

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 17TH, 2011



The “kingdom of heaven” is continually being established by a God who is amazingly patient. This Sunday’s gospel parables illustrate this well. In the first, God exercises patience until the wheat grows enough so that the weeds can be pulled without destroying the wheat. In the second, God waits patiently until the tiny seed grows into the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree to welcome the birds of the air. In the third, God patiently allows time for the yeast to work its leavening effect on the dough. God has all the patience in the world, and so must we if we are truly to be God’s servants.

The wheat, shrub and dough are not finished products; it takes time and patience to bring forth the desired good end. In this present age we are to live with patience and confident assurance that the kingdom of heaven will become fully manifest in due time.

In the first reading, it points out how the children of the kingdom are to be patient like the Lord of the kingdom. Our patience must show the same care, mildness, forbearance, justice, kindness and hope.

We tend to be impatient for immediate outcomes. However, the length and height and breadth and richness of the “kingdom of heaven” cannot be rushed, immediately at hand, or under our control. As we grow in our discipleship, it is patience and hope in the final outcome that sustains us so that in the end we will be counted among the “righteous [who] shine like the sun” (gospel).

WYD THANK YOU! BBQ All parishioners are invited to attend the BBQ on Saturday, August 6, 2011 after the 5:00 pm Mass. The pilgrims wish to thank all the parishioners for their excellent support, generosity and prayers! Admission is FREE, but please add your name and the number of people coming with you to the sign-up sheets at the back of the church. There will be fun, food and prizes! Join us!

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE Fr. Robert will be away from July 21st to August 4th for the Jesuit Congress and Province Congregation in Ontario. Thank you to Msgr. Steve Jensen who will be able to do the Masses. Happy Summer!!!

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES Offer a seminar on the *Challenges and Blessings of Cross-Cultural Marriages*, presented by Sr. Cecilia Hong, MIC on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 pm, at St. Mary’s Elementary School, 5239 Joyce Street, Vancouver. For info or to register, call 604-443-3220

WYD 2011 EVENT: “CAMINO” Join hundreds of WYD pilgrims next Saturday, July 23 at Corpus Christi Parish in Vancouver for a day-long celebration that includes a pilgrimage walk, music, Mass, lunch and concert. Makani Marquis will be the keynote speaker and Archbishop Michael Miller will be celebrating the Mass and blessing the pilgrims. Limited tickets available at \$5 each. Email: info@oyyam.com

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR We would like to request our parishioners who have beautiful flowers in their garden to bring them so that we can use them to decorate the altar. Please bring them on Friday morning. Thank you!

GENTLE REMINDER Please turn off your cell phone or put it in the silent mode when you are in Church for Mass. We want to give this focus time to the Lord to speak to us in the Word of God and in our prayers to God. Your active participation and cooperation is very much appreciated.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	July 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Philip Tay.
Tuesday	July 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Marina Lo.
Wednesday	July 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Joe Mizsak.
Thursday	July 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Maria Yuen..
Friday	July 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Edgar Clarke.
Saturday	July 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the living and deceased Members of the Legion of Mary. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners
Sunday	July 24	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Tony Ng. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Wendy Yee.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple’s Response

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can’t come up with appropriate words; even when we don’t have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?