

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MARCH 6TH, 2011

In today's gospel Jesus tells a parable about a wise man who built his house on rock. Neither rain nor floods, wind nor buffeting could topple the house. It remained solid, stable, livable. The parable is doing far more than telling us how and where to build our homes. Jesus is instructing us where our true home is (the kingdom of heaven) and how we ensure that we enter into and remain in this home.



In the first reading Moses admonishes the people to take God's word into their hearts and souls—into their very being. God's will cannot be something external to us. Even merely conforming to God's will is not enough. Doing something simply because it is law is lifeless and not life-giving. If God's will is to lead to the fullness of life—entering into the kingdom of heaven—it must be embraced and made our own.

Words are not enough. Jesus makes clear that it is *deeds* that set the direction of our life. The bedrock of our life is doing God's will as revealed to us through Jesus' words. Indeed, Jesus is the rock upon which we build our lives, and it is our encounters with him that teach us to do as he did. Surely, *this* Word is enough.

We encounter and listen to Jesus through the words of Scriptures we read in our private prayer as well as those proclaimed at liturgy. Jesus' words come to us through the advice and admonition of others. We might hear his word in an encouraging remark that nudges us to try harder or to reevaluate our choices and behaviours.

Daily we are inundated with words from all around us—advertisements, newspapers, electronic text messages, bulletin boards. With so many words, there may be a tendency to disregard them. The gospel warns us that we cannot disregard Jesus' words, for they teach us the manner of living that leads to fullness of life.

OLD PALMS From last year will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old palms back and put in the box provided in the vestibule.



ASH WEDNESDAY This year Ash Wednesday will be on March 9th. There will be two Masses on that day, **9:00 am** and **7:00 pm**. Ashes will be distributed. All are welcome. Reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of **Fasting** and **Abstinence**. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age, and the law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS During Lent after the morning Mass on Fridays, we will make the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

BIG BAKE SALE Please come help our PREP students raise money for the Holy Childhood Association after all the Masses this weekend, by buying some scrumptious baked goods. We are hoping to meet or beat last year's successful bake sale which raised over \$600! Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY Next Sunday, a second collection will be taken for the St. Joseph's Society, to assist the retired priests of the archdiocese, showing them our gratitude by caring for their needs. Let us respond with love and generosity.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Starts next Sunday, March 13th. Please move your clocks one hour ahead. "Spring forward, fall back!"

GENTLE REMINDER Please turn off your cell phones or put it in the silent mode during Mass and allow the Lord to speak to you in the Word of God and in our prayers to God. Thank you for your consideration.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	Mar. 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Glyn Shepard.
Tuesday	Mar. 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Jack Horton.
Wednesday	Mar. 9	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Clarence King. <u>7:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Aw Jong Kin.
Thursday	Mar. 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Annette Gelineau.
Friday	Mar. 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Cham.
Saturday	Mar. 13	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Narz Reyes. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Daniel Murphy.
Sunday	Mar. 14	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of the Athans Family.

Apostleship of Prayer for the Holy Father's Intentions in March:

General: *Latin American nations*. That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and progress in justice and peace.

Mission: *Persecuted Christians*. That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to those in many regions of the world who are persecuted and discriminated against because of the Gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—DISCIPLESHIP



For on-going development of our faith, *The Discipleship Series (Thursdays, March 10 – April 14, 2011, 7:00 to 9:00 pm)*: A 6-week program delivered during Lent for people with

busy lives but open hearts. Small groups meet once a week for prayer, reflection, fellowship and service

James 1: 22 – 25 *“But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.”*

Registration forms are available in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Cost is \$10. Each participant will receive a copy of the text entitled, “Who is My Neighbor?”

CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

With Madonna House, Vancouver...Hear from Madonna House priest, Fr. David Linder, how St. Joseph shows us to live out the vocation of *Gospel Foolishness—loving God passionately*. Saturday, March 19th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. John the Apostle church hall, 5457 Trafalgar St. (at W. 39th Ave.), Vancouver. Lunch will be served. Cost is by donation. Call 604-267-1757 or email: madonna02@shaw.ca to register or for more info.

OAKRIDGE UNITED CHURCH Presents Gospelboys by the Welsh Men’s Choir on Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 pm at 305 W. 41st Ave., Vancouver. Adults \$15, children (12 & under) free. Tickets available at the door or call 604-324-7444. An afternoon of lively, gospel music and hymns by an all male. voice choir of 20 accomplished singers.

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. 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.

COME AND REST AWHILE RETREAT By Madonna House for all in need of spiritual renewal and rekindling, especially for weary pro-lifers, March 26th, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre, 3690—152nd Street, Surrey. Retreat consists of conferences, Mass, confession and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$35/person, includes coffee break and lunch. To register, call Respect Life Office at 604-443-3220. Deadline is March 21st.

Our Parish’s Church 50th Anniversary—May 28th!

Scripture Readings



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Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps. 31; Romans 3:21-25, 28; Matthew 7:21-27

Mar. 7, Mon., **Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs**

Tobit 1:1,2, 3, 17, 2:1-8; Ps. 112; Mark 12:1-12

Mar. 8, Tues., Tobit 2:9-14, 3:1++; Ps 112; Mark 12:13-17

Mar. 9, Wed., **Ash Wednesday (Fasting & Abstinence)**

Joel 2:12-18; Ps. 51; 2 Cor. 5:20—6:2; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Mar. 10, Thurs., Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Ps. 1; Luke 9:22-25

Mar. 11, Fri., Isaiah 58:1-9a; Ps. 51; Matt. 9:14-15

Mar. 12, Sat., Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps. 86; Luke 5:27-32

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple’s Response

Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK St. Patrick Novena prayers will start on Tuesday, March 8th, before the 8:15 am Mass (Saturday, before the 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, before the 5:00 pm Mass) at St. Patrick’s Parish, 2881 Main Street. On Thursday, March 17th, there will be a special Mass at 7:00 pm and a small reception in the parish café.

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

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

EASTERN CANADA SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to go on a special pilgrimage to the Canadian Shrines (Martyrs’ Shrine, Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph’s Oratory-St. Brother Andre, St. Margaret d’Youville) with Fr. Robert as the Chaplain, on September 16th to 25th. Please contact the parish office or Priscilla at (604) 874-9533, ext. 105 for more details.