

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2010 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome Back to one and all, especially those who had gone away for an extended time and to our PREP teachers and students. We had quite a busy month in July and August especially with the World Youth Day's barbecue fundraising, the blessings of the Jesus' statue with the little children of the world and the beautiful Magnificat stained glass windows on the west side entrance to the church hall. We thank everyone for the great variety of finger food available after the Mass and blessing on the feast of the Assumption. It was a real community event.

I am excited about the launching of the Great Adventure Bible Study in our parish on September 22nd. So far we have about 25 participants signed up for the eight week series. It is still not too late to sign-up. For those who cannot participate in person, please keep this study program in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may inspire our whole parish for a 'reawakening' to the power of God's word in the scriptures.

Our Masses continue to draw a good participation. I can definitely confirm an increase in the numbers of attendance in our weekday and weekend liturgies. It is a real sign of God's blessing upon our parish. We thank the Lord for his grace and love shown to us through one another.

Next year we will celebrate our parish's 50th anniversary. We have reserved Saturday, May 28th, 2011, for this special celebration. I would suggest that you mark this important date in your calendar and make it your priority to participate in the celebration. I hope to convene a planning committee soon. If you are available and interested, please contact the parish office. May the Lord's peace and joy remain with us always! *Fr. Robert, s.j.*

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

(PREP) Is for children not attending Catholic Schools or for children preparing to receive the sacraments. As parents, we are to raise our children in the Catholic faith. The parish is here to help you with your duty/obligation. PREP classes start on Tuesday, September 14th. If you have not registered your child or children, a registration form is available in the parish office or register after any of the Masses this weekend.

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 at the entrance of the Church or you can pick one up from the Rectory Office. The study manual is \$20.00.

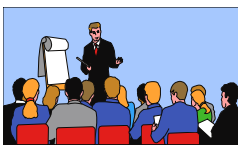
LABOUR DAY The rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, as it is a statutory holiday.

HOLY NAME'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING Resumes on Monday, September 13th.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR We thank the parishioners who have brought flowers from their garden this summer. If you still have beautiful flowers in your garden, we would love for you to bring them so that we can use them to decorate the altar. Please bring them on Friday morning.

FIRST TOWN HALL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Every registered household is invited to come and dialogue with Fr. Robert on **Friday, September 10th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** on topics of interest related to the parish. For those who cannot come to this first 'town hall meeting' in the evening, another day time meeting will be scheduled later on. Your participation is important for the on-going spiritual and community life of our parish. Although this is short notice, hopefully you can still come to this important gathering.



† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Sep. 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Beverly Ho.
Tuesday	Sep. 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Marian Werner.
Wednesday	Sep. 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Peter Lee.
Thursday	Sep. 9	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Junny Aquino.
Friday	Sep. 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Nicholas Leung.
Saturday	Sep. 11	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the living & deceased Members of the Legion of Mary. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.
Sunday	Sep. 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Stephan Stefanik. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Shirley Chan.

† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grace Boner, who passed away last week. Her funeral will be on Tuesday at 10:30 am. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.

PAKISTAN FLOODS RELIEF FUND The Canadian government will match any donations from Canadians made to a recognized organization, between August 2nd to September 12th. Development and Peace is one of these fully recognized organization. You can make your donation to the flood victims through the Development and Peace by calling 1-888-664-3387 or go to www.devop.org or send a cheque indicating Pakistan Floods to: Development & Peace, 10 St. Mary's St., Ste. 420, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1P9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR SERIES The fall 2010 session, presenting teachings on “*The Three Letters of John*”, followed by “*The Letter to the Hebrews*”, will be held at St. Mary’s Parish hall, 5251 Joyce St., on the weekend of Friday to Sunday, September 10 to 12. The presenter is Fr. Jim Nisbet, the noted Bible scholar from Spreckles, California. Registration forms are at the vestibule of the Church. For more info, call Gerry or Zela at 604-882-9205.

FALL RETREAT For University students and young adults—CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) is holding its annual Fall Retreat on September 10-12 at Camp Howdy. All university students and young adults are invited. Ken Yasinski of Face to Face ministries will be the guest speaker. More info and registration at: vancouver.cco.ca

TRAIN FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP SERIES The Office of Religious Education is introducing a dynamic new faith formation program in the fall called the Discipleship Series. Author Christopher Ruff will visit Vancouver Sept. 11 for a leadership training seminar open to all. For more info, visit: www.rcav.org/ore or call 604-683-0281.

COURSE IN THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Come and discover God’s plan for life and learn about this revolutionary teaching of John Paul II. The 11-week course begins Sept. 16 at St. Jude’s School, 2953 E. 15th St., Vancouver, from 7:00 to 9:15 pm.. Cost is \$40/person. Instructor: Fr. Alan Boisclair. To register, call Respect Life Office at 604-683-0281.

BE HEALED BY THE TOUCH Internationally acclaimed speakers Maria Vadia and Fr. George Montague, SM, will present at Broadway Church, 2700 Broadway, Vancouver, on Sept. 24 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm and Saturday, Sept. 25 at 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, concluding with Mass at 5:00 pm. For tickets and further info, contact Lennie at 604-597-8227 or visit: www.vccrs.ca

MARIAN CONFERENCE “Mary, Mother of all Christians and her Son’s Message for the America’s”, on Sept. 25 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10238—168th St., Surrey. Speakers include: Msgr. Eduardo Chavez, Mark Shea, Dr. Brook Herbert, Dr. Christine Jones. For tickets and info, call 604-888-7727.

ST. PATRICK’S PARISH IS 100 YEARS OLD

Former parishioners and alumni of St. Pat’s are encouraged to attend this centennial celebration on September 25th, 6:00 pm, Mass with Arch. Michael Miller, to be followed with a formal dinner and entertainment at the parish Recreation Centre. Buy your tickets from the parish office at 2881 Main St. or call 604-874-7818 for more info. The events start at 10:00 am, and includes an open house.

REFLECT ON SALT, LIGHT AND LEAVEN Fr. Abbot John Braganza, OSB will present the too little known Post-Apostolic Exhortation of John Paul II, on the Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful. The title of the long reflection is “Salt, Light and Leaven”. The presentation will be made in the Gymnasium of the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, on October 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Scripture Readings



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 9:13-18; Ps. 90; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Sep. 6, Mon., **Labour Day**
1 Cor. 5:1-8; Ps. 5; Luke 6:6-11

Sep. 7, Tues., 1 Cor. 6:1-11; Ps. 149; Luke 6:12-19

Sep. 8, Wed., **Birth of Mary**
Romans 8:28-30; Ps. 13.5; Matt. 1:1-16, 18-23

Sep. 9, Thurs., 1 Cor. 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps. 139;
Luke 6:27-38

Sep. 10, Friday, 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps. 84;
Luke 6:39-42

Sep. 11, Saturday, 1 Cor. 10:14-22a; Ps. 116;
Luke 6:43-49

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE POPE’S INTENTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

1. That in less developed parts of the world the proclamation of the Word of God may renew people’s hearts, encouraging them to work actively toward authentic social progress.
2. That by opening our hearts to love we may put an end to the numerous wars and conflicts which continue to bloody our world.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple’s Response

Stewardship is all about giving freely and joyfully. It’s not simply about ‘giving to a need’ – it’s about ‘*needing to give!*’ Our giving is then a reflection of our gratitude to God. We all enjoy an abundance of possessions. However, our society is propagating a myth of scarcity which makes some reluctant to give. In today’s Gospel Jesus reminds us of what our attitude towards our possessions should be if we are to be His disciples. Good stewardship means not clinging to our possessions and letting go of our ‘*need to possess*’. If we possess sensibly, it allows us to give freely and live generously.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

PROJECT ADVANCE 2010 REPORT

Archdiocesan Goal.....	\$33,000
Expenditures.....	\$ 3,000
Total Parish Goal.....	\$100,000

*As of August 30th, we received 218 pledges
from 520 registered households
Total Amount of Pledges \$91,315*

Congratulations!!! We have reached the Diocesan Goal; now we can aim for our total parish goal. Your *participation* in this APPEAL is just as important as your gift. You may put your pledge in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to the office. Thank YOU for your generous response!