

# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

## Welcome

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 20, 2024

*Through  
his humiliation  
he will  
justify many,*

*and their guilt  
he will bear.*

Isaiah 53:11

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To follow Jesus Christ and to invite others to do the same.*

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Our Lady,  
Star of the Sea,  
Pray for us!

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel is a good example that Jesus' disciples were remarkably slow to grasp the significance of his life and teaching. The two brothers, John and James, come to Jesus with an important request: "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." A pretty bold request!

The misunderstanding was in those two words: "your glory". Jesus' glory would be radically different from anything those two friends of his expected. No wonder Jesus responded: "You do not know what you are asking." At once he challenged them with the counter-question: "Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same baptism?"

Lightheartedly Jesus' two friends replied: "We are able". Clearly they had still not understood what lay ahead for the Master whom they so loved and revered. The 'cup' Jesus referred to would be a cup of bitter suffering. His 'baptism' would not be in water but in blood. If his friends had really understood that, they might not have been so eager to share in his 'glory', as they so lightly called it.

Today, Jesus shows us once again, what true authority looks like: true authority comes to those who serve others and meet the needs of their fellow human beings. Jesus' whole life was one of service. Being NUMBER ONE in the Christian community means being at the service of others. Service can easily be misused to lord it over others. In fact, there is nothing more devious than those who serve others in order to service their own ego. ***May God bless us and grant us the grace to serve and love like Jesus, our Saviour. Amen!***

You may have noticed that we have been trying to grow our ushering ministry. First of all, I would like to thank all those who have come forward with a heart to serve —Thank you for stepping forward, we appreciate your sacrifice! We are still in need of ushers at the 5pm and 7pm Masses. One of the important steps our ushers will be making is this: they will be instructing latecomers to Mass to remain outside the nave until an appropriate time to be seated. Many people are arriving late to Mass, disrupting the Liturgy of the Word. So, if you are late, arriving in the middle of the proclamation of word of God, you will be asked to wait.

I also ask that those who do arrive on time to Mass to please move towards the front pews, allowing the very back pews for those arriving later. I know people have their favourite pew and many are very attached to 'their' pew...but in the spirit of today's Gospel, let us love others in this way: by giving up our own comforts for the good of the other.

And, a final reminder to parents with children—grades 4 and up who are baptized and have received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: Altar Server Training starts this coming week! Training is available Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm and Saturdays 10:15-11:15am. The Registration form is available in the foyer of the church. Or you can email our altar server coordinator at: [s.o.s.altarservers@gmail.com](mailto:s.o.s.altarservers@gmail.com)

*Fr. Augustine*

## This Sunday Mass Readings:

Reading 1: [Isaiah 53:10-11](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22](#)

Reading 2: [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

Gospel: [Mark 10:35-45](#)

Pope Francis Angelus—Saint Peter's Square— October 17, 2021 <https://www.vatican.va>

The Gospel of today's Liturgy narrates that two disciples, James and John, ask the Lord to one day sit beside him in glory, as if they were "prime ministers", or something like that. But the other disciples hear it and become indignant. At that point, Jesus patiently offers them a great teaching. It is this: **true glory is not obtained by rising over others, but by experiencing the same baptism that He, Jesus, would receive just a little later in Jerusalem, that is, the cross.** What does this mean? The word "baptism" means "immersion": through **his Passion, Jesus immersed himself into death, offering his life to save us.** Therefore, his glory, the glory of God, is love that becomes **service**—Not power that seeks to dominate, no! But **love that becomes service.** Thus, Jesus ends saying to his disciples and to us as well: "*Whoever would be great among you must be your servant*" (Mark 10: 43). **To become great, you should take the service, serving others.**

We are in front of two different types of logic: the disciples want to rise up and Jesus wants to immerse Himself. Let us spend a few moments on these two verbs:

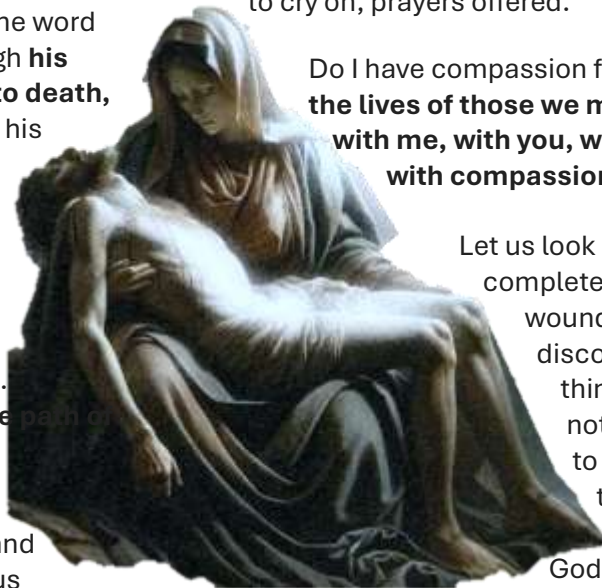
The first is to **rise up**. It expresses that worldly mentality to which we are always tempted: to experience everything, including relationships, in order to feed our ambition, to climb the ladder of success, to reach important positions. The quest for personal prestige can become a spiritual malady, masquerading itself even behind good intentions: for example, when behind the good we do and preach, we actually seek ourselves alone and our own affirmation, that is, that we get ahead and climb up—we see it in the Church! How many times, we Christians – who should be servants – try to climb up, to get ahead. We therefore always need to evaluate our heart's real intentions, to ask ourselves: "*Why am I carrying out this work, this responsibility? To offer service or rather to be recognised, praised and to receive compliments?*"

Jesus contrasts this worldly logic with his own: **instead of exalting yourself over others, get off your**

**pedestal to serve them; instead of rising above others, to be immersed in others' lives.** There are so, so many in need...seek to be immersed in service rather than to climb up for one's own glory!

Here is the second verb: **to be immersed.** Jesus asks us to immerse ourselves. And how should we immerse ourselves? Compassionately in the lives of those we meet. Do we think compassionately about the hunger of so many people? When we have a meal before us, which is a grace from God that we can eat, there are people who do not have enough food for the entire month. Not just hunger for food, but hunger for friendship, communion. Do we take the time to compassionately hear others' needs? Lend a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, prayers offered.

Do I have compassion for people? **Compassion for the lives of those we meet, like Jesus has done with me, with you, with all of us, he drew near with compassion.**



Let us look at the Crucified Lord, completely immersed in our wounded history, and we will discover God's way of doing things. We see that he did not remain up above in heaven to look down on us from up there, but he lowered himself to wash our feet. God is love and love is humble, it does not exalt itself, but comes down

like the rain that falls to the earth and brings life. But how can we adopt the same direction as Jesus, going from raising ourselves up to immersing ourselves, from the mentality of prestige to that of service? Dedication is needed, but that is not enough. It is difficult alone, but not impossible, for we have a strength within that helps us. **It is the strength of Baptism, of that immersion in Jesus that all of us have already received through grace that directs us, moving us to follow him instead of seeking our interests, but to put ourselves at the service of others. It is a grace, a fire that the Spirit has kindled in us that needs to be nurtured.**

Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew the grace of Baptism in us, that immersion in Jesus, in his way of being, to be more like servants, to be servants like he has been with us.

And let us pray to the Madonna: she – even though she was the greatest – did not seek to rise up, but was the humble servant of the Lord, and is completely immersed in our service to help us encounter Jesus.

*Please pray for:*

Joanne Post, Ron Schlase, Tschellmann, Helen Hong, Elizabeth Armas, Tania Poling, Gail Herman, Erl Michelson, Amelia Solomon, Noah Johnson, Lynn Carruth, Ed Wingebach, Shirley Riehl, Vanessa York, Glenn Brooks, Marilyn Wolfe, Ann Conte, Ray Weber, Pauline & John Jones, Lorne & Cathy Houldson, Corrie Van den Boogaard, Justin O'Connor, Benzinger Family, John Becher, Christine Algard, Marin Robertson, Margaret Benoit, Ivan Felipe Aragon, Murray Carpenter, Jean Guy Tardif, Byrne Turner, Bernie Karoway, Patrick Hamilton, Julia Nadon, Jason Eddleman, Judy Nault, Theresa Desrochers, Ken Prout, Mercedes Sandoval, Jola Melone, Maria Kasprzyk, Brian Hickey, Jack Plain, Anna Schott, Peter Kingsland, Nancy Murchison, Karine Tardif, Angus Heaps, Bob Keith, Stephanie Wideski, Carmina Raponi, Marci Nunez, Adria Tate, Lydia McGrann, Manal Ibrahim, Marian Nadelko, Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte

*Please pray for the  
Repose of the Souls*

of: Emmanuel Penalosa  
Marilynn Blackmore



**Estate Planning with  
a Catholic Perspective**

Please join us on **Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Church** for a presentation on Estate Planning with a Catholic Perspective.

Speakers:



**Charissa Keech**, Professional Financial Advisor with Family Tree Financial Group. Charissa will share 5 Under Used Financial and Estate strategies and

tax saving tips to bless your family or a charity after you are gone.



**Polina Furtula**, Attorney with Westpoint Law Group – Polina will share the tips for ensuring you have the relevant

documents for your wishes to be carried out later in life and beyond.



**Michelle J. Vizena**, Co-owner, Principal, and Funeral Director with Raincoast Funeral and Cremations Services – Michelle

will share the do's and don'ts of planning for your funeral and your final resting place.

There will be a **question and answer period** after the presentations, followed by light refreshments in the foyer of Good Shepherd Church.



Everyone is welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you in attendance!



Today is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! There's a special collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ("Evangelization of Nations") that supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Donations can also be made online at:  
<https://support.rcav.org/parishes/second-collection/>

Thank you for your generosity! Read Pope Francis' Message for 2024 World Mission Day at:  
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Next **Baptism Preparation Class** for parents wanting Baptism for their child(ren) is on **Saturday, November 2 10AM—Noon** **Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room**



This class is mandatory for parents and highly recommended for the Godparents.

Please contact the parish office to register 604-531-5739  
[parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)



**A Ride to Mass** at Good Shepherd Church—a long-time parishioner who lives in Ocean Park is looking for someone to give her a ride to weekend Mass (any Mass at Good Shepherd Church). If you can help (even if not weekly), please call the parish office.

**Looking for Employment in Healthcare**—A young couple recently relocated from the UK, with valuable experience in healthcare, is seeking employment in the healthcare sector or related fields. We kindly ask any parishioner who may know of opportunities or can offer assistance to reach out directly to the individuals at 672-337-8000. Thank you, and God bless you for your support.

**Looking for Work—open to anything**—new parishioner recently relocated from Montreal is looking for employment. He was a business owner, has retail experience, management experience, and also has 8 years experience as a helicopter pilot. Resume and contact available at the parish office.

**Compassionate & Experienced Caregiver** is looking for employment. She has 3 years of experience in Dubai taking care of seniors, has first aid and emergency response training, housekeeping & cooking skills also. Resume and contact available at the parish office.

**Part-time Admin/Customer Service/Online Employment** needed by a 50-yr old parishioner who is currently employed but is seeking additional part-time employment—preferably evenings, or work from home/online in admin, data entry, customer service. Please contact the parish office for her resume.

**Employment needed** by a 42-yr old strong and skilled labourer with 4+ years of experience as a plumbing apprentice, warehouse work and forklift operation. Resume available through the parish office.

**Looking for work in IT** “I am a 33 years old, residing at Surrey and a parishioner in Good Shepherd Church. I moved from India to Canada in 2022 with an Open Work Permit (Valid till 2026). Also, I received an invitation for Permanent Residence in April'24 and it is currently under review. I'm currently looking for IT or Non-IT jobs (Remote or On-site). I have completed my Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and have 4 years of experience in India.” Resume available through the parish office.



We've already sold over 50% of tickets on the first week! Don't miss this opportunity to attend the event of the year and bid on incredible auction items like a harbour tour, a stunning sapphire ring, the chance to be principal for a day and a one-week stay at a cozy one-bedroom oceanfront cabin on Pender Island. Act fast to guarantee your spot at this exclusive event!

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### CENTENARY PHOTO DIRECTORY

Calling all current and active parish groups: There will be pages in the photo directory dedicated to our current and active parish groups. Please gather your members for a group photo (any setting). Submit your group photo (by email to [janiceh@starofthesea.ca](mailto:janiceh@starofthesea.ca)) by **October 25** so that we know how many pages to order in the directory. Thank you!

Notice to All Business owners: We invite you to advertise in our Centenary Photo Directory. This historical record will not only be enjoyed by our current parishioners, but by future generations. Email [janiceh@starofthesea.ca](mailto:janiceh@starofthesea.ca) for more details.

### DEADLINE FOR LIBRARY DONATIONS

**Last Drop off at Star of the Sea Church:**

Weekend Masses on October 26 & 27

**Last Drop off at Good Shepherd Library:**

Thursday, October 31.



The book sale will be open starting with the evening first Friday Mass on Nov 1st, and will continue through

the weekend. LOTS OF Great Quality Items! Books, Religious Art, Rosaries, Christmas Gift items, DVDs, CDs and much more. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new books, DVDs, and library supplies.



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Jeremiah 29:11-12

Hours in need of a weekly adorers:

- Sunday, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Monday, 9:00am-10:00am
- Tuesday, 10:00am-11:00am**
- Tuesday, 2:00pm-3:00pm**
- Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm**
- Thursday, 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
- Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm**
- Friday, 5:00pm-6:00pm**
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Hours in need of a Substitute:

- Mon., Oct. 21 – 1:00-2:00pm
- Wed., Oct. 30, Nov. 6 – 4-5:00pm
- Fri., Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8 – 5-6:00pm
- Sat., Oct. 26 – 2:00-3:00pm
- Sun., Oct. 27 – 6:00-7:00pm

For more information or to schedule a Holy Hour of adoration, please call:  
Donna Sali 604 542 3070

**CWL Bake Sale** is next weekend, October 26 & 27 at ALL MASSES at both churches. Please support the CWL's charitable initiatives and enjoy some home baking!



**Annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy and Consecrated Men and Women**

will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on **Wednesday, November 6** at 12:10 pm. All parishioners are most welcome to attend this special Liturgy concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Remember kindly in your prayers during the month of November those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their ministry.

**Parish Soup Kitchen Needs Your Help**

for **Dish Team**: 1st Tuesday every month, 4:30-7 pm  
as a **General Helper**: 1st Tuesday every month from 3:30-6:45pm/7pm, as required.  
Pls call Carolyn 778-551-4372 or Rose Mary 604 538 6058

**Ethnic Italian Supper is looking for more volunteers for Tuesday, Oct. 29th**



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