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MASSSES & SERVICES

Saturday: 5pm
(Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm
Monday – Wednesday 8am
Thursday Mass/Novena:
8am & 7pm
Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am
(Fridays in July & August: 8am)
Children's Mass: 9am 1st
Sunday of the month Oct-June
Children's Liturgy: 11am
All Sundays except the 1st
Sunday from Sept- June
Reconciliation
Saturday: 4-4:45pm
Adoration
Saturday 9:30-10am
Library Hours
Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vatican Document: Seal of Confession Must Never Be Violated

ROME - As California is currently embroiled in a battle over whether to punish priests for not breaking the seal of confession in cases when child abuse is revealed, the Vatican has issued a statement reaffirming the “inviolability” of the confidentiality of confession, and saying political pressure in this regard is a breach of religious liberty. “Every political or legislative initiative intended to ‘force’ the inviolability of the sacramental seal would constitute an unacceptable offense against the *libertas Ecclesiae* (freedom of the Church), which does not receive its legitimacy from individual states, but from God,” the statement issued by Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, was approved by Pope Francis June 21 and published July 1.

This type of pressure “would also constitute a violation of religious freedom, legally fundamental to every other type of freedom, including the freedom of conscience of individual citizens, both penitents and confessors,” the statement read. Piacenza’s statement comes as the U.S. Church is facing one of the most serious potential violations of religious freedom in its history in California, where Senate Bill 360 would compel priests to disclose information about child sexual abuse that they learn when they are hearing the confession of another priest or a co-worker. The bill passed the California senate by a 30-2 vote in May and is expected to be considered by the State Assembly in September.

Piacenza heads the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience. In his statement, Piacenza said that if a penitent reveals that they have been the victim of “the evil of others,” the confessor’s job is to inform the penitent of their rights and the concrete juridical instruments available to them to denounce the incident in both the civil and ecclesial spheres in order to achieve justice. For cases in which sins are confessed that constitute offenses, “it is never permissible to place upon the penitent, as a condition for absolution, the obligation of constituting himself with civil justice.” Defense of the sacramental seal “will never constitute a form of connivance with evil,” he said, calling it “the only true antidote to the evil which threatens man and the whole world.” He said there is currently a “negative prejudice” against the Catholic Church, due in large part to tensions among ecclesial hierarchy, as well as current abuse scandals.

Piacenza said this prejudice is “oblivious to the true nature of the Church,” often leading to “the unjustifiable claim that the Church herself, in certain matters, must conform its own legal order to the civil systems of the states in which it finds itself living.” Because of this, the cardinal said he wanted to reaffirm concepts which seem increasingly “strange” to public opinion, including the seal of confession and other points involving conscience such as “the inherent confidentiality” of the non-sacramental internal forum, meaning a person’s conscience before God; professional secrecy and the criteria and limits of every other communication.

Calling the sacramental seal “indispensable,” Piacenza stressed that “no human power has jurisdiction, nor can claim it,” on matters regarding the seal. “The inviolable secrecy of confession comes directly from revealed divine law and is rooted in the very nature of the sacrament, to the point of not admitting any exception in the ecclesial context, nor, even less, in the civil sphere,” he said. Because the sacraments are believed to be a true meeting point between believers and Christ, the defense of the seal on the part of the confessor, “if necessary *usque ad sanguinis effusionem* (using the shedding of blood),” is not only an act of “dutiful loyalty” to the penitent, but it is also “a necessary testimony - a martyrdom” made for both Christ and the Church, he said.

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Make a joyful noise to God all the earth. – Psalm 66

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering June 29 & 30: \$24,932.03. This amount includes the pre-authorized donations for the month of June. Offering for the Needy: \$150.00. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Project Advance Report: On June 30 pledges were at \$43,554 with participation from 70 donors. Our total goal is \$104,000 which will go toward the Parish redevelopment project. Please make a prayerful contribution to Project Advance this year. Thank you for your support!

New Chair for Finance Council: We thank Lauri Ann Fenlon for her years of dedicated service to the Finance Council. Kevin Chan replaces her as the new Chair. The Council will meet again in September.

PREP: The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is for elementary school aged children who are not attending Catholic school. Please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep.olph@rcav.org for information.

Choir Members for 9am & 11am Masses: The OLPH choir is seeking new members: we especially need singers who can commit to the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. Rehearsals are on Monday evening 7-8pm. Please contact Music Director Catherine Walsh for more information: catherine.organist@gmail.com.

Healing Mass with Fr. Claudio Barbut: Divine Mercy & Divine Will Healing Mass with International Preacher and Healer Fr. Claudio Barbut from Bucharest, Romania. Praise & Worship, Healing Mass, Adoration and Anointing. Takes place Sunday, June 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta.

Permanent Diaconate Still Accepting Applications: Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon? Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry are invited to apply for our fourth cohort! *Application deadline has been extended to July 15.* Don't miss this wonderful opportunity; next intake is in two years! Please contact the Permanent Diaconate Office at (604) 683-0281 ext. 50431, or email deacons@rcav.org, for more information.

Rosary Rally: Come to pray the Rosary in honour of Our Lady, to make reparation to her for sins committed against her Immaculate Heart, and to beg graces from her Divine Son, through her; with public witness to the Faith. Takes place Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. at South Plaza in Vancouver.

An Evening with Archbishop Miller: Save the Date! The eighth annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. This year, in partnership with Providence Health Care and with St. Mark's College, Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds to help foster Catholic health-care ethics in the education of health-care providers and in the support of their day-to-day practice. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve your table(s) please contact development@rcav.org.

Movie "Unplanned" Set for Nationwide Release

Unplanned is a scripted film that tells the real-life story of Johnson, the former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic who became an anti-abortion activist. The screening of *Unplanned* is gearing up for its national release in Canada July 12, despite non-existent theatre promotion, boycott threats, and media skepticism about the pro-life film's accuracy and distribution goals. The film has received a PG rating in B.C. and is slated to appear on Landmark Cinema screens and in some Cineplex and independent theatres, according to organizers of a grassroots campaign to get *Unplanned* into Canadian cinemas.

The B.C. Catholic confirmed with Cineplex spokesperson Sarah Van Lange that the chain will be screening *Unplanned* "at a handful of our theatres across Canada for a one-week run beginning on July 12, 2019." Tickets, theatre listings, and showtime information will be available on Cineplex.com, the Cineplex mobile app, and at participating theatre box offices beginning July 10, she said, confirming that Langley and Mission theatres are on the list of participating theatres. Anyone hoping to host a private group screening at a different Cineplex theatre is asked to contact the film's distributor, Cinedicom.

Stewardship Reflection

He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" (Luke 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us.

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