

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 23RD, 2011



As Jesus begins his public ministry, he issues two commands: “Repent” and “Come, follow me.” The gospel suggests that both repentance and following Jesus are ways to walk in the light that reveal the kingdom of heaven at hand. The kingdom of heaven is neither earthly realm nor distant place. The kingdom of heaven is present in our response to Jesus. It is our willing obedience to hear him call, to leave everything, to follow him without counting the cost. The “kingdom of heaven has come near” when we turn from darkness and not only walk in the light but also become that light ourselves.

How does “repent” open one to heed Jesus’ call to follow him and become the light? We must be able to see the light who is our Saviour. To serve and embrace the light is already following Jesus. So, one way to think about repentance is turning from darkness so we can see the light by changing our behaviours that bring darkness.

In the first reading the God of salvation has acted: the people who dwelt in darkness (that is death, destruction, despair) now dwell in light (that is lift, prosperity, hope).

We take light for granted; it is easily available with a flick of a switch. Walking in the light of Christ, however, is not so easy. Seeing the light is actually much easier than following the light. John’s faithfulness in preaching Jesus as the Messiah led him to prison and death. Jesus’ preaching about God’s kingdom at hand led him to the cross and death. If we follow the light, we know what awaits us: dying to self. It is by our self-denial that we ourselves can become the light in dispelling the darkness of sin and confusion, indifference and selfishness, greed and despair that tend to surround us.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Our first meeting for 2011 is on Tuesday, January 25th. If you would like the council to discuss things related to our parish community, please write it down and drop it off at the parish office or email it to holyname@shaw.ca by noon on Tuesday.

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. Reserve your tickets: Adults \$20; Seniors \$16; Youth \$10 (8—15 year old) The Knights of Columbus will be selling the tickets next weekend.



BULLETIN AD We have two advertising spaces available at the back of our weekly bulletin. The cost is \$200 for the whole year, which begins in February and goes to the end of January, 2012. Please reserve your space ASAP and send us a business card size of your advertisement. Thank YOU!

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE NEWS:

Invitation to Members and New Members All women in the Parish are asked to offer support to the Parish by joining the Catholic Women’s League. The CWL is a group of women who, through membership and fund raising, provide support to each other, the needy and the Parish. Our goal is for every woman in the parish to become either an active or prayer member of the CWL. Please join us, our annual fees are \$22.00. Members of the CWL will be available at all Masses THIS weekend, January 22/23, to answer any questions.

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.

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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| Monday | Jan. 24 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Doreen Dominguez |
| Tuesday | Jan. 25 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Chung Wong Yee. |
| Wednesday | Jan. 26 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Narz Reyes. |
| Thursday | Jan. 27 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Stan Fairhurst |
| Friday | Jan. 28 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Elisa Sanchez-Sanchez. |
| Saturday | Jan. 29 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Wendy Chan & Jonathan Au. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Alan Li. |
| Sunday | Jan. 30 | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the souls of Faith & Claude Lambie. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners |

FINAL PROJECT ADVANCE REPORT

Thanks to our active participation in the 2010 Appeal for Project Advance. We have surpassed our total goal of \$100,000 by \$6,643.00 with only \$210.00 pledges not completed. Our estimated rebates of \$70,000.00 will allow us to retrofit the lighting fixtures and switching upgrades inside the church, the foyers and the three entrances to the church. This should be finished before Easter, hopefully. Let us pray in gratitude to the Lord for all the blessings and graces bestowed on our parish community, our families and our benefactors. God bless their generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME AND TALENT A great opportunity for any gifted parishioner with the piano and/or organ and voices to share your gifts by becoming a part of the 11:00 am adult choir. Let your musical talent shine for the greater glory of God and joy of our faith community. For more information of how you can share your talent, please call the rectory



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 was paid to BC Catholic for 307 households' weekly subscription. Thank you for your support.

GENERATIONAL HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE RETREAT On January 28—30 at IC, Delta School Gym. Fr. Denis Phaneuf, Saskatoon Diocese and Moira Noonan, San Diego Diocese will teach us about the many disorders and problems which are typical to families from generation to generation. The teaching is scripturally based and calls for healing and deliverance prayer. The retreat will commence with a Healing Mass on Friday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20. Call Lennie at 604-597-8227 or email lennieptl@telus.net tickets and for more info.

ARCHDIOCESAN WINTER INSTITUTE Will be on Saturday, January 29th, at St. Patrick's Secondary School in Vancouver. It offers general interest and ministry training courses for RCIA, PREP, Liturgy of the Word with Children, and Youth Ministry. Learn your faith and pass it on. Cost: \$35/40, lunch included. Info and registration at: www.rcav.org/winter or call 604-683-0281.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

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



VOCATION LIVE-IN On the weekend of February 11-13, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information, call 604-826-8715.

CATHOLIC BIBLE SEMINAR will be at St. Paul's Parish Hall at 8251 St. Alban's Road, Richmond, February 11—13. 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.



LEARN HOW TO PRAY Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? A seminar on How to Pray for your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones by Vernon Robertson will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta on Feb. 11 & 12. To pre-register, email: varobertson@shaw.ca

Scripture Readings



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps. 27; 1 Cor. 1:10-13,17-18; Matt. 4:12-23

Jan. 24, Mon., **St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor**
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Ps. 98; Mark 3:22-30

Jan. 25, Tues., **Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**
Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps. 117; Mark 16:15-18

Jan. 26, Wed., **St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops**
2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Ps. 96; Luke 10:1-9

Jan. 27, Thurs., Hebrews 10:19-25; Ps. 24; Mark 4:21-25

Jan. 28, Fri., **St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor**
Hebrews 10:32-39; Ps. 37; Mark 4:26-34

Jan. 29, Sat., Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1; Mark 4:35-41

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 important information about the admissions process and scholarships. Refreshments will be served. Contact J.J. Kissinger to register, by 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.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS Archbishop Miller is asking the faithful to pray for Christians persecuted for their faith around the world.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges the crowd to reform their lives. Good stewards remain mindful that their lives are in constant need of reform. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from giving praise and glory to the Lord?