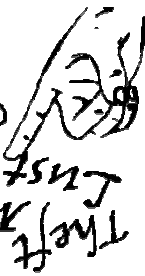


MARCH 21ST, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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This Sunday's gospel concerns a woman caught in adultery. The crowd brings her to Jesus, condemns her and demands her life. Jesus does not condemn the woman. He does condemn her sin ("sin no more"), then calls her to repent and choose a new way of living. Lent calls us to the same kind of encounter with Jesus so that we face our own sinfulness, hear his invitation to embrace a new way of living and make the right choice.

Central to this gospel is not simply the adulterous woman or even the crowd that comes to a realization of their sinfulness. Taking a central place is encounter with Jesus who calls us to repentance and offers us divine mercy. Encountering Jesus always exposes the truth—both the woman and the crowd learn the truth about their own sin. They and we are not that different: we are all sinners who need to encounter Jesus, ask the truth about ourselves and receive Jesus' mercy and the promise of new life (see first reading).

We begin the last third phase of the Lenten season. Even if we have not been all that faithful to our chosen Lenten practices, it is not too late now to resolve to open ourselves to an encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking new life.

The remarkable good news in today's gospel is that by facing and repenting our sinfulness we establish renewed relationship with the Lord and with those around us.

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: Cantiller, J. Cardoso, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, M. Fedyk, F. Labis, Jr., L. Lida, Luke Jr., I. Meszaros, M. Monahan, D. Ngui, E. Phipps, J. Plattig, N. Reyes, G. Yasmine and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ our Lord be their strength and healing.



LENTEEN CONFESSIONS Our parish's Lenten Penitential service is on Thursday, March 25th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will available to hear your confessions. Please make this sacrament a priority in your spiritual life.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent, we will make the Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 AM Mass on Fridays. Please come and join us in preparation for the celebration of Easter. *If anyone would like to buy a book for the Stations of the Cross, it is available at the office for \$2.*



PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses today. Please come and join us.

SHARE LENT 2010 "Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is God's promise and our hope."
Pope Benedict, Caritas in Veritate.

Share Lent is the annual campaign of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Your gifts through Share Lent grow wisely in the hands of people in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. You are invited to give, with love, so that they can participate more fully in the feast of life. Show your gratitude for God's love through your generous gifts to Development and Peace. A second collection will be taken up THIS weekend.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Mar. 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Casey K. C. Chan
Tuesday	Mar. 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Guido Quer.
Wednesday	Mar. 24	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Katerina Kolvek.
Thursday	Mar. 25	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Maria & Stephen Liu.
Friday	Mar. 26	<u>9:00 am</u> For the repose of the soul of Mercedes Lazatin.
Saturday	Mar. 27	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Esterina Manfredi.
Sunday	Mar. 28	<u>5:00 p.m.</u> For Thanksgiving. <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Ken Owen.

✠ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kazimierz Rosinski, whose funeral will be on Tuesday. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY A second collection will be taken up next weekend.

VISION TV Will air three episodes of The Choices We Face, a program hosted by Catholic evangelist Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck on Vision TV (Shaw channel #118 and Delta Cable channel #25) on Monday, March 29th at 7:00 pm; Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 pm. To learn more about these programs, visit: www.renewalministries.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VANSPEC Sr. Beth Ann Dillion, Director of this Special Catechetical Program, a recipient of the *2010 Project Advance Initiative*, will be sharing with us about the Ministry of Teaching the Catholic Faith to Special needs person. Let us welcome Sr. Dillion.

INFANT BAPTISM Next Saturday, March 27th, two infants, Austin Mukai and Zachary Stonehouse will be baptized at 10:30 am and received into the Church. We pray for God's blessings for them and their parents and godparents.



INAUGURAL CATHOLIC FORUM Come to St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 pm to attend the inaugural Catholic Forum with a presentation by Archbishop Michael Miller. The title of the event is *Christians Learn About God and From God*. This event promises to be a great opportunity during this season of Lent to hear from our Archbishop on how we can deepen our love for God.

DAMIEN Sts. Peter & Paul Parish is pleased to present DAMIEN by A. Morris. Fr. Edward Danylo Evanko plays Damien, the story of a Catholic Missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian Island of Molokai. Date: March 26th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are: \$20/ adults, \$10/student 12 and over, children under 12 are free. Tickets may be purchased at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES Is holding a volunteer training program on March 27, April 10, 17 and 24 at St. Augustine's School, 2145 W. 8th Avenue, Vancouver, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Registration deadline is March 19, call 604-640-7549 or email: das_olgc@telus.net

SPRING INSTITUTE 2010 Adult Faith Formation Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education and the Youth Ministry Office and held at St. Patrick's High School, 115 East 11th Avenue, Saturday, April 10th. The institute is open to anyone interested in an experience of learning, community and spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required. For all course descriptions and registration, please visit their website at www.rcav.org/ore click on spring institute

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Feeling stressed and need a break? How about a private weekend getaway for the two of you at a nice local resort in White Rock. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 9-11. Call or email: Steve & Mary at 604-876-7298 or sbohen@interchange.ubc.ca

RETREAT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS Archbishop Michael Miller will be leading a retreat, sponsored by the Catholic Health Assoc. of B.C., for those who work or volunteer in the pastoral care health ministry. Parishioners who visit the sick or elderly in health care facilities and in their homes are encouraged to attend. April 21st, 9 AM—12 noon, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 315 Walker St., Coquitlam. The Archbishop will be speaking on "Sp Salvi", Pope Benedict's encyclical on Christian Hope. Cost is \$25/person. Deadline for registration is April 16th. For more info, call 604-524-3427 or go to www.chabc.bc.ca

Scripture Readings

5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps. 126;
Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



Mar. 22, Mon., Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++;
Ps. 23; John 8:12-20

Mar. 23, Tues., Numbers 21:4-9; Ps. 102; John 8:21-30

Mar. 24, Wed., Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95++;
Daniel 3; John 8:31-42

Mar. 25, Thurs., **Annunciation of the Lord**
Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps. 40; Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38

Mar. 26, Fri., Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13++; Ps. 18;
John 10:31-42

Mar. 27, Sat., Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31;
John 11:45-57

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

How will you be remembered? As one who adhered to a strict observance of the law? Or, as one who was not too quick to judge, and lovingly give others a second chance. Throughout our lives, we will experience many relationships, and they are *all* gifts from God. How will you be a good steward of those relationships? In Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery we are given an example of how we are to care for the people we encounter in our lives.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP GATHERING

In order to advance Stewardship in the Archdiocese, a special evening presentation will take place on Friday, April 16 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish at 7:00 pm, Coquitlam. All are invited. The evening promises to be especially good for the novice, or anyone looking for basic information about stewardship. We will discuss what works, successes and challenges. There will be presentations and time for interaction followed by a wine and cheese reception. The spirituality of stewardship will enhance all ministries in the Church – come and see what it can do for you. To help with planning, please R.S.V.P. by April 14 to Jane Rosenthal at 604 683 0281 or by e-mail to reception@rcav.bc.ca

MARRIAGE CAN BE GREAT, NO REALLY!

Marriage Seminar by Denis Boyd, R. Psychologist. Learn to enhance your marriage or future marriage in a fun and relaxed setting. It is never too late (or too early!) to get some practical tips on how to relate more effectively with your spouse. Topics: Attitude, Peace with the Past, Listening, Dating & Sense of Humour, Forgiveness and more... Choose one of two options: April 27 at St. Ann's Parish (7:30 to 10 pm) or June 17 at St. Augustine's Parish, Vancouver (7 to 10 pm). Call 604-931-7211 to save your seat. Individuals must pre-register at least one week before seminar date. Visit: www.denisboyd.com for more info.