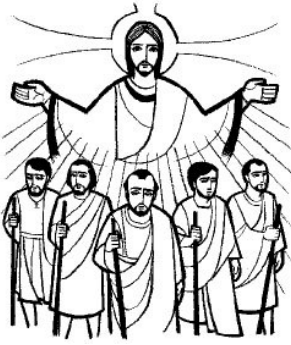


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 6TH, 2011



In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus uses the examples of salt and light to help us understand how vital it is for us to be faithful to who we are. We are salt—we enhance others; we are light—we shine for others. Yet, eaten by itself, salt is bitter; it is meant to be in relation to something else; for example, to meat as preservative, to food as a flavor enhancer. A lighthouse beacon shines, but it fulfills its purpose most clearly when it is seen by crew members of a ship and guides them safely home. The underlying message of these metaphors is that who we are as disciples always finds its deepest meaning in who we are in relationship to God and others. Just as salt and light are no good in and of themselves, so the good that disciples do is measured in their relationship to others. Discipleship is for the sake of others.

We can be faithful disciples when we listen to Jesus and allow him to guide us. The first relationship we foster is with Jesus. This relationship ensures that we are not just any salt or any light but that of Christ. Disciples do not act alone but are always instruments in God's hand who, through God's power acting in them, do good to others. Disciples glorify God simply by opening themselves to God's working in and through them.

The first reading makes clear that by doing good works (sharing bread with the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, etc) we are the light shining forth God's presence and salvation.

Discipleship always involves ongoing discernment about how we are in relation to God and others. Anything short of being the best person we can be as God's instruments of salvation is selling short being true to ourselves.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday, **February 19th** 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). If you need a ticket, please call the parish office.

BC CATHOLIC February is Catholic Press month in Canada and THIS WEEKEND parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver take up a special collection to help defray their cost of sending the paper to parishioners by mail or email.

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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS Are available THIS WEEKEND in the vestibule. Please pick them up from the volunteers at the entrance of the Church. Thanks for your patience and generosity.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

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

SENIOR'S VALENTINE TEA Please mark Tuesday, February 15th at 2:00 pm in your calendars. We will be having a Senior's Tea to mark Valentine's day. All seniors are welcome. Food, prizes and entertainment. Wear something red for the occasion!

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. Slocan Street, Vancouver.



✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Feb. 07	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Fung Shui Kee
Tuesday	Feb. 08	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Lorraine Gordon.
Wednesday	Feb. 09	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Melchor Matienzo.
Thursday	Feb. 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Sr. Josephine Carney.
Friday	Feb. 11	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Alex Sy
Saturday	Feb. 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Manlo Walia. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Anthony See.
Sunday	Feb. 13	<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 Francisca Velasquez.

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.

PRAYERS FOR EGYPT As the conflict in Egypt intensifies, Archbishop J. Michael Miller released a statement January 31 asking the faithful to remember the people of the Middle East in their prayers. <http://busycatholic.blogspot.com/2011/01/prayers-for-egypt.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For many of our Asian Catholics, February 3 will be an important date. It is the Chinese New Year. It will be a time of celebration of spring time and joy for the family to mark the beginning of the year of the rabbit.

On this festive occasion, I pray that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, all of us will be renewed day by day, and make progress on our spiritual journey. I also wish you good health and happiness in this coming year. May God bless you!

+J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

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; or email: stmarks.campusministry@gmail.com

MADONNA HOUSE Come join us for a morning of quiet reflection on Saturday, February 12, from 9:30 am to noon. We will gather in the hall of St. John the Apostle Parish at 5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver. Bring your bibles and rosaries. Call 604-267-1757 or email: madonna02@shaw.ca for more information.

FOLLOW THE RETREAT The most important decisions in life; clinging to faith in a Godless society; maintaining hope in hopeless situations; building a loving home in a selfish society; bringing love to a violent, hateful society. These and more by the retreat preacher, Fr. Lucien Larre, at St. Theresa's Parish, 5146 Laurel St., Burnaby, February 14 to 17 at 7:00 pm.

"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. Our parish will subsidize \$25.00 for each participant from Holy Name.



Scripture Readings



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:6-10+, Ps. 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5;
Matthew 5:13-16

Feb. 7, Mon., Genesis 1:1-19; Ps. 104; Mark 6:53-56

Feb. 8, Tues., Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8; Mark 7:1-13

Feb. 9, Wed., Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps. 104; Mark 7:14-23

Feb. 10, Thurs., **St. Scholastica, virgin**
Genesis 2:18-25; Ps. 128; Mark 7:24-30

Feb 11, Fri., **World Day of the Sick**
Genesis 3:1-8; Ps. 32; Mark 7:31-37

Feb. 12, Sat., Genesis 3:9-24; Ps. 90, Mark 8:1-10

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Jesus said to his followers "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Christian stewards allow the light of Christ to shine through them to reach others. A good reflection question for the week: In what ways do we allow the light of Christ to shine through us?

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. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL (Marpole) Is now accepting applications for Kindergarten for September 2011. Registration packages are available at the parish office or on their website. Please call 604-261-4043 if you need more information about the school. You can also check out their website at www.stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca

ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL Everyone interested in attending the school for the 2011-2012 academic year, please note the deadline for accepting completed applications is February 26, 2011. For more info, go to www.stpats.bc.ca

GRADUATION? WHAT'S NEXT? Corpus Christi College Preview Night/Day includes an official campus tour, an opportunity to meet students and faculty and important information about the admissions process and scholarships. Contact J.J. Kissinger by email: jjkissinger@corpuschristi.ca or call 604-822-6862. Open House schedules are as follows: March 3, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and March 22, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Corpus Christi College, 5935 Iona Dr., Vancouver.