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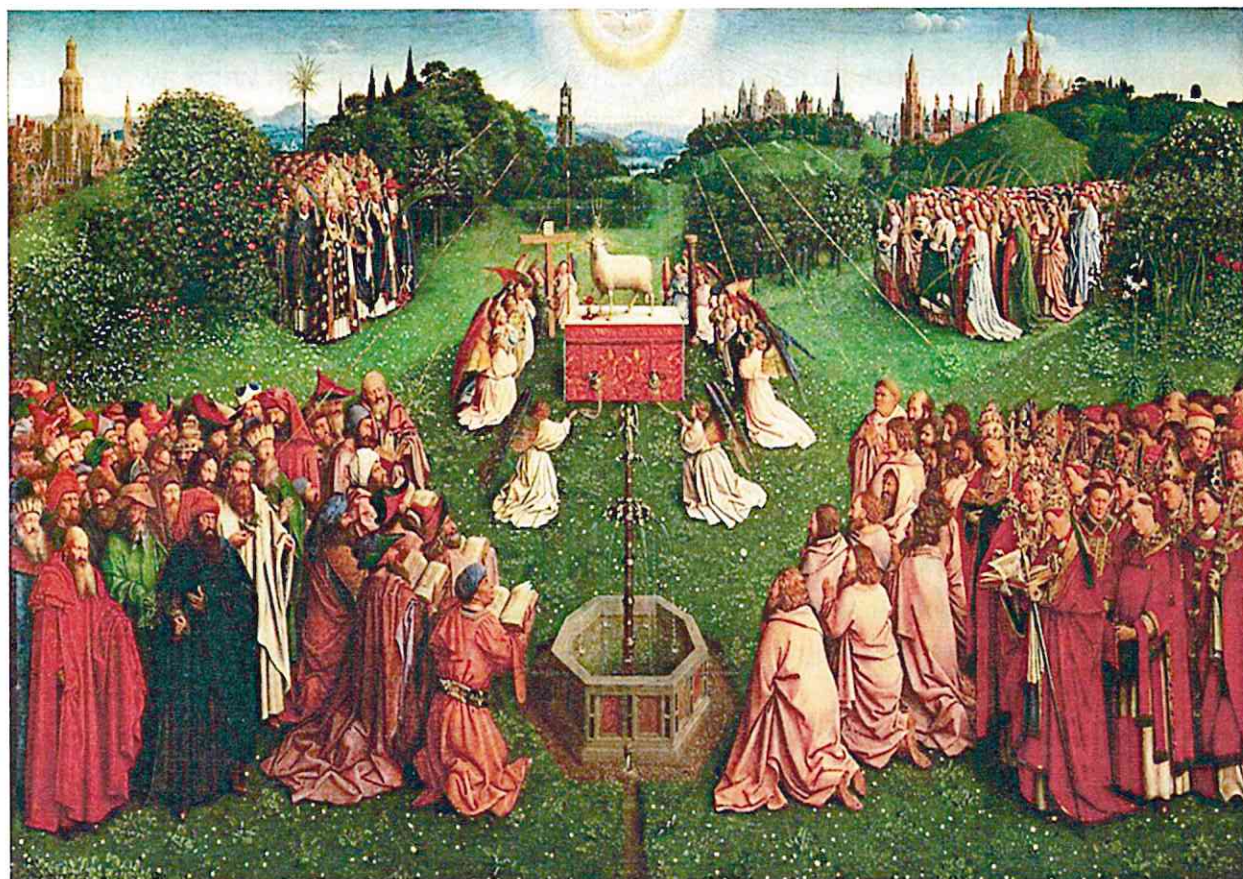
ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 15th, 2023

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	7:30PM
	TUESDAY — FRIDAY	8:00AM
	SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS	9:00AM
CONFESSIONS:	SATURDAY	4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT
ADORATION:	EVERY FRIDAY FOLLOWING MORNING MASS AND ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 2:30PM	



The Wedding Garment

Last Sunday and this Sunday, our Lord Jesus Christ is trying to describe to us what the Kingdom of God is like as we see it on earth. It is, in fact, not anything that will immediately make us want to join! Rather, it is a collection of the outcasts of our world. We should never think of the Kingdom as a place where only the good are to be found. Rather, it is made up of us who are sinners, but who are invited to the Kingdom, if we want to be part of it.

The challenge last Sunday was accepting God's call. This week, the challenge is to keep clear of all entanglements so that we may be free to come to the feast whenever the Lord calls us. It seems strange that the invited guests in the parable do not want to come to the feast. But do they not recognize what it is that they are turning down? This can also happen to us, so we need to be alert. So often in the Gospels Jesus admonishes us to be alert, to be on the lookout, to keep vigil, because the Kingdom can come among us at any time.

Perhaps too often we think that Jesus is referring to the end of the world. Instead, quite likely, he is referring to the opportunities that we have each and every day to live the joy of the Kingdom in our love for others.

The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah talks about how God himself will prepare a banquet for us. The imagery is wonderful, indeed delicious! And further, God will wipe away all tears. This is surely a sign that the people who are invited to the banquet are those who are sad and suffering. The suffering that matters in this life is the suffering that is inevitable as we try to love all others and try not to put our own interests first.

The second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians wants us to understand that Jesus is not telling us that life is only about suffering. St. Paul recognizes that, in every circumstance and in all things, he has learned what it feels like to be well fed and to go hungry, to live in abundance and to be in need.

So also, we must experience how to live in abundance and to love others, and we need to know how to have nothing and to love others. Life is about loving others, and we must do whatever it takes to love others. Jesus tells us to love our enemies as ourselves. Jesus explains to us that the commandment that counts is to love God and to love others.

Returning to the Gospel of St. Matthew, we realize that Jesus is calling and inviting everyone to come to the feast, to celebrate in the Kingdom. That call, that invitation is extended now, it is happening right now, in the life of each one of us. How will we respond? The best response to this call, the best acceptance of this invitation is to love others, no matter how difficult it is. Our wedding garment is and must be love.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

ARCHDIOCESAN CENSUS—October 14/15 & 21/22:

This weekend the ushers took a census of all children, women and men attending Mass. Attendance will also be counted next weekend. This census will be done in all parishes of the Archdiocese to measure attendance and to plan for the future.

COLLECTION COUNTER VOLUNTEERS:

We have a need for volunteers to help count weekend Mass collections on Monday mornings. Commitment would be about once a month for a couple of hours. Training will be provided. Please call the parish office for more information and to volunteer.

STA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR IS BACK!

On Sunday, November 5th, 10am to 4pm. 100+ Artists, Raffle prizes, Hot meals and refreshments, Home baked Christmas treats. New and returning vendors to participate are asked to email: stacraftfair@aquinas.org.

SPX CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Is returning on Sunday, November 19th. Register for your table at: spxcraftfair@gmail.com.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:

Are now at the back of the Church. When completed, please return the envelopes to the collection basket, Fr. Jeff, or the rectory mailbox.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next weekend for World Missions.

CWL OCTOBER MEETING AND GUEST SPEAKER

Date: Thursday, October 19th

Place: Parish Meeting Hall

Time: 7pm

Speaker: Tanya Barrie, Backpack Buddies

CWL Meeting: 7:35-8:10pm

Refreshments: 8:15-8:45pm



All ladies of the parish and school are invited.

The October CWL Newsletter is now available at the CWL desk.



PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Empowering Our Parish Vision

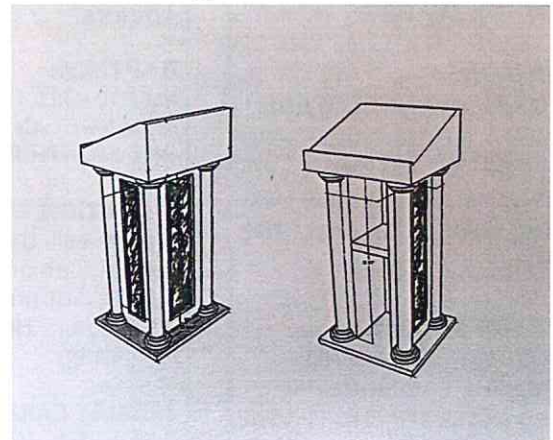
Each year, Project Advance inspires us to come together as a community of faith in Jesus Christ to support various ministries and programs of the Archdiocese and in our parishes.

All funds raised that are in excess of the parish goal set by the Archdiocese (\$29,400, plus the cost of materials needed for the appeal) will be dedicated this year to the commission of an Ambo to complete our sanctuary. The marble ambo will complement our marble altar in design, detail, and proportion. The total estimate for all components of this project – materials, construction, installation, and labour – is \$27,000.

No donation is too small. Every pledge counts. Every gift matters. Every gift is important. Your gift is vitally important. All gifts are tax receiptable for 2023.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

Our total to date is \$35,670.00





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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10AM-1:30PM
604-929-1404
PARISH.SPX @RCAV.ORG

REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10. MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR JEFF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm. Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

DELPHINE MONSURATE

604-929-7775

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CECILIA MCLAREN

604-729-4543

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DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430

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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE

TO VOLUNTEER

604-929-1404

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miiller
adoration.spx@gmail.com

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*Come and pray the Rosary
every Saturday morning
before Mass
at 8:30am*

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
Check out our Bulletin Board
in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,

110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999