



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 13, 2019

*Happy Thanksgiving*  
From all of us at CHRIST THE REDEEMER

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?  
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

—*Psalm 119*

## A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Monday	October 14	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day—9 a.m. Mass	Church
Tuesday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Alpha	Gym
Wednesday	October 16	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
		7:00 p.m.	CWL General Meeting	Mallon Room
		7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study (Moved from Monday)	McCarthy Room
Thursday	October 17	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study— <i>Gospel of John</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
		7:00 p.m.	Faith Studies (Pre-Registration Required)	Mallon; McCarthy
Friday	October 18	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Mallon Room
		9:00 a.m.	Faith Studies (Pre-Registration Required)	Mallon; McCarthy

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Oct 13	9:00 a.m.	Mel Keeler †	
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon Oct 14	9:00 a.m.	Adam Walker †	Thanksgiving Day
Tues Oct 15	8:15 a.m.	Jeanne Ainsbury †	St. Teresa of Avila
Wed Oct 16	9:00 a.m.	Edward Oliver Carter †	St. Marguerite D'Youville
Thu Oct 17	8:15 a.m.	Gordon Towill †	St. Ignatius of Antioch
Fri Oct 18	8:15 a.m.	Miroslav Sarvas (int)	St. Luke
Sat Oct 19	9:00 a.m.	Andrea Buhler †	Our Lady's Saturday
Sun Oct 20	9:00 a.m.	Laurena Choo †	
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Upper Room Conference

The Upper Room Conference is an Archdiocesan conference that inspires and equips Catholics in Vancouver on how to live out your missional call in your homes and communities. You'll hear incredible speakers including **Cardinal Timothy Dolan**, **Shaila Visser** (Alpha Canada), **Angèle Regnier** (Catholic Christian Outreach); connect with other disciples, and gain insight and resources during times of worship, prayer, and community.

The conference is on **Saturday, October 26** from **9—6 p.m.** at the Vancouver Convention Center (999 Canada Place). For more information and to register, visit [www.upperroomvancouver.com](http://www.upperroomvancouver.com).

### Confession Schedule

Wednesdays	8:45—9:00 a.m.
Saturdays	9:30—10:00 a.m.
Sundays	4:15—4:45 p.m.

### Please Pray For

Mireille Farwagi (*mother of Micheline Varas*)  
Juanita Nazareth



### We Continue to Pray For

*Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Veronica Chan, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Hank Giefing, Sharon Kelly, Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Margaret McCormick, Fr. Peter Meienberg OSB, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, and Terry Zweng*



### Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Herbert Strigl (*brother-in-law of Gail Strigl*)



### Mass Time Changes

Tomorrow, **October 14**, is **Thanksgiving Day**. Daily Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m.** and the Parish Office will be **closed**.

In addition, as both priests will be attending the **Upper Room Conference** on **Saturday, October 26**, please note Mass and Confessions on that day will be **cancelled**.

### World Mission Sunday—Next Week



Next Sunday, **October 20** is **World Mission Sunday**. A second collection will be taken up for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, in support of Catholic missionaries in worldwide mission areas. Please give generously in response to the Church's missionary call.





## Federal Election 2019

Election Day in Canada is **Monday, October 21**. Catholics are reminded that they have a moral obligation to vote, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Archbishop Miller, in his attached letter, reminds the faithful that, "Voting is more than an act of civic participation. It is a **serious responsibility** that lets us **bring our Christian values to the ballot box** in the hope of **positively influencing Canadian society**." His full letter is attached in this week's bulletin. For more information, including advance polls (occurring **this weekend**) and other ways to vote, visit [elections.ca](http://elections.ca) or see the Archdiocese's resources at [rcav.org/election2019](http://rcav.org/election2019).



## Fiat—Women's Discernment

*Fiat*, the women's vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese, is hosting a Day of Recollection on Mary's Fiat on **Saturday, October 19 from 12 to 4 p.m.** at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). The event is open to all women aged 18-35 open to discerning and responding to God's call in their life. For more information, email [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org) or call 604-443-3254.

## Infant Loss Awareness Day Mass



Join Archbishop Miller and the **Gardens of Gethsemani** (15694 32 Ave, Surrey) to honour our little ones who have gone too soon. The special Mass will be held at the Evangelist Chapel on **Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m.** All are welcome to join.



## Alpha

Have questions about life? Come start the conversation with ALPHA—a series of Tuesday evenings of videos and open discussion over dessert every **Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.** For more information, please email [office@ctrwestvan.ca](mailto:office@ctrwestvan.ca).



## Wedding Anniversaries!

We send our congratulations to **Joy and Bill Metcalfe** who just celebrated their **68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** this past week. It got us wondering—have we other couples in the parish married that long or longer? Let us know—please email [office@ctrwestvan.ca](mailto:office@ctrwestvan.ca).



## Save the Date!

Come celebrate our Parish Feast Day, the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, in style at our annual **Feast Day Celebration** on **Saturday evening, November 23!** Don't miss out on an evening of food and fun with our whole parish community—check back here in the coming weeks for more details about the event and tickets! And plan to be at the **11 a.m. Mass** on **Sunday, November 24**, when we will welcome **Archbishop Miller**.



## Mass of Anointing

Our annual Mass of Anointing and Lunch will take place on **Friday, October 25 at 11 a.m.** All seniors are welcome; we will bless them and anoint those whose health is impaired. Volunteers are needed for prep and for food items—a sign up sheet will be in the church foyer. Contact Lorraine Ma for more details at [lorraine.ma@shaw.ca](mailto:lorraine.ma@shaw.ca).



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society does many monthly charitable initiatives and activities including meals at the Door is Open and assistance and donations to the SVDP Thrift Store and the Men's Hostel. The next meal will be served at the Door is Open on **Saturday, October 19 at 11 a.m.**

If you are interested in getting involved in the activities of the SVDP, or have any suggestions of where the SVDP could serve, please email Shane Nossal at [shanenossal@icloud.com](mailto:shanenossal@icloud.com).

## Dinner with Deacon Felix Min



Join Archbishop Miller and fellow Catholics as we gather to support Deacon Felix Min who is soon to be ordained a priest. Join us **Tuesday, November 19**, at the Italian Cultural Centre (3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver). The cost is **\$50** (\$25 for students). There is also an option to sponsor a seminarian's attendance. To register, or for more info, visit [vocationsvancouver.ca](http://vocationsvancouver.ca).



## Employment Opportunities

Work for the Archdiocese of Vancouver! See all the open positions at the Archdiocese, parishes, and schools at this link here: <https://rcav.org/employment/>.

## Lectures at Westminster Abbey



Join us on **Saturday, October 19** for a day with Roy Schoeman for a free lecture at **Westminster Abbey (34224 Dewdney Trunk Road, Mission)**. Topics include "The Role of Islam in the Economy of Salvation" and "Church Teaching on Jews and Judaism from St. Paul to Pope Francis". Roy will share his own conversion story from Judaism. For more info, call the Abbey at **604-826-8975**.

## Renewed Hope Counselling



Bryan Petkau is a Catholic Registered Clinical Counsellor endorsed by the Archdiocese specializing in counselling for those struggling with pornography. Bryan offers individual and couples counselling in person and by encrypted video. You can email him confidentially at [bryan@renewedhopecounselling.ca](mailto:bryan@renewedhopecounselling.ca) or call **604-798-8943** for a free confidential phone consultation.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference an Encounter Weekend can make. The next weekend in the Lower Mainland takes place on **October 18-20, 2019** at the **Holiday Inn Express in Langley, BC**. Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage. Any marriage over 5 years are welcome! It is not counselling and there is no public sharing. For more information and to register visit [rcav.org/wwme](http://rcav.org/wwme).



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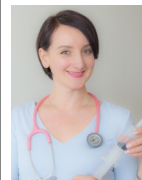
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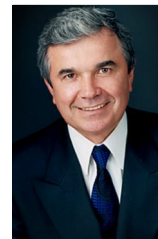
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Archdiocese of Vancouver  
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

Our Lady of the Rosary  
October 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Oct. 21, Canadians have an opportunity to choose the political leadership of their country. In doing so, they will play a vital role in shaping the direction of Canada over the next several years.

I want to impress on Catholics the importance of casting their ballot on Election Day. Voting is more than an act of civic participation. It is a serious responsibility that lets us bring our Christian values to the ballot box in the hope of positively influencing Canadian society.

It is noteworthy that at this time, civic affairs committees have begun to form in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, as well as in other Christian churches. These non-partisan groups are aimed at educating the faithful and mobilizing them to play an active role in public life.

Providentially, a similar initiative is taking place in the Archdiocese of Toronto, which in the interest of encouraging civic engagement also held an all-party Catholic political debate that was a tremendous success.

These initiatives are coming about because Church leaders in Canada are concerned about the lack of political participation by Catholics. According to Angus Reid, the percentage of practising Catholics who voted in the 2015 election was lower than that of non-church goers.

Whether due to apathy or discouragement, it is disappointing that so many Catholics are refraining from voting.

The right to vote every four years is not something to take lightly. At one time the Christian faith was a bedrock of Canadian society and public life. Those days are gone, and it is increasingly difficult to secure a hearing in public discourse for the views of Catholics.


It is critical that Christians do not retreat from civic participation, whether on Election Day, or during the coming months and years as the next government implements its priorities. Now it is more important than ever that our voice is heard in the public square and we are involved in our political system.

The social doctrine of the Church affirms that politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it serves the common good. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is “morally obligatory ... to exercise the right to vote.”

I urge all Catholics to take part in this act of charity for neighbour and country by making an informed decision at the polls October 21 based on their prayerful discernment. To assist you, a number of resources are available on our website at [rcav.org/election2019](http://rcav.org/election2019).

With the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "J. Michael Miller CSB". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver