

AUGUST 1ST, 2010 – 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In this Sunday's gospel-parable the rich man is a fool because he mistakenly thinks his future happiness is guaranteed by his possessions. Even had his life not been demanded of him, those possessions could not have bought him happiness. Jesus cautions us to "guard against" such greed and turn our attention to where our inheritance lies; in the fullness of life God wishes to give us. How mistaken the rich man is to identify good living with material things and what "is not rich toward God."

The first reading describes in greater detail the misfortune which befalls the rich man in the parable. According to Ecclesiastes, laboring for wealth and possessions is not only foolish but results in sorrow, grief and anxiety.

Both the first reading and the gospel speak of inheritance, what we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions or perceived security. Our true inheritance

is life with God.

It takes conscious effort to ask the question, to whom do *we* belong? This is a question about priorities and putting God truly at the center of our lives. What really matters to God is that we learn a new set of priorities. Today's scriptural readings give us ample suggestions: wisdom of heart, kindness, joy, gladness, gracious care, put to death what is "earthly," put on a new self, living in the image of our Creator, opening ourselves to the "Christ who is all and in all" (second reading).

✠ **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, B. Lim, G. McDonagh, I. Meszaros, D. Ngui, E. Phipps 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!

FR. ROBERT'S BIRTHDAY On August 8th, after the 9:00 am Mass (between 10:00 & 11:00) the CWL and Knights of Columbus invite all the parishioners for coffee and muffin, to celebrate Fr. Robert's special day.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS We will bless the newly installed windows and the statue of Jesus Protecting the Little Children on Sunday, August 15th, Feast of the Assumption, after the 11:00 am Mass. Sarah Hall, the artist, will also join us. On this day, we are also celebrating the 'Vow Day' of Fr. Robert. The CWL & Knights of Columbus will hold a Parish Pot Luck of Finger Foods after the blessing. Please bring your favourite item to share. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.

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. Registration forms are in the Parish Office or email us: holyname@shaw.ca The study manual is \$20.00.

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

DRESS FOR THE LORD Gentle reminder: with the warmer weather here, we want to dress appropriately for Church. We are coming to the Lord's banquet. No short shorts and please cover your shoulders. Thank you!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Aug. 2	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Rosario Lee.
Tuesday	Aug. 3	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Christine & Anthony Heung.
Wednesday	Aug. 4	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of How Wing Fong.
Thursday	Aug. 5	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Katerina Kolvek.
Friday	Aug. 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Marion Monahan.
Saturday	Aug. 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For thanksgiving. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Isabel Tang.
Sunday	Aug. 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Fr. Robert Wong, S.J. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners

1st SATURDAY DEVOTION/BENEDICTION "Come and be still" for awhile next Saturday when we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am until Mass time. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass. Come and join us for our communal friendships.

HN PRAYER GROUP is taking a break for the summer. Prayer meeting will resume on Monday, September 13th at 7:30 pm.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GROTTA OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, MISSION On Saturday, August 21st, St. Joseph's Parish in Mission invites you to the historic Fraser River Heritage Park to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 1:00 pm. More information on the bulletin board.