



November 22, 2020

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**Parish Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

**Weekend Masses**

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Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),  
6:00 PM

Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

**Weekday Masses**

Mon-Sat 8 AM

Public Holidays 9 AM

**Confession**

20 minutes before all  
weekend Masses and

15 minutes before all  
weekday Masses

**Morning Prayer**

Mon-Sat 7:30 AM

**Adoration**

Fri 8:30-9:30 AM

1st Fri 8:30-9:45AM

**Holy Rosary**

Mon-Sat after morning Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

10 minutes before all weekend  
Masses

**Visit to the Sick**

Please call Parish Office or  
Emergency number  
604-729-7638

**Baptisms**

by appointment

**Marriages**

at least 6 months notice

November 19, 2020

**Suspension of Holy Mass Celebrated in Public**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

After today's Provincial Health Order from Dr. Bonnie Henry, and with considerable sadness, I must direct that **all Masses, whether Sunday or weekday, beginning on Friday, November 20 and until further notice, are to be offered without a public congregation.** This directive likewise applies to other liturgical services as well as to social activities and gatherings held in church facilities. The new order from the Ministry states: "In-person religious gatherings and worship services are suspended under the order. For example: Do not attend a church, synagogue or mosque service."

It is important to note that **Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms may all still go ahead**, but with restrictions on attendees: "Funerals, weddings and baptisms may proceed with a limited number of people and a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. You can have a maximum of 10 people attend, including the officiant. Receptions associated with funeral, wedding or baptism receptions are not allowed at any location."

Wherever possible – that is, whenever the health and safety of the community can be scrupulously attended to – churches may remain open for private prayer, Adoration and individual Confession.

"The order is in effect from November 19, 2020 at midnight to December 7, 2020 at midnight," although it may be extended beyond that point.

I fully understand that this is a difficult measure to have to take, especially on such short notice, and I am aware of the strain this will put on pastors and parishioners alike. From today's order it seems that religious institutions are not being treated with the same consideration regarding the number present at religious gatherings compared to that at secular indoor gatherings. While this is very disappointing, we are called to be beacons of light to the community at large and must do our part in a spirit of sacrificial love for our neighbours.

Further communication may come in the next days to help clarify the situation regarding other events or activities.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families as we weather this new trial, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver

**Christ proclaims the Kingdom**

The Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary is "Proclamation of the Kingdom of God". The Catechism states:

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.'" "To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth." Now the Father's will is "to raise up men to share in his own divine life." He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, "on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom."

"Water", "Bread" and the "Cross" are some of the important themes in the public ministry of Christ.

Christ called fishermen---Simon, Andrew, James and John---to be his disciples and to become "fisher of men".

Christ told Nicodemus: "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God". (John 3:5) He told the Samaritan woman: "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Christ miraculously fed the five thousand with five breads. He later declared "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)

Christ warned his disciples: "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." (Mark 8:15)

Christ predicted His Passion three times and he said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Christian doctrine may be divided into dogma, moral teaching, and worship. Our Lord sums up these three things in the words: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Christ is the truth that we must believe, the way that we must follow, and the life that we must live.

In the area of dogma, Christ reveals to us the mystery of the Holy Trinity. He teaches us that He himself is the Saviour of mankind. He makes known to us that He founded the Catholic Church to bring all people to eternal salvation.

In the area of moral teaching, Christ gives us the Beatitudes as standards of His kingdom. He gives us the commandment of love, saying we should love even our enemies. He also teaches us to love the cross and self-denial.

In the area of worship, Christ teaches us the Our Father. He gives us the Sacraments. He also teaches us that good prayer requires humility, forgiveness, trust, and perseverance.

Our dear Lord often made use of parables to teach divine truths. These parables may be divided into three classes: the parables of the kingdom of God (e.g. mustard seed, leaven, and hidden treasures), the parables of God's mercy (lost sheep, prodigal son, and good shepherd), and moral parables (e.g. good Samaritan, marriage feast, and the talents).

Christ confirmed His teachings by His holiness, miracles, and prophecies.

The holiness of Christ is manifested in His practice of virtues. In His relations with God the Father, Christ practised the virtues of religion, prayer, obedience, and purity of intention. Christ practised charity towards His neighbour. He exercised personal virtues such as prudence, meekness, humility, patience, and mortification.

The Bible records Christ delivering seven possessed persons. He performs ten miracles upon nature (e.g. changing water into wine, walking on water, two multiplications of loaves, and the transfiguration), fifteen upon the sick, and three upon the dead (the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Naim, and Lazarus).

Christ prophesied concerning His own Person (death and resurrection), His disciples, Jerusalem, and the Church, and His prophecies were fulfilled.

"He was teaching them as one having authority" (Matthew 7:29).