

THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCT. 7/8, 2017

✠ R.C.I.A. ✠

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you are interested in obtaining information about full Communion in the Catholic Church, we invite you to pick up a brochure @the Church entrance or leave your name and contact number/s at the Parish Office.

More details available at st.edmundsrcia@gmail.com



BAPTISM

Welcome to our Faith Community and congratulations to the parents and sponsors of *Finn Dodimead, Arianne Macabata, Noah Nebel & Leandre Rubino*



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT – UPDATE!!!



A BIG THANK YOU & HOORAY to Marie Dayton & her team and everyone who helped make our 8th Annual International Night a tremendous success. Thanks to everyone's hard work we realized a net profit of \$6,161,79. **WAY TO GO TEAM!!!!**

MONEY COUNTERS

*Next week is
Team #5*



**PILGRIM
VIRGIN
STATUE**

THE STATUE IS AVAILABLE FOR HOME VISIT BY THE LEGION OF MARY. PLEASE CONTACT KAY DONNELLY 604-988-4983

STA NEWS

- The Grade 11 students participated in their yearly retreat this past week at Camp Stillwood. Fr. Giovanni Schiesari of Christ the Redeemer Parish, our new chaplain, joined with & ministered to the students during their 3-day retreat.
- The staff & students of the school wish all parishioners a very Happy Thanksgiving

R.C.I.A

Considering becoming Catholic? Catholic, but been away for a while or missed Sacraments? RCIA - or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - may be the place for you! St. Edmund's RCIA weekly sessions are on Tuesdays at 7pm in the PREP room (lower floor of the church, accessed from the south side). Come start a journey to enrich your relationship with God & grow in faith & community. It's never too late! If you're interested, please pick up a brochure at the church entrance, call the Parish Office, get in touch at St.EdmundsRCIA@gmail.com, or come out to a session.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN EXPLORING THE CONSECRATED LIFE

On the weekend of October 13 - 15, there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. The weekend retreat has a monastic emphasis and style. It will be from 7 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday. If you are interested please call 604-826-8975 for more information.

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus only on each other. Sounds good, right? If you'd like greater depth, growth, and romance in your relationship, you'll like the difference a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can make. **October 20-22, 2017** being held in Deroche BC (just east of Mission). For more information or to register, contact; Steve & Mary Bohnen – 604 876-7298 or wwmevanancouverbc@gmail.com

CWL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, November 5th - 10am – 3pm in school gym.

If you are interested in renting a table or know of someone who is; please contact the Parish Office. Registration form & more information is on our website

CRAFTERS ALERT!



The CWL is looking for items to sell at their Craft

Fair table. Please contact Imelda at 604-987-0175.

THE VINEYARD

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants – the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1-8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11), and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

~Dr. Scott Hahn

MASS INTENTIONS

MON. 9 at 7:30am:	+Repose Sylvia Long by Elizabeth Livingston
9:00am:	+Repose Beryl Turner by Peter & Diane Nation
TUES. 10 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Lorne & Margie Beauchamp by Nora Gemino
9:00am:	+Repose Lenore Joy Gibbs & Frances Hodgkinson by Emilia Ilar
WED. 11 at 7:30am:	+Repose John Heathe by Barbara Stuart
9:00am:	+Repose Ligaya David by Evelyn
THURS. 12 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Thanksgiving by Acio family
9:00am:	+Repose Boris Brecej by Janet & Cristino Ficocelli
FRI. 13 at 7:30am:	Spec. Intention Thanksgiving by Michelle Manuel
9:00am:	+Repose Edgar Elwes by wife Marcela & family
SAT. 14 at 9:00am:	+Repose Gerrard, Eric, Joey, Joe Snr. Hanlon by Tessie Hanlon
4:30pm:	Spec. Intention Father Jerry by Lynn
SUN. 15 at 8:00am:	+Repose Alberto Cusano by wife Assunta
at 9:30am:	+Repose Tommaso & Pasqualina Miele by family
at 11:00am:	Spec. Intention Father Jerry by Lynn