



Holy Name of Jesus Parish

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Mass Times: **Weekdays:** Monday—Saturday 9:00am

Sunday Mass: Saturday 5:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

BULLETIN - SPECIAL EDITION - NOVEMBER 12TH: 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

‘RECALCULATING’ AND THE JESUS PRAYER

Our Parish Mini-Mission offered food for soul and body.

In his Sunday homilies and mission talk, Fr. Mykhailo Ozorovych left us with two lasting treasures that those who participated will not soon forget. For those who could not attend, here are some highlights: one key phrase in his homily, “The more you give, the more you have in you to give” had everyone talking—and thinking.

In his Sunday homily Fr. Mykhailo used a common experience to help us understand something important about God’s mercy.

“My GPS is very loving,” he said. “When I miss my turn or make a wrong one it doesn’t give up on me. It just says ‘recalculating’ or ‘redirecting’.”

God is like that, he explained. When we take a wrong turn he does not give up on us but redirects us toward our destination.

What is crucial is that the destination for which we are aiming—our destiny—remains the same. As long as we do not stop seeking salvation, the Lord will guide us even when we seem to have lost the way.

The Jesus Prayer

In his Mini-Mission talk, which Fr. Mykhailo described as more serious than his light-hearted homilies, the congregation of over 100 heard about “the Jesus Prayer,” which he described as being at the heart of Eastern Christian spirituality.

He stressed that this ancient prayer—*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner*—was of particular importance and value in our parish, dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

He explained how the recitation of this phrase, which is deeply rooted in Scripture, can transform hearts and draw the Christian closer to Jesus. As Fr. Mykhailo said, “This practice can deepen your relationship with the Lord and change your life forever.”

At the end of the talk, those listening—and the entire parish community—were given a big challenge: to do something concrete by embracing the Jesus Prayer.





Specifically Fr. Mykhailo spoke of the [Jesus Prayer 33 Challenge](#). Why pray the Jesus Prayer? There are all sorts of prayers, so what makes the Jesus prayer so special? The Jesus prayer is a prayer of repentance, a “turning back” to the Lord. The challenge is to say the Jesus Prayer 33 times, once a day, for 40 days. This challenge is an opportunity to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Sign up for this challenge at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on your cell phone by texting **JESUSPRAYER** to **514-900-0130**. Starting Sunday November 12, once a day for 40 days, you will receive a text message reminder from the parish to say the Jesus Prayer. The text message will be sent each day at a different hour. (You can unsubscribe from the text messages anytime by texting STOP to 514-900-0130).

Msgr. Smith said he expects many parishioners will take up this simple but important challenge in the days and weeks ahead and that perhaps in the New Year we will organize groups for this purpose in the parish.

Following his talk Fr. Mykhailo led the parishioners in the “Akathist Hymn to our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ,” beautiful Byzantine prayers that include many rich litanies of the Name of Jesus unfamiliar to Latin Christians.

The Mini-Mission concluded with a presentation of a cheque for Holy Eucharist Cathedral from Charles Morris of our Project Advance team, who explained the donation in support of displaced Ukrainians came from the proceeds of this year’s Project Advance Campaign. Myrna Phillips of the Parish Finance Council thanked Fr. Mykhailo warmly for his time with us and gave him a personal gift from the parish.

PRIESTS’ STUDY WEEK

Monday–Friday, November 13–17

Every year the priests of the Archdiocese gather at Harrison for five days of talks on current topics and



Fr. Jose Thomas, OP

priestly concerns; this study week is a large part of their commitment to continuous education and formation. The Archbishop judges this event so important that parishes are permitted to suspend weekday Masses, but we are blessed to be able to continue our weekday Mass schedule thanks to the help of Fr. Jose Thomas, OP, our assisting priest at Holy Name of Jesus. Msgr. Smith will be away also this weekend, while Fr. Jose will be offering Mass for the Dominican Nuns in Squamish on Sunday. Therefore we will welcome Fr. Miletus Mlingi at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses, with Dcn. Cayer preaching at both.



Fr. Miletus Mlingi

YOUNG PARISHIONERS ENROLLED

PREP off to a flying start!

The congregation at 11:00 a.m. Mass promised to support the 12 young people preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation as they were formally enrolled as candidates for these Sacraments.

Receiving First Holy Communion next year will be: Georges-John Abi-Rached, Charisma Chow, Logan Hurley, Asher Lee, William Nixon, Nash Ratone, Benjamin Schmaltz, and Emilia Wong. Adilyn Bautista, John Hindi, Noah Valderrama, and Omar Rangel will be confirmed. Both groups of students presented statements of commitment signed by themselves and their parents.

Msgr. Smith drew smiles from the congregation when he asked one youngster and his father who had baptized them, knowing that he had baptized both! He had also married William Nixon's parents. The exchange highlighted how sacraments are at the heart of our life in the Church, beginning with Baptism. He reminded William's parents of the commitment they made to his Christian upbringing during the Baptism liturgy, and thanked all the parents present for what they are doing to fulfill their responsibilities.



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

In my Sunday homily, I talked about servant leadership, but for the rest of the day many parishioners gave an even better homily as they generously volunteered and made the pierogi lunch a great success. The members of our Catholic Women's League, under the capable direction of CWL President Charity Chen, graciously 'manned' the kitchen (now there's a bad choice of words!) while the Knights of Columbus, organized by Grand Knight Paul Fang, served the lunch to a full house in the fixed-up parish hall. The hospitality team, ably coordinated by Michael O'Neill, was also on hand, collecting tickets and helping with directions and traffic control.

Watching these dedicated volunteers step up to the challenges was only half the story, however. The enrollment ceremony with the children highlighted the remarkable contribution of PREP Coordinator Katrina King and the teachers of the other grades of the Parish Religious Education Program: Rosalie Tully, Carolyn Fung, Julie Collard, Anadel Teves, Anna DeGuzman.

In the weeks ahead we will talk more about stewardship and then present opportunities for more parishioners to offer their time and talent for the building up of our community. In the meantime, it was wonderful to see such examples of generous service and to reflect on what this means for the future of our parish.

Prayers and good wishes to our young people—and warm thanks to all our catechists and Mini Mission Volunteers!

Heartfelt thanks to all!



OUR ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR - NEXT WEEKEND & PANCAKES ON SUNDAY!

November 18 and 19, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm each day

The craft fair is back... and so is the pancake breakfast! Visit the craft fair next Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 - 1:00 and join us for pancakes on Sunday after both Sunday morning Masses.

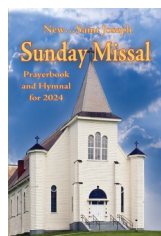
This annual Craft Fair, sponsored by the parish CWL, features gift baskets baked goods, baked good and more. Our Knights of Columbus will be in the kitchen on Sunday serving pancakes and sausages at their ever-popular event.



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

(November 19) is for Home Missions. To support the 12 Catholic missions in First Nations communities throughout the Archdiocese, and the Apostleship of the Sea serving seafarers who work on ships that visit Vancouver harbour.

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2024 SUNDAY MISSALS are now available in the parish office and after Mass.

Cost: \$5.00. Please have exact change.

Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 13th — Sunday, November 19th, 2023

Monday.....Pastor's Intention

Tuesday.....Amelie Villeneuve

Wednesday.....Edwina Lai Tong Cheng †

Thursday.....Rev. Rodney Nootebos

Friday.....Yen Ching Shum †

Saturday

9:00am.....Lucy Lee †

5:00pm.....Darcy Jaudines †

Sunday

9:00am.....Carpina Family †

11:00am.....Holy Name Parish