

# *Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *Bulletin for 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023*



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• [Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10](#) • [Psalm 131](#) • [1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13](#) • [Matthew 23:1-12](#) •

***They tie up heavy burdens . . . and lay them on people's shoulders. (Matthew 23:4)***

Today we read how Jesus accused Jerusalem's religious leaders of laying "heavy burdens" on people by imposing more and more rules on them *Matthew 23:4*. But wasn't he doing the same thing? After all, he's the One who told people, "Take my yoke upon you" *11:29*. Isn't a yoke—a contraption made of iron and hardwood—a burden as well? Maybe so, but anyone who spent time with Jesus saw that the burden he spoke about was completely different—and much more attractive!

First, Jesus said that the burdens imposed by these scribes and Pharisees "nullified the word of God" *Matthew 15:6*. They consisted of rules and fasts and tithes that were nowhere to be found in the Law of Moses. Some of them even contradicted God's will for his people. But Jesus' yoke is meant to help us "fulfill" the word of God *5:17*. It's a yoke that calls us simply to love him and love our neighbor *22:34-40*. Jesus also said that his opponents placed burdens on people but did not "lift a finger" to help them (*Matthew 23:4*). By contrast, Jesus used the image of a yoke to describe his "burden." A yoke is an instrument that links two oxen together so they can help each other bear the load. And that's the point: Jesus wants to yoke himself to us so that he can walk beside us and help to lighten our burden.

Finally, and most important, the burdens of Jesus' opponents were made up of human regulations and restrictions, of additional fasts and tithes, that could not bring people closer to God. But the exact opposite happens when we accept Jesus' yoke. We come into an ever-deepening relationship with him. And that relationship fills us with the joy and comfort of his own Spirit.

So come to Jesus today.

Let him yoke himself to you in a bond of everlasting love.

*the Word among us, Nov 2023*

***"Jesus, thank you that your burden is light!"***

## ***Community Nights start TONIGHT!!***

Please join us on the first of our monthly community nights, where you can get to know your fellow parishioners over dinner, then watch and discuss interesting, faith-based short videos.

We will be starting **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 5:30PM** at Our Lady of the Mountains.

Dinner will be by cash donation. **Please register on the noticeboard** to allow us to prepare enough food.

## ***Fall Back***

Clocks are moved back one hour at 2 am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, to local standard time

### **Daylight-saving time ends**

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



# 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

**\*\* New Schedule \*\***

St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm

## Daily Mass

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux**  
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## MASS LECTORS



### Our Lady of the Mountains

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** Ralph

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Nathan

### St. Christopher's

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Vera

### St. Francis of Assisi

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Mark  
Marcus

### COFFEE & COOKIES

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** Volunteer  
required



## November, Month of the Holy Souls

As we near the end of Ordinary Time, we celebrate all those who traveled this life before us in the double celebration of All Saints on 1st November, and its mirror observance, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 2nd November. While we believe that in each liturgical ritual throughout the year we are joined in spirit by all the saints and angels, on this day especially, we remember all those who rejoice in heaven. This double observance allows us to hold holy the memory of those who are canonized and to pray with and for all our dearly departed loved ones. Books of remembrance, photo montages, multimedia displays are but a few ways to honour these protagonists of our lives.



## The Book of the Names of the Dead

Write the names of the deceased members of your family in the Book of the Dead. Throughout November we include an intercession for those listed in our parish Book of the Names of the Dead.

## BC Bishops' Appeal in Support of Truth, Healing & Reconciliation

Next weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November, a second collection will be taken throughout all the Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Kamloops for local healing and reconciliation initiatives for residential school survivors, their families and communities.

“With profound humility and gratitude, I appeal to your prayer and generosity once again to support this essential outreach. This is our opportunity to demonstrate, in a very practical way, our response to the legacy of Residential Schools, in solidarity with all dioceses in our country.”

*Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen*



## Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>



Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world and to rededicate ourselves by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

**Mass at Our Lady of the Mountains Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

## Office Hours

**Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm**  
**In important or urgent matters, call:**  
**Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203**



## Donations / New Church Pledge Form

Pledge Forms in support of building the new church are available via this QR code and on our website at <https://whistlercatholicchurch.ca/>