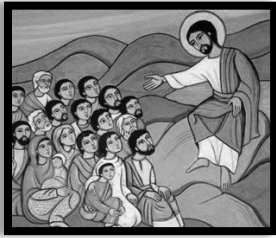


# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Today is primarily a Sunday, the Lord's day; the saints are the principal witnesses to Christ and to the saving power of his death and resurrection. This is the focus of today's celebration.



One of the saddest moments in my priesthood occurred many years ago, when I was called to the hospital as a young couple--good friends of mine--lost their first child. At the funeral a few days later they asked me to read the Gospel we hear today--the

Beatitudes. "Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are those who show mercy." It was the same Gospel they had chosen for their wedding the year before. They said they now understood more fully what these words of Jesus meant. They now knew that life held both joys and sorrows. They were still able to make an act of faith knowing that being a Christian meant living even this moment of deep sorrow and grief as "blessed." As I preached the funeral homily I realized that these two truly understood what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

The Beatitudes offers us a blueprint for our saintly calling. The marvelous thing about the Beatitudes is that they are perhaps the most realistic description of human living that we can find. Everyone experiences life as the Beatitudes spell it out! We have at times felt poor--materially perhaps or in spirit; we have known sorrow; we have received insults or persecutions; we have had the chance to show mercy, make peace, be dedicated, and have thirsted for what's right. And Jesus tells us that we're blessed--that we truly ought to "be glad and rejoice"--for we have the opportunity to be part of the feast of the saints in heaven.

From Father Greg Friedman, OFM  
Sunday Soundbites

### 2021 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

The **2021 church envelopes** will be labelled and distributed soon. If you no longer want to use envelopes and **would prefer to use interact or Pre-authorized payments** for your offering, please contact the parish office ASAP by phone at 250-964-4898 or email [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca).

### 2020-2021 SUNDAY MISSALS AND CALENDARS

Next Saturday and Sunday, the 2020-2021 Missals and calendars will be on sale --\$5.00 for the set.

### OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL POSTAL CODE

Please note that our parish postal code has changed from **V2N 5R2** to **V2N 6R4**. We were recently made aware of the change and are in the process of updating all our documents and contacts.

*We need to build up society in the light of the  
Beatitudes, walking with the least among us.*

**Pope Francis**

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

November 1, **All Saints Day**, there will be the city-wide annual  **blessing of the graves at 2:00 PM in the PG Cemetery**. You are invited to come and pray with the priests of the city for your loved ones.

### PARISH BULLETIN COVER

A number of people have noted that the bulletin cover currently being used has incorrect information. We are aware that there are a number of corrections that need to be made, however we would like to use up the pre-printed covers we have on hand.

### SIGN UP FOR 2020 CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year because of COVID-19 we will have an opportunity for parishioners to sign up for the Mass of their choice for the Christmas and for New Year's celebrations.

The Mass times will be as follows:

#### **Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Eve and Day**

- December 24 @ 6PM
- December 24 @ 8PM
- December 24 @ 10PM
- December 25, 2020 @ 10 AM ONLY

#### **Feast of Mary, the Mother of God: New Year's Eve and Day**

- December 31, 2020 @ 6PM
- January 1, 2021 @ 10AM ONLY

**The sign-up sheet will be available  
the first week of December.**

Please consider which Mass you and your family would like to attend. Both the church and hall will be available for attendance at all evening Masses. There will be a cap of 50 people for each space. It will be important for you to decide soon as we will need to know the number of tickets that will be made available on Eventbrite.

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

Blankets have been made to provide assistance to six agencies that our parish supports through **The Giving Tree**. We invite your sponsorship for the two sizes of blankets, **small (\$20.00)** and **large (\$30.00)** that will help the agencies. In addition to your sponsorship for the blankets, we appreciate monetary donations for the purchase of items for the agencies who have specific requests. If you would like to provide **sponsorship for a blanket** or **make a monetary donation** please contact Sr. Michaela. Thank you for your support.

### MONTHLY ADORATION

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November** at the Domano Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated at **7:30AM** and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from **8:00AM – 8:00PM**.

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

In the second week of January 2021 we will be providing a **Family Faith Formation** program for all children from grades K-7 attending public school. We are collaborating with St. Mary's Parish. The program will include Sacramental preparation as well as a parent faith formation component. Please pick up a registration form in the church foyer or go online to <https://www.icparish.ca/religious-ed>

Please submit your form to our parish office or email to [icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:icparish@pgdiocese.bc.ca) on or before **NOVEMBER 18, 2020**.

### RCIA

Are you or anyone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

The RCIA is a journey of faith for: Unbaptised Adults, Baptised Adults from another Christian Faith, and Baptised Adults from the Catholic Christian Faith who have not received their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Please contact at 250-964-4898 or email Fr. Chris at [clynch@pgdiocese.ca](mailto:clynch@pgdiocese.ca) - tentative start date for the formation program is end of October.

### ANNUAL APPEAL-CALLED TOGETHER UPDATE

***Congratulations IC, we have met and surpassed our goal.***

Our Parish Financial Council approved that all monies above our goal will be directed to the smaller parishes within the diocese that are in desperate need. Therefore, our rebate will not be coming back to the parish. This is our effort of practicing Christian stewardship. We are extremely grateful for your kind generosity during this time of pandemic as many smaller parishes will benefit from your contributions.

Diocesan Goal	\$200,000
Pledged to date	\$ 172,791
Received to date	\$ 164,723
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Our Goal	\$ 19, 804
Received to date	\$ 27,485

### PARISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE

Sunday Collection week of:	Oct 24-25, 2020
Envelopes	2150.00
Loose Change	295.00
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$2445.00</b>
World Mission Sunday	20.00
Children's Collection	13.25
Building/Grounds Collection(for roof)	100.00

### MASS TIMES AND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

**SATURDAY EVENING AT 6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:00AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM.**

**We continue to observe and follow the protocols set out by [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) and [WorkSafe BC](#).**

- We have two spaces within our facility (church and hall) with a cap of 50 people per space.
- Each space has its own entrance and exit.
- Upon arrival individuals must check in with the ushers.
- **Sanitization and distancing are a must. Masks are an expectation, as per the Provincial Health Officer.**
- If you have not registered by phone or online, you must register with the usher providing your name and email or phone number. **Entrance is NOT guaranteed for unregistered people.**
- If you registered by phone or online to secure your spot please **arrive at least 10 minutes prior to Mass starting**. Your registration does **not** guarantee a place in the church itself, but a place in our facility.
- You must register every week for the Sunday Mass that you would like to attend, please go to [www.icparish.ca](http://www.icparish.ca) for further details.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED**

IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED EITHER BY PHONE OR ONLINE AND **WILL NOT BE ATTENDING – PLEASE CALL TO CANCEL** – TO FREE UP YOUR SPOT FOR ANOTHER.

**Regular Daily Mass** is celebrated at 9:00AM Monday thru Saturday. No registration required.

### THE NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)

A team of seven young Catholics are ministering in the Diocese. **The team will be at Immaculate Conception School and Parish from November 22 – December 5, 2020 and then again in April 18-24, 2021.** They are staying at the Domano Renewal Centre instead of host homes due to the pandemic. In light of this, they are in need of food/meal donations. If you are interested in being a part of this initiative within our Diocese by helping to provide meals, food or gift certificates for the NET Team while they are in our parish and school please call the parish office. **Thank you for your consideration** in helping with this great mission.