

MARCH 28TH, 2010 – PALM SUNDAY



This Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent, and it begins the most solemn of all weeks in the entire liturgical year. We begin this week with a proclamation of the Passion. It proclaims Jesus' ultimate self-giving ministry for others. Though Jesus is facing his own death, his gaze and concern are always directed to those around him: affirming his disciples, healing the man with the severed ear, comforting the women of Jerusalem, forgiving his executioners, saving the repentant thief. In his darkest hour, Jesus' identity as compassionate Saviour shines most brightly. Already in his suffering and death Jesus is showing us that the very dying includes the life-giving to others.

Isaiah's prophecy finds its fulfillment in Jesus: it not only describes his suffering but also his concern for others, "sustain the weary with a word" of comfort. Jesus' concern for others

in the midst of suffering speaks of his own startling self-giving. Even when suffering Jesus loves the other so much. Such is the care modeled by our Saviour. Such is the life of his disciples.

Palm Sunday begins an extraordinary week that concentrates in a few days the ultimate meaning of our whole lives. We ought to slow down and make choices so that this week doesn't go by without taking the time to enter into its meaning. We are invited to proceed in innocence by being compassionate toward others. This innocence is possible when we commend ourselves into the hands of God.

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: Cantiller, J. Cardoso, A. Eberle, M. Faigen, M. Fedyk, Sr. T. Kergoat, 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.

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

HOLY LAND On Good Friday, a special collection will be taken in support of the Church in Jerusalem. It is in dire need and the custodian of the Holy Land must find the necessary means to survive. Please give generously.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 31, Wednesday	Chrism Mass 5:00 pm At Holy Rosary Cathedral
April 1, Holy Thursday 7:00 PM	NO MORNING MASS MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Follows until 10:00 pm)
April 2, Good Friday 11:00 AM 3:00 PM	NO MORNING MASS Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion
GOOD FRIDAY is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. This directive binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.	
April 3, Holy Saturday 9:00 PM	NO MORNING & 5:00 PM MASSES Gathering for the Easter Vigil
April 4, Easter Sunday	9:00 & 11:00 am MASSES

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Mar. 29	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow.
Tuesday	Mar. 30	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Natasha Lee.
Wednesday	Mar. 31	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Agapito Jaudines.
Thursday	Apr. 1	Holy Thursday <u>7:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Theresa Han.
Friday	Apr. 2	Good Friday No Mass. 3:00 p.m. The Lord's Passion
Saturday	Apr. 3	Easter Vigil <u>9:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Felicidad Manguiat.
Sunday	Apr. 4	Easter Sunday <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Beverly Ho

EASTER TRIDUUM Throughout this paschal mystery, our Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed death; by rising he restored our life. For this reason, the *EASTER TRIDUUM*, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week. Please make extra efforts to participate and engage yourself in this very special celebrations that focus on the tenets of our Christian faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISION TV Will air National Catholic Mission 2010, "A God for All Seasons" Monday, March 29th, 6 pm (Part 1), Tuesday, March 30th, 6 pm (Part 2). Repeated at 8 pm. The presenters are Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick, C.S.Sp. And Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.

Following the Catholic Mission, are 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

LADIES OF THE CWL Invite you to their annual **SPRING FAIR** on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm and on Sunday, April 18th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will have near new clothing, garage sale items, books and plants, handmade crafts, homemade baking and tea garden.



TO PARISHIONERS: If you would like to donate to the fair, please drop off your items at the parish hall from April 13-16 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Baking will be accepted on April 16, 17 or 18. Thank you from the ladies of the CWL. For more info, call Phyllis at 604-327-7555.

ATTENTION PARENTS This is a reminder to bring your survey form for St. Patrick's Regional to the parish office by March 31st. Your feedback is very important. Thank you!

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK Come from 12:00 to 2:00 pm to the Lutheran Urban Ministry Centre, 360 Jackson Avenue (between Hasting and E. Cordova) to participate in The Way of the Cross. The group will stop at six stations and conclude. All are welcome.

VOCATION OFFICE'S WEEKEND RETREAT We invite all single Catholic men (17 and over) to a discernment weekend retreat on April 9 to 11 at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre. The retreat is entitled "Come, Worship the Lord, and it focuses on the aspect of worship and prayer to discern your vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. For more info or to register, call the Vocations Office at 604-443-3254 or email: vocations@rcav.bc.ca

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

COME HEAR THE GOOD NEWS About Pope John Paul's "Theology of the Body". Christopher West is coming to Vancouver for the "Freedom to Love" Conference sponsored by Couples for Christ, on Saturday, May 22, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Glad Tidings Church, Fraser Street. Registration fee is \$30 until March 31 and \$40 thereafter. Please call 604-270-9463 or email cfcvan@cfc.ca to register.

Scripture Readings

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7; Ps. 22;
Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14—23:56



Mar. 29, Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps. 27; John 12:1-11

Mar. 30, Tues., Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps. 71; John 13:21-33, 36-38

Mar. 31, Wed., Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps. 69; Matt. 26:14-26

Apr. 1, Holy Thursday, 7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Exodus 12:1-8, 11:14; Ps. 116; 1 Cor. 11:23-26;
John 13:1-15

Apr. 2, Good Friday, 3:00 pm

Celebration Of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Ps. 31; Hebrews 4:14-16,
5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42

Apr. 3, Holy Saturday, 9:00 pm **Easter Vigil**

First, Third & Seventh OT Readings, Rm. 6, Luke 24

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

JIM MURPHY TO HOST HEALING SERVICE

Lay Catholic Evangelist, Jim Murphy, will conduct a healing Service at St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce Street, Vancouver, on Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! See details on: www.vccrs.ca

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

Is recognized for excellence in education within a solid Catholic community. At this time, we have spaces for children in Grades 5 and 6, and we are looking for practicing Catholic families who are interested. Please call the school at 604-731-8024 or email: office@staughschool.ca for further information.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

It is always difficult to hear the Passion narrative. Yet we see in Jesus' passion something that is at the heart of disciple-ship and stewardship – **trust**. Jesus' anxiety in the garden turns into trust, "yet, not my will but yours be done." Good stewards set aside pride and fear and trust in God's plan for their lives. Pray for wisdom, so that you may know how God wants you to use and share the gift of your life. There is an intense joy and peace of mind that can only be found in doing the will of God.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg