

JULY 18TH, 2010 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's gospel is about hosts and guests and hospitality, but Jesus puts an unparalleled twist on the notion of hospitality. Martha's serving hospitality was made uneasy because of her becoming burdened with the cooking and serving, and focusing only on that, losing sight of Jesus. Martha is settling to be only a servant, while Jesus is looking for disciples. Mary's hospitality was more gracious than Martha's because she focused her attention on Jesus: "sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying." The surprise is that Jesus affirms "the better part" is to listen, the stance of a disciple, attuned to the Master!

Listening to Jesus with a heart truly able to hear is difficult, indeed. Listening to Jesus is the "better part" only when it leads us to serve and teach as Jesus himself did. The effectiveness of our serving (and teaching being disciples, caring for others, fulfilling our daily duties) is determined by the way we listen—to others, to Jesus through others.

The first reading cautions us not to conclude that Mary's part, though called "better" by Jesus, is the only way to be attentive to God. Abraham greets the strangers and serves them, and for these hospitable actions he is promised a son.

Before we can carry on the mission of Jesus, we must become disciples by sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. It means hearing Jesus in the cry of another for help. There is really a great deal of self-sacrificing in letting go of our preoccupations to listen to Jesus and see him in all circumstances of our everyday living.

✠ PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: J. Cardoso, I. Driegen, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, F. Labis, Jr., L. Lida, G. McDonagh, I. Meszaros, D. Ngui, E. Phipps, E. Skrilec, C. Bertho-Wooliams and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ be their strength and healing.

PARISH COUNCIL We are accepting nominations for TWO active parishioners who can serve on our parish council starting in September. Please submit their names in confidence to the parish office by August 13th. Thank YOU!

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY Next Sunday, a second collection will be taken up for the needy.

FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA On July 31st, 9:00 am, we'll have the special Mass in honour of the Jesuit founder. Many Jesuit Alumni living in the greater Vancouver area will join us for the Mass. All are welcome!

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY This popular 8-week bible study will be offered for the first time in our parish on Wednesdays, Sept. 22nd—Nov. 17th, 7:00—9:00 p.m. Registrations forms are in the vestibule or the Church, or you can register by calling the Parish Office or by email: holyname@shaw.ca The study manual is \$20.00.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS The new Magnificat windows will be ready to be installed THIS WEEK in the doorway to the hall. We will bless the windows and the statue of Jesus Protecting the Little Children on the feast of the Assumption, Sunday, August 15th after the 11:00 am Mass

2010 PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL Our parish continues to receive pledges which stand at **211** for the total amount of **\$87,465**. Thank YOU for your support! You may place your gift in the Sunday collection or mail it to the office.

R.C.I.A. We have some enquirers about becoming Catholics. If you want to be involved in the RCIA program or know someone who wants to become a Catholic, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office. It is not too early to sign-up!!!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	July 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Marina Lo.
Tuesday	July 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the deceased members of the Diogo Family.
Wednesday	July 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Ramon & Cynthia.
Thursday	July 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Bob Johnston.
Friday	July 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Lam Kam Wah.
Saturday	July 24	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Wendy Yee <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Federico Labis, Sr.
Sunday	July 25	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Tony Ng. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners

MARIA FEDYK'S Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, July 20th at 11 am (viewing at 10:30). There will also be 'visiting' hours from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Oceanview Funeral Home on Monday, July 19th. Maria was a long time member of our parish's CWL council. Our ladies of the CWL will serve a light lunch after the service in the church hall. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire — a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

SCIC LEADERSHIP TEAM Sr. Mary Beth McCurdy, is the elected leader, and her team members are: Sr. Anita Holmes, Sr. Alice Keegan and Sr. Roma DeRoberts.