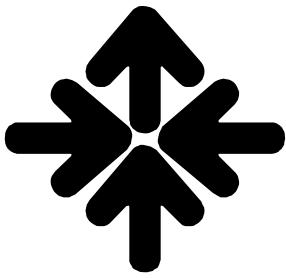


# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 13TH, 2011



In today's gospel Jesus reminds his followers and us how important the law is for us to know our parameters and to be faithful to them. He is not setting aside the old law. He categorically states that he has "come not to abolish but to fulfill" that law. The point of Jesus' lengthy discourse is clear: he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal basis for interpreting God's law. Rather than looking at the minimal letter of the law, we are to look at the spirit of the law, which calls us to a much fuller way of relating to God and to one another. Jesus' new covenant is built on right relationships that extend beyond the letter of the law. The kingdom of heaven belongs only to those who fulfill the law by choosing

fullness of life, goodness and justice (see first reading).

Twice in the first reading we are asked to choose. We are choosing to live not by our own trivial understanding of law and life but by the "great" and "all-seeing" wisdom of God.

No law—whether human or divine—can cover all the right choices we are to make as we journey through life. Both the gospel and the first reading point to more that is needed: "trust in God," right choices that bring life to ourselves and others, relying on the wisdom and understanding of God who knows us better than we know ourselves. Our own choices for good—for life—can only come when we open ourselves to God's guidance and wisdom. In this is the promise of fullness of life.

Hundreds of choices face us each day; some are easy, some are hard. Rather than making choices because of personal convenience or something of our liking, Jesus challenges us to make choices that lead to a life of goodness.

## 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).

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

**2011 DONATION ENVELOPES** There are still a number of envelopes that haven't been picked up, at the vestibule of the Church. If you haven't done so, please pick up your envelope.

**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!

**CWL MEETING** All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for our monthly meeting on Saturday, February 19th, after the 9:00 am Mass, in the hall. All ladies welcome!

**CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE** Jesuit scholastic, Greg Kennedy, S.J., will come to our parish again to seek our support for the College's outreach program in Nicaragua. He will speak to our community on the weekend of February 26 & 27 about this special program. Our **Collection for the Needy** on that day will be directed toward this mission trip to Nicaragua. Your generous support will be much appreciated.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, May 1, 2011—Divine Mercy Sunday and the Beatification of John Paul II. Eucharistic Celebration at 2:30 pm at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, followed by a reception in Rosary Hall. More details soon.**

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Anne Stuart.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For All Souls in Purgatory.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Chung Lam Wai Ching.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Rita Perera.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Christine & Antony Heung.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Cham.  <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intention of Hilda Abou-Rached.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 20</b>	<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 Maria Wee.

## WE MADE IT ON THE FRONT COVER OF *LIVING WITH CHRIST*

The image of the cross of our stained glass windows has been printed in the March issue of the daily missal. Copies of the missal will be available next weekend for \$2 each. Reading and praying the Word of God is a good way to enter the Lenten Season beginning on Ash Wednesday, 9th March, and relish the beauty in the painting.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION—DISCIPLESHIP



For on-going development in our faith life, our parish will begin the *Discipleship Series* during the Lenten Season. It will be on Thursdays from March 10th to April 14th, 7-9 pm. You

need to buy the book, "Who is my neighbour?" for \$10. Registration form is available at the parish office. Please sign up as soon as possible for planning purposes. Thank you.

**BC CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY RETREAT** On Saturday, February 19, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church basement, 5251 Joyce Street. Rev. Jerry D'Souza, OCD will speak on "Meditation and Interiority". Bring a bag lunch. Everyone welcome.

**SEARCHING FOR THE MEANING OF SUFFERING** Is there ever purpose or meaning to be found in suffering? John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Salvific Doloris* raises the prospect and possibility of Redemptive suffering within individual lives. An interactive seminar with Mark and LaRee Pickup will be held on Feb. 26 at St. Patrick's Parish, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning with Mass. Cost is \$20/person, including a light breakfast. To register or for more info, call 604-443-3220.

**"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

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM** Domestic Abuse Services—OLGCS will hold a volunteer training program on February 26, March 5, 12 and 19 at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond, from 9am to 2pm. Attendance for all four sessions is required. Register by February 18. For info/registration, call 604-640-7549 or email [das\\_olgcs@telus.net](mailto:das_olgcs@telus.net)

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY** Discovering Christ's Call with Fr. Elton Fernandes, S.J. Continuing Education Course of St. Mark's College. The course will be held at St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver, March 10 to April 14, Thursdays, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Cost is \$50. For more info, call Maureen Wicken at 604-822-4463 or email: [continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca)

**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](http://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



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20, Ps. 119; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Feb. 14, Mon., **St. Cyril, monk & St. Methodius, bishop**  
Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Ps. 50; Mark 8:11-13

Feb. 15, Tues., Genesis 6:5-8—7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:  
Mark 8:14-21

Feb. 16, Wed., Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps. 116; Mark 8:22-26

Feb. 17, Thurs., Genesis 9:1-13; Ps. 102; Mark 8:27-33

Feb. 18, Fri., Genesis 11:1-9; Ps. 33; Mark 8:34-38—9:1

Feb. 19, Sat., Hebrews 11:1-7; Ps. 145, Mark 9:2-13

## STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel, part of his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus does not speak of replacing the law of the Old Testament. He goes beyond it. He obliges his followers to work at being holier than even the strictest of Pharisees. But the work is not accomplished by following a religious "law", it requires growing in love for other human beings. Followers of Jesus know they are required to be good stewards of others. In what way will you exercise good stewardship over other people this week?

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

**GOD IS LOVE...So This is What We're Going to do About It!** With Greg Kennedy, SJ, PhD. Continuing Education Course of St. Mark's College. The course will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 3778 W. 28th Ave., Vancouver, March 10 to April 14, Thursdays, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For more info, call 604-822-4463 or email [continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca)