

MAY 2ND, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The context of today's gospel is Jesus farewell discourse to his disciples at the Last Supper. After Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we now have a different perspective of what he had said to his disciples. This flashback helps us understand more clearly Jesus' final command to his disciples: "love one another." The "new commandment" Jesus gives is not simply to "love" but to love as he has loved us. Jesus' commandment to love requires a new way of living: regard for the other without counting the cost to ourselves. Jesus' death simultaneously reveals the full measure of his love and glory. Our death—dying to self—reveals the full measure of our love for others and leads to a share in Jesus' glory.



When we live Jesus' new commandment of love, the results are dramatic: "a new heaven and a new earth," "new Jerusalem," indeed, "all things new" (second reading).

Jesus doesn't ask of us anything that he himself hasn't already done to the fullest: the Good Friday—Easter events make clear the extent of Jesus' love for us. He will lay down his very life so that we might have a share in his risen life. As disciples we are commanded to love as the Master loved. The kind of love that Jesus commands leads to self-emptying dying to self.

We are keen on underscoring our obligation—we ought to "love one another." This is only possible because of the power and grace which come from our being first loved by God.

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

1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION
Today we extend our congratulations to *James Ambrose, Gunnar Balakrishnan, Cristian Ciampi, Colin Kwok, Katherine Lam, Shelby Lock* and *Tyler Robertson* for receiving their First Holy Communion; and for *Nicole Halim, Malcolm Martinho* and *Michael Yang* for receiving their Confirmation. "Thank You" to all who guided them in their journey of faith.

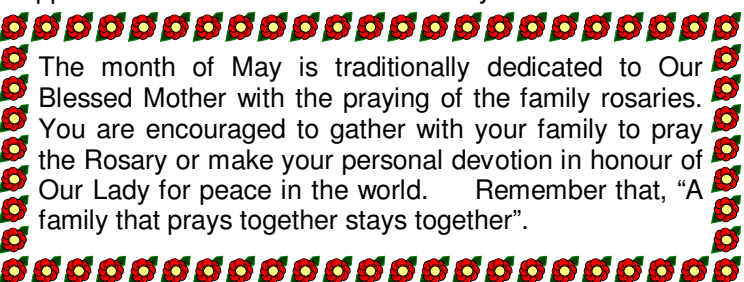
ADULT CONFIRMATIONS TO BE HELD AT HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL Confirmation



preparation classes will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings, May 12, 19, 26, and June 2, from 7 – 9 pm at Holy Rosary hall basement, 650 Richards Street, Vancouver. Confirmation will take place at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 20, 2010. Call

or email the parish office for registration: 604.682.6774 ext. 5, hrc@shaw.ca

PRAY WITH PRIESTS; FOR PRIESTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S All priests and lay faithful are invited to gather together in prayer for our priests on May 6th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's in Vancouver. Year for Priests prayer meetings happen each month on the first Thursday.

 The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother with the praying of the family rosaries. You are encouraged to gather with your family to pray the Rosary or make your personal devotion in honour of Our Lady for peace in the world. Remember that, "A family that prays together stays together."

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	May 3	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Dr. Santos Iloretta.
Tuesday	May 4	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Joseph & Jerome Lee.
Wednesday	May 5	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Maria & Stephen Heung
Thursday	May 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Zorahayda Jaudines.
Friday	May 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Vanessa Ho.
Saturday	May 8	<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	May 9	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Sr. Barbara Schatz. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Karen Yip Colobong.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2010

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

Today, our chairperson and secretary of Project Advance are available after Mass to assist you, to process your Sacrificial Gifts toward this year's appeal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask them. Your participation definitely testifies to God's goodness to us all who commit our faith in action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIDGE The Seniors Outreach Group invite you to join them for bridge every Thursday afternoon, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. All are welcome.

LINE DANCING Every Wednesday, at 1:30 to 3:00 pm. For more info, call Pat at 604-266-6179.

ORDINATIONS TO TAKE PLACE ON MAY 7 & 22 *Bryan Duggan* will be ordained to the diaconate on May 7th at 7:00 pm and *Edwin Kulling, Swann Kim* and *Rodney Nootebos* will be ordained to the priesthood on May 22nd at 10:00 am, both at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers

JEFF CAVINS COMING TO VANCOUVER Jeff Cavins, a well-known Scripture teacher and creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study, will facilitate an all day seminar on the gospel of Matthew on May 8, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish. Jeff and his associate will also offer an informative and inspirational evening to parish bible study leaders on Friday, May 7th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Info and registration at www.rcav.org/ore or call the ORE office at 604-683-0281.

VANCOUVER COLLEGE MAYFAIR Saturday, May 8th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the annual fair. It is an old fashion Spring Carnival complete with a food fair, games, rides and much more. We hope to see you and your family and guests there. Location: 5400 Cartier Street (1 block east of Granville on 38th Ave.)

MASS AND CENACLE The MMP Cenacles are celebrating on May 10th at St. Patrick's Church, 2881 Main St., Vancouver, with 7:30 pm Mass followed by Benediction and cenacle prayers and a social gathering with refreshments. MMP Cenacles are prayer groups in support of priests and the church. All are welcome.

SPIRIT ALIVE Gala Choir Concert at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, featuring St. Patrick Regional Secondary Concert Choir and Chamber Choir and members of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra. On Saturday, May 15th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 through Ticketmaster, 604-214-7837 or through the school office.

INFO MEETING ON THE CARMELITES

Attend an Information meeting about making a commitment to the Carmelite spirituality as a lay person. The meeting will take place May 15th at 1:00 pm at Guardian Angels Parish Hall, 1175 Broughton Street, Vancouver. Information contact: Molly Diaz – 604.275.3740 or email mdocds@yahoo.ca

JOURNAL WORKSHOP COMING TO OBLATE

HOUSE A two-part journal workshop series will be held May 21st-24th at the Oblate House in Vancouver. The sessions allow participants to learn about and experience a Life Context workshop, as well as sections of the Progoff Intensive Journal workbook. For further information please contact Rev. Bernard McCosham, OMI, 604.736.4399 or bmccosham@telus.net

Scripture Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21b-27; Ps. 145; Rev. 21:1-5a;
John 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35++



May 3, Mon., **St. Philip & St. James, apostles**

1 Cor. 15:1-8; Ps. 19; John 14:6-14

May 4, Tues., Acts 14:19-28; Ps. 145; John 14:27-31a

May 5, Wed., Acts 15:1-6; Ps. 122; John 15:1-8

May 6, Thurs., Acts 15:7-21, Ps. 96; John 15:9-11

May 7, Friday, Acts 15:22-31; Ps. 57; John 15:12-17

May 8, Saturday, Acts 16:1-10; Ps. 100; John 15:18-21

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION IN MAY

General: That the shameful and monstrous commerce in human beings, which sadly involves millions of women and children, may be ended.

Mission: That ordained ministers, religious women and men, and lay people involved in apostolic work may understand how to infuse missionary enthusiasm into the communities entrusted to their care.

MARCH FOR LIFE The 3rd annual March for Life takes place in Victoria, on Thursday, May 13th. The theme is *Life: The First Human Right*. The March begins with Mass at St. Andrew Cathedral at noon and walk to Parliament Building. The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 14459 is organizing a bus trip. It departs at 7:00 am from St. Casimir's Parish, 1187 E. 27th Ave., Vancouver and will be returning to Vancouver approximately 8:00 pm. For more info, please call 604-421-7695.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples — and us — a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment. (See John 13:34)

"Lip service" is one of the many phrases William Shakespeare invented to enrich our language. It is easy to proclaim love for someone, or commit to a service, or even vow to stick to a diet. Doing it is another thing. In today's phrase, "You can't just 'talk the talk', you got to 'walk the walk'." The early Christians understood this well: they judged a person's commitment to Jesus not by what the person said but by how he or she lived. Stewardship is all about moving beyond lip service to action in service to others.

PRACTICE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES IN MEDICAL

PRACTICE Attend a Day-long retreat for physicians and spouses entitled "Christian Virtues in Medical Practice" with Fr. John Horgan at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre - May 15th. Cost \$30 includes lunch. For more info contact Judy Talas at 604.430.2712, or contact drtoniparsons@telus.net