

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 30TH, 2011



This Sunday's first reading speaks of God's leaving a "remnant of Israel" who are humble and just. A gathering of faithful people who abide in God's abundance and peace. They are the blessed ones of God—they are faithful and God cares for them.

What identifies God's chosen "remnant" is not wealth, possessions or power over others but lowliness, humility, justice and truthfulness. Jesus, in the gospel, elaborates God's call to this way of living when he proclaims the Beatitudes to his disciples. Our blessedness is both a quality of who we are and a blueprint for how we are to live as followers of Jesus. We are to be the "remnant" who carry forth God's eternal plan for establishing a just reign. Yet this kind of faithful living that makes God's reign present always invites insults and persecution, precisely because it challenges selfishness and self-promotion. Taking the

Beatitudes seriously somehow turns upside down the relationships people have with each other and invites a new world order that is the presence of God's kingdom of heaven. This is not so much our own doing as what God is accomplishing in us by our reaching out to others. To be blessed is to receive from God all good things. God never forsakes those who are in need.

When hearing these Beatitudes, many of us would not count ourselves among the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, etc. Nor do we tend to see ourselves as blessed. However, our very living of the Gospel is a revelation of our blessedness and of the presence of God's reign.

Here is the truly amazing part: the happiness we share now is but a taste of our great reward in heaven!

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY This Sunday's second collection offers us the possibility to share with others less fortunate in our diocese and beyond. Thank you for your generous support.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Please mark Saturday, **February 19th** in your calendars. That is when we will have the annual Chinese New Year dinner at Holy Name Parish. Come celebrate the year of the rabbit. Good food, fun and door prizes. Adults \$20; Seniors \$16; Youth \$10 (8—15 year old) The Knights of Columbus are selling the tickets after all the masses this weekend.



FIRST SATURDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Our monthly adoration of the Holy Eucharist is this Saturday, February 5th, 8:30 am and benediction before the Mass. Let us pray for our Christian sisters and brothers who are suffering for their faith belief.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

CWL Craft Group Will begin meeting on Monday, February 7th, after the 9:00 am Mass. All ladies interested in knitting, sewing, quilting, etc. are welcome.

KUDOS Our parish's Knights thank parishioners for your winter clothing donations during their Christmas Clothing Drive. Over 40 large bags of coats, gloves, sleeping bags and other items were donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and to The Door is Open, two Catholic charities reaching out to the less fortunate in our community. May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

ORIENTAL LUNAR NEW YEAR A special greeting to all our parishioners and friends who are celebrating their New Year on Thursday, February 3rd. May you be filled with many blessings and graces and



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Jan. 31	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Shum Yen Ching
Tuesday	Feb. 01	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Dr. Santos Iloretta
Wednesday	Feb. 02	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Janine Lieu
Thursday	Feb. 03	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Catherine Ong
Friday	Feb. 04	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Alan Li
Saturday	Feb. 05	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For Thanksgiving <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Esomena Reyes
Sunday	Feb. 06	<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 Mitra Chukick

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

General: *The Family*. That all may respect the family and recognize it for its unmatched contribution to the advancement of society.

Mission: *Those Suffering from Disease*. That Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ in serving those who suffer from disease in those mission territories where they fight against disease is most urgent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

In solidarity with our fellow Christians, Archbishop Michael Miller is asking for our prayers for Christians who are suffering persecution for their faith throughout the world.

BC CATHOLIC February is Catholic Press month in Canada and on February 6th, parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver will take up a special collection to help defray their cost of sending the paper to parishioners by mail or email. There is a special envelope in your weekly offering box. Please use it. *Suggested amount of donation is \$30.* Last year \$3,388.00 was collected. However, \$5,647.00 were paid to BC Catholic for 307 households' weekly subscription. Thank you for your support.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Archbishop M. Miller will be presiding the Mass on World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2nd, 7 pm, Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Reception follows. All are welcome.

JESUS CHRIST IN THE LAB Stem Cells and Genomes, a talk by Dr. Rob Allore, SJ, is scheduled to take place on February 9th, 7 pm, St. Mark's College Catholic Campus Ministry, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver. Dr. Allore teaches in the Human Biology program at the University of Toronto and is active at the Newman Centre Contact: 604-822-6862; stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK Friday, February 11th, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass of anointing will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller, 11:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slovan Street, Vancouver.



CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR will be at St. Paul's Parish Hall at 8251 St. Alban's Road, Richmond, February 11th—13th. on the "Book of Isaiah." The presenter is the well known Biblical Scholar, Fr. Jim Nisbet of Spreckles, California. Registration forms are at the entrance of the Church. For more info, call Gerry or Zela at 604-882-9254.



"MARDI GRAS UKRAINIAN STYLE" St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish is hosting a dinner and dance fundraising on Saturday, February 26th at the Ukrainian Catholic Centre, 3150 Ash St. Tickets: Adults, \$40; Youth aged 20 and under, \$20. A homemade buffet dinner, live music, free parking and door prizes. For tickets or information: (604) 897-5830 or Pat (604) 433-0661

DISCERN YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS; DISCERN YOUR CALL! The "Called & Gifted" Workshop is on Friday, March, 25th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm and Saturday, March 26th, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. The workshop is offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute, Colorado Springs, through the Vancouver Archdiocesan Stewardship Office, by professional facilitators. Come and discover your personal gifts! Coffee breaks and a catered lunch on Saturday will be provided. Cost: \$49. For more information: www.rcav.bc.ca/StewardshipOffice or 604-683-0281; Registration is on-line or at your parish for subsidy.

Scripture Readings



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13, Ps. 146; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Jan. 31, Mon., St. John Bosco

Hebrews 11:32-40; Ps. 31; Mark 5:1-20

Feb. 1, Tues., Hebrew 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mark 5:21-43

Feb. 2, Wed., Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4 or Hebrews 2, Ps. 24; Luke 2:22-40

Feb. 3, Thurs., St. Blasé, Bishop and Martyr

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps. 48; Mark 6:7-13

Feb 4, Fri., Hebrews 13:1-8; Ps. 27; Mark 16:14-29

Jan. 29, Sat., St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps. 23, Mark 6:30-34

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL Is accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the school year 2011/2012. We also have some spaces available in Grades 1 to 7. If you are interested in registering your child, please call the registrar at 604-224-5017. Registration forms are available at icschoolvancouver.com or you can pick them up at the school office. An Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 9th from 6 to 8 pm.

ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL Everyone interested in attending the school for the 2011-2012 academic year is invited to the Open House on Sunday, January 30th at 1:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to pick up the Application Package. Deadline for accepting completed applications is February 26, 2011. For more info, go to www.stpats.bc.ca

GRADUATION? WHAT'S NEXT? Graduating from high school and wondering what's next? Corpus Christi College Preview Night/Day includes an official campus tour, an opportunity to meet current students and faculty, and information about the admissions process and scholarships. Contact J.J. Kissinger or email: jjkissinger@corpuschristi.ca or call 604-822-6862. Dates are: Feb. 2 & 7, Mar. 2 & 7 both at 8:30 pm; Mar. 22 at 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Corpus Christi College, 5935 Iona Dr., Vancouver.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a summary of the fundamental attitude of a Christian steward. Make it a point to reflect on this Gospel reading during the week. Identify the blessing with which you most identify? Which one is the most challenging for you?

St. Paul reminds us today that we are all chosen and called by God. All of us are called to be Christian disciples. This is our common vocation. A disciple of Jesus is one who responds to the call and lives a life in imitation of Christ. Stewardship is a part of that. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in us, which activates our gifts and makes being a disciple possible. So let us be humble and boast in the one source of all our gifts – God.