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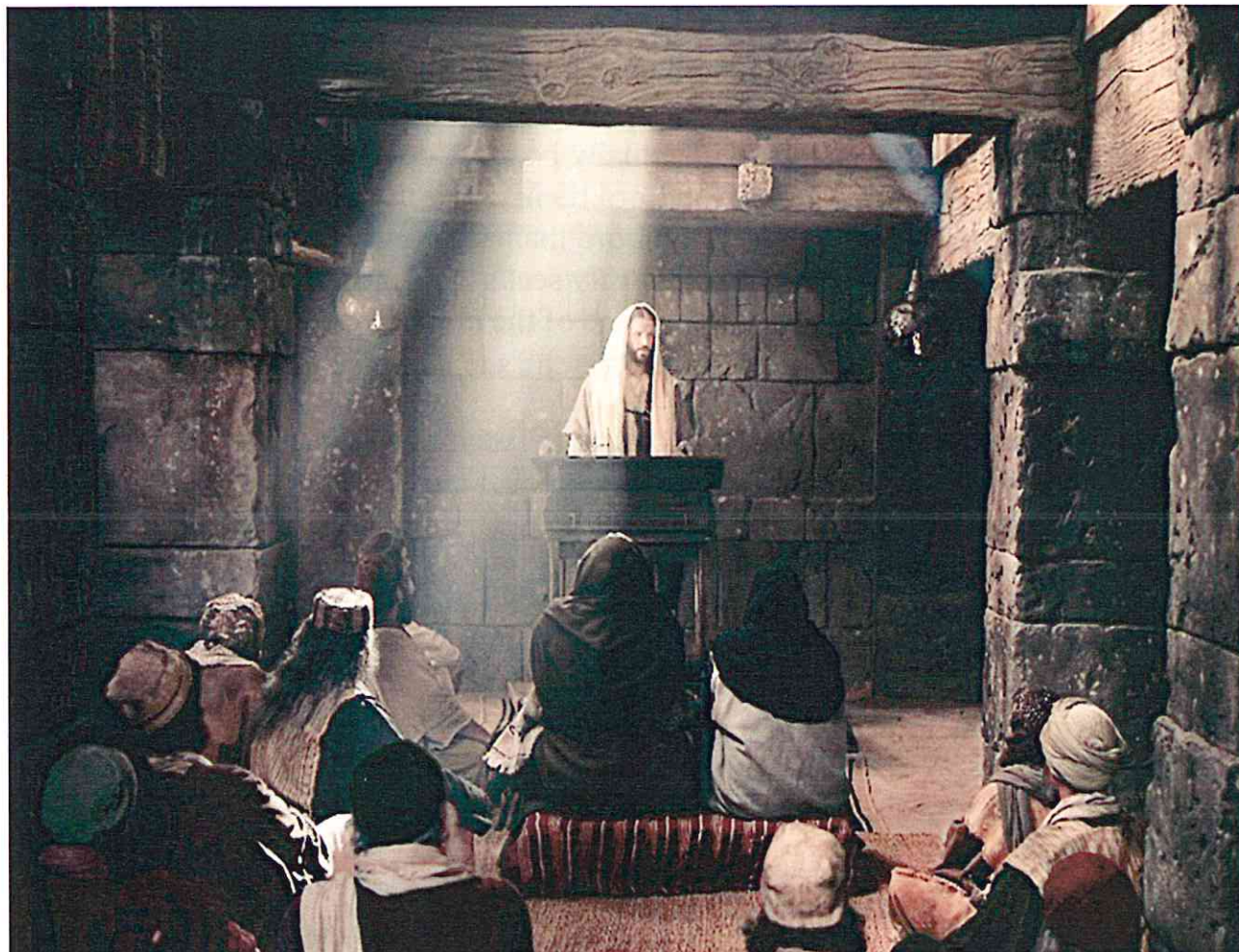
ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

Archbishop Most Rev J. Michael Miller, CSB



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 28, 2024

SUNDAY MASSES:	SATURDAY	5:00PM
	SUNDAY	9:00AM & 11:00AM
DAILY MASS:	MONDAY	9:00AM
	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	



Listening to the Lord

God's authority in our daily lives is important. Who speaks for God? Do we want to listen to God? Are we interested at all in finding the meaning of life outside of ourselves? The challenges of the Scripture readings today keep pointing us outside of ourselves and toward a divine authority who wants to communicate with us but who never forces himself upon us.

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is very strong. God's people have told God himself that they do not want to hear his voice directly – it is too terrifying and too much to bear! So God tells them that they will hear from him now only through prophets. But they will be real prophets, not fake ones. Fake prophets must be spurned.

We may think that there is something odd in not wanting to hear God, but so often we ourselves do not want to hear God in his Word, in his Scriptures, and in the teachings of his Church. Yet sometimes, if a really strong and charismatic personality comes along who is able to preach the Word of God, there are times when we listen. We are no different from the people of the time of Moses. We need prophets when we do not listen to God. We need also to listen to God's words about false prophets – they do not speak for God.

In the second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul advises us that the unmarried person is able to be more concerned about listening to the Lord and seeking the Lord's will. This does not mean that such an unmarried person is better than a married person, or even that such an unmarried person will actually be more concerned about the things of the Lord. Our holiness and our value before the Lord lie in doing the Lord's will, and surely many married people are more concerned about the Lord than some unmarried people. On the other hand, it is clear that an unmarried person who truly seeks the Lord is able to be more concerned solely about the things of the Lord because of the absence of responsibilities toward spouse and children. The point, however, is always the same: Listen to the Lord!

The Gospel brings us back again to the theme of listening to the Lord. The people in the synagogue are totally amazed at Jesus and his power over unclean spirits. They could see that Jesus spoke as a person having an authority of his own. But did these people in the Gospel follow the Lord? Not always. Even when the Word of God is right in front of us, we are still able to resist. God has lovingly given us this freedom to choose, and so often we choose against God – and thus also against ourselves.

Let us resolve today to pay attention to the many ways in which God comes into our lives. Let us seek to be faithful to the voice of the Lord as it comes to us in Scripture and in the Church. Let us be concerned with the things of the Lord. And let us rejoice when God sends us the strength to be faithful to him.

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



52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#3 ADVOCACY: Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government, and work together to address social justice issues. Join us. Let your voice be heard. Choose your action. Join us today.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: CWL membership is \$42/year. DAS membership is \$15/year (optional). *Pay by Cash, Cheque, or E-Transfer.*

SENIORS' VALENTINE TEA & BINGO SOCIAL

All Parish Men & Women are invited

February 13th—1:30 to 3:30pm Parish Meeting Hall

Valentine Goodies Served

RSVP to Barbara at 236-999-1286 or

email: bajohnston@gmail.com

Rides are available upon request

LAST CHANCE TO INDULGE BEFORE LENT VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

AFTER ALL MASSES FEBRUARY 10/11

Inviting all bakers to bring their favourite baked Valentine goodies to the Meeting Room between:

4-4:45pm on Saturday, February 10 and 8:30-8:45am or 10:30-10:45am Sunday, February 11. Cookies, cupcakes, bars, pies, tarts, loaves, cakes, and other sweet

or savory treats including **GLUTEN FREE** recipe items are most welcome. We cannot accept baked goods that require refrigeration. Please arrange on a paper plate and/or wrap in packages of 4-6 pieces, depending on their size, with a list of ingredients attached. Help is needed after all the Masses to assist with selling the items. For more information please contact Carol at glandy@telus.net or 604-929-6235.

Thank you for your support to make this event a success!

2024 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES: Please take yours home this weekend. If you no longer require a box, please call the parish office.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the repose of the soul of our longtime parishioner Mary Macdonald who entered eternal life on Friday, January 19th in Newmarket, Ontario, surrounded by her family. We extend our prayers and sympathies to her family.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Vincent Laplante, OMI. Fr. Laplante died on Friday, January 12th after a brief stay at VGH. He was 99 years of age. Let us remember Fr. Laplante in our prayers along with his family and the Oblate Community.

SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM:

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call. The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries, and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.

NORTH SHORE PRO LIFE SOCIETY:

Invites you to attend our free Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 4th in the Holy Trinity Parish church hall at 3:30pm (after the 2:30pm Mass). Refreshments will be served.

SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 6-11 VOCATION LIVE IN—February 10-11:

Are you interested in the priesthood or the life of a religious brother and want to see for yourself what seminary life is like? Come and See! Spend two days at the Seminary and become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. Come Saturday morning 8-9am. Bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, regular & sports clothes. Email: rector.minor@sck.ca or 604-826-8715.

SECOND COLLECTION:

Next weekend for the **BC Catholic**. Please support our weekly Catholic newspaper. Thank you.



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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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 9 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

BARBARA JOHNSTON
236-999-1286

LECTORS

CECILIA MCLAREN
604-729-4543

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

DAVID BOYER 604-929-6430
DAVID HOLSWORTH 604-929-5180

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