

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Resort Municipality of Whistler Council Meeting

Tuesday 12th September, 5:30pm at Millenium Place, Whistler

You are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to show solidarity behind Our Lady of the Mountains objection to the revision of the Permissive Tax Exemption.

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• [Ezekiel 33:7-9](#) • [Psalm 95](#) • [Romans 13:8-10](#) • [Matthew 18:15-20](#) •

Jesus' words sound familiar, don't they? That's because two Sundays ago, we heard him say the same thing to Peter. Then, Jesus was giving Peter the keys to the kingdom and establishing him as leader of the Church, *Matthew 16:18-19*. Along with that position, he was giving Peter a specific ministry that came with a special authority and grace: the power to bind and loose. That ministry continues today in Peter's successors.

In today's Gospel, however, Jesus seems to be doing something different. He's speaking to all his disciples, and he extends this call to bind and loose to all of them—and in a way, even to us.

While most of us aren't priests who hear confessions, we are all called to forgive. Jesus wants us to understand that both our forgiveness and our failure to forgive have an effect on people. By our words and the thoughts in our hearts, we can keep someone bound in condemnation or judgment. But we can also "loose" them by forgiving them. And forgiveness always releases people from the chains of guilt or shame. This means that we can help them experience the freedom that Jesus wants for them. We can continue his "ministry of reconciliation" in our corner of the world, *2 Corinthians 5:18*.

How amazing that Jesus trusts us to share in this sacred calling! He doesn't want anyone to remain trapped in sin or in unforgiveness. He knows the danger that sin poses to our souls. That's why he urges us to "cut off" and "throw away" anything in our lives that leads us astray, *Matthew 18:8*. That's why he never stops seeking after his lost sheep, *18:10-14*. And that's why he calls us to forgive "seventy-seven times . . . from [our] heart", *18:22, 35*. Because as we forgive people who sin against us, we won't just be freeing them. We'll be "loosing" ourselves from those chains, too. *the Word among us, September 2023*

First Holy Communion - 9th September at 5:00pm Mass

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

(Pope Francis – *Evangelii Gaudium*, 47)

On Saturday our parish celebrates First Holy Communion. This allows the entire community to rejoice with the children and their families:

Sofia Reyes Cid

Luke Henry Loren

Franceska Summer Tabotabo

Luciana Aguilar Vargas

Tabatha Aguilar Vargas

Everyone is invited to the Potluck Supper after 5 pm Mass this Saturday.

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's, Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm

MASS LECTORS



Sat. 16th Sep Anna

Sun. 17th Sep Roberta

COFFEE & COOKIES



Sun. 17th Sep Carlo, Joan

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux: Cell: 1-778-257-4203

WELCOME

Welcome to all our visitors and tourists. We are pleased to have you pray with us at Our Lady of the Mountains and hope that you enjoy your visit to Whistler and this beautiful area.

Memorial Mass for

Most Reverend Adam Exner, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of Kamloops

A Memorial Mass will be held for Most Reverend Adam Exner, O.M.I., Bishop Emeritus of Kamloops who passed away on Tuesday, 5th September 2023, at his residence in Grayson, SK, at the age of 94.

The Mass, celebrated by Bishop Joseph and concelebrated by the priests in the Diocese, will be at

Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 12th September, 2023 at 10:00 am.

All are welcome to attend.

Carmelite Monastery In Search of a Van

The Carmelite Nuns are looking for a newer vehicle, preferably a Van. Please contact the Monastery at 250-546-8801 for details or if you have a newer van or vehicle to donate or sell.

Difficulties of Building & Sustaining Community

Jesus puts the responsibility to speak words of conversation on each member of the Church. Yes, this prophetic ministry is ours. It is what we are called to do for one another. Note the progression of steps in the instructions of how to go about it; first try one on one; if it doesn't work, try again with two or three others to help; if that fails, bring the matter to the community as a whole. If that fails, the erring (the hardened) one is to be expelled from the community, done with a view to the welfare of the community. Harsh words? Note that it is done by those gathered in Jesus' name. Note that it is the responsibility of the community. Our Christian life entails serious responsibilities. LTP

In Search of a Carer

An elderly Whistler resident is looking for a dog-friendly companion with driving licence. Initially the requirement would be to drop by the house for an hour or two per day, to collect groceries, re-stock the fridge and run errands. This could extend to a live-in position if both parties are agreeable.

Contact the parish office for more details.

Divine Mercy and It's Significance in Today's World

Mediatrix Conference with featured speaker, the Very Reverend Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC. Sunday 17th Sep. Port Coquitlam 7:00-9:00pm - Divine Mercy and It's Significance in Today's World. Monday 18th Sep. Vancouver 7:00-9:00pm - The Holy Mass, the Eucharist & Adoration. See flyer for details.

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
In important or urgent matters, call:
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