

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY – OCTOBER 16TH, 2011



Today's gospel once again shows the Pharisees plotting to "entrap Jesus" with utter sarcasm and insincerity. Seeing through their deception, Jesus turns the tables and entraps them "with the truth." The "way of God" is found not in opposing civil and religious authority but in acting with the integrity of Jesus in both areas of life, responding appropriately in each "kingdom." Like Jesus, we are to give ourselves for the good of others in all areas of life. Giving ourselves first to God, we will know the "way" and the "truth" of all other loyalties, and our choices and behaviours will further God's plan of salvation.

The obligations to Caesar and God are radically different: to the federal and provincial governments we pay taxes, but to God we give undivided service and worship. Isaiah speaks for God: "I am the Lord, and there is no other" (first reading); our ultimate loyalty and self-offering is to God and so "ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name" (responsorial psalm). If we keep God central in our lives, then there is no problem with giving to "Caesar" what belongs to "Caesar." Further, if we place this in the eschatological (end times and fulfillment) context of Matthew's gospel, the controversy the religious leaders confront Jesus with simply crumbles, for everything in this world ultimately belongs to God; there is nothing of this world that compares to who God is and how much God cares for us, and nothing of this world is worth more than what God offers us.

What God wants most from us isn't money! What God asks of us is the self-offering that acknowledges who God is and who we are in relation to God. In return, God gives what no emperor or state can give: a share in divine life.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING On Thursday, October 20th, at 7:00 pm.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: October 23

"Together in Faith: As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21) is the theme for this year's appeal. Our Holy Father's hope is "May World Mission Day reawaken in each person the joy and desire to 'go' out to meet humanity taking Christ to all." Please keep this day in your prayers. Next weekend, a special collection will be taken for this work of evangelization.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. All are welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Are available in the rectory or from a Knight. They are \$46/book.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL ACTION

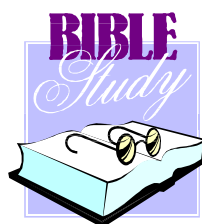
WORKSHOP Calling all D&P Parish reps and those interested in social justice issues! Find out more about this year's Fall Action Campaign as we launch the new five-year theme involving ecological social justice. Friday, Oct. 21—6:00 to 8:30 pm, and Saturday, Oct. 22—9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Holy Name Parish. Bring a dish to Friday's potluck dinner and a bagged lunch on Saturday. For inquiries, please call Margaret at 604-325-0614.

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Thursday, November 3rd at 12:10 pm. All parishioners are most welcome at this special Liturgy to be concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese. Kindly remember in your prayers this month those who have laboured for the Church in Vancouver, and pray that the Lord will send more dedicated men and women to continue their work.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Oct. 17	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Timon Thompson.
Tuesday	Oct. 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving.
Wednesday	Oct. 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of James Wong.
Thursday	Oct. 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Enrico Durana.
Friday	Oct. 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the Souls in Purgatory.
Saturday	Oct. 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Teodora Dychauco. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the living and deceased members of the Legion of Mary.
Sunday	Oct. 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.



OUR PARISH'S GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

resumes on SEVEN more Wednesdays, until November 23rd, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. For new participants, the only cost is buying the manual at St. Andrew's Gift Shop. For more info, please contact the parish office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HNJ CWL CRAFT FAIR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2011 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

In conjunction with the K/C Pancake Breakfast. Come and shop from a variety of handmade crafts, fashion scarves and toques, children's knitwear, quilts and quillows and much more.
SEE YOU THERE!

Raffle Draw: December 11th—1st Prize Queen-size handmade Quilt

HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL Presents a "10th Anniversary Recital" Friday, October 21st at 8:00 pm with Denis Bedard, who is celebrating his 10th year as the Cathedral Organist and Music Director. Tickets \$20/15 by calling 604-682-6774, ext. 5 or email: hrc@shaw.ca

INVITATION TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress, Sat., Nov. 5, at St. Matthew's, Surrey. Mass at 9 a.m. with Archbishop Miller. Victoria Bishop Richard Gagnon will speak, and Father Tien Tran, Chair of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission, will give a presentation on the new translation of the Roman Missal. Also: all-day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibit of Vatican Eucharistic miracles, and benediction at 3:30 p.m. \$15 includes lunch and break. Register at www.rcav.org/eucongress. Info at 604-683-0281 or eucongress@rcav.org

VOCATION LIFE IN On the weekend of November 4-6, for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission. For more info, call 604-826-8715.

PROJECT ADVANCE REBATES

In the last five years (2007—2011), our rebates have enabled us to make these improvements. They are concrete signs of God's blessings through our generosity. Here are the list of our parish projects which we should be proud of:

1. Refurbishing the pews and kneelers: \$60,000
2. Replacing our central heating furnace: \$51,235
3. A New Church Sign: \$10,000
4. Painting the inside and outside of the church: \$30,000
5. Repairing the flooded and broken side walks: \$14,000
6. Replacing the interior lightings & switching: \$53,600
7. Restoring the terrazzo floor: \$5,600
8. Replacing the kitchen oven: \$8,120
9. Refurbishing the kitchen floor and meeting room: \$5,000

We have been entrusted with a beautiful church which we celebrated its 50th anniversary not long ago. We want to preserve it for our future generations. We thank you for making these improvements possible. It is not how much we have given to this annual appeal, but we show our gratitude and good stewardship by returning joyfully to the Lord what we have been given in the first place. I would encourage those of us who have not yet participated in this annual appeal to come on board with your gift. May the Lord bless us in our response to his generosity!

The new stained glass windows of the Mysteries of Light and the Magnificat were sponsored by the donors of the *Jesse Tree of Life*. We thank all our benefactors indeed!

Scripture Readings



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Ps. 96; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5;
Matthew 22:15-21

Oct. 17, Mon., **St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr**
Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1; Luke 12:13-21

Oct. 18, Tues., **St. Luke, evangelist**
2 Timothy 4:9-17a; Ps. 145; Luke 10:1-9

Oct. 19, Wed., Romans 6:12-18; Ps. 124; Luke 12:39-48

Oct. 20, Thurs., Romans 6:19-23; Ps. 1; Luke 12:49-53

Oct. 21, Fri., Romans 7:18-25a; Ps. 119; Luke 12:54-59

Oct. 22, Sat., Romans 8:1-11; Ps. 24; Luke 13:1-9

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed a profound teaching by Jesus on stewardship. What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to His Gospel.

2011 PROJECT ADVANCE: Touching Many Lives! Total pledges/gifts: \$92,812.25

of donors: 215 out of 540 Registered Households
Archdiocese Assessment: \$35,900 plus \$3000 expenses
Total Parish Goal —\$100,000

You may give online at www.rcav.org/project-advance; or put your pledge in the Sunday collections; or mail it to the Parish Office. **Thank YOU!!! Every gift is welcome!**

OCTOBER is the month of the holy rosary. Please join us in praying the rosary after daily Mass. "A family that prays together stays together".