the date when our **"Spiritually Adopted"** baby is born! 400 pledges were made to pray every day for 9 months. Now we need to celebrate for having saved all these babies through our prayers. Please join us in the Jubilee Hall from **1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** where we will be praying the **"Scriptural Rosary"** as a way of thanking Our Lord for hearing our prayers. We began this program with prayer and would like to end it with the Rosary, as this is the month of the Rosary. Thanks to everyone who knitted, crocheted and donated diapers and toys. We were able to bring many needed items to Pregnancy Options. Some of you donated more items after the shower, so we would like to display all the left over donations of baby items and hope that you might be interested in buying some of our handcrafted gifts for someone in need.



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 Each Day: Monday to Thursday: 11:30am to 1:15pm, 4pm to 6:25 and each evening after Mission Talks (except Thursday 8pm)  
 Social: Thursday, October 18, at 8pm.

**Two Thousand Hail Marys:** On October 18, 2018, our Two Thousand Hail Marys will start at 9 AM inside the church and will continue until finished in the early evening. This special event is organized and sponsored by the Legion of Mary Mother of the Church Praesidium, St. Matthew's Parish. Everyone is invited to attend and participate, or lead a part of the Petitions, if desired. We have so many favours to ask from our Lord through the intercession of Mother Mary ... for world peace, for sinners to return to God, and love and forgiveness among us. Light refreshments will be served.

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**Pancake Breakfast - October 21**

St. Matthew's Elementary School is back from summer break, and is thrilled to be hosting their first Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 21 after both morning Masses. Please support this fundraiser for their library.

**Sunday Coffee:** HELP is needed serving coffee after the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays. If you can help, call Ron Fournier at 604-589-2932 or see him after the Mass any Sunday.



**Were you married outside the Catholic Church?**

If you are married, but were not married in the Catholic church, we would like to offer you an opportunity to have your marriage regularized with the Church. Please make an appointment with our priest to discuss having your marriage convalidated or "blessed".

**Sacrament of the Sick.** What was referred to as "Last Rites" is now called "Anointing of the Sick" administered by a priest when one is "in danger" due to sickness or old age. Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

**Hospital/Care Home Communion Visits.** Please remember to let the Parish Office know whenever you or a loved one is hospitalized or moved into a Fleetwood area care home. The Parish has a dedicated group of people who will bring Holy Communion weekly to you or yours. Please phone **Deacon Raul Abella 778-512-9163** for a visit and to receive Holy Communion.



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