

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION – JUNE 5TH, 2011



Today's gospel makes it clear that Jesus doesn't call on disciples who are perfect to continue his mission—the disciples saw him and worshipped, "but some doubted." What did the disciples doubt? That Jesus had risen? No, they "saw him," That he was God? No, they "worshipped him." Then what did the disciples doubt? Perhaps, knowing Jesus was leaving, they doubted their own strength to carry forth Jesus' mission. What they hadn't yet come fully to believe was that Jesus would always remain with them, giving them strength through the Spirit.

Jesus knew that his saving mission was not to be continued by mere humans; on our own authority and power we could not give true witness to Jesus' continued presence. Jesus knew that his mission could be entrusted to his disciples because they "will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them" (first reading). It is the Spirit who dispels doubt, clears up misunderstanding about the mission, and gives revelation and knowledge. Thus, being disciples

of Jesus is not something we do alone. It is with the Spirit that we can witness, baptize and teach all nations. It is not we, but the Spirit within us that we can faithfully continue Jesus' ministry.

The second reading is a prayer for disciples to have all they need to carry forth Jesus' mission: Spirit of wisdom and revelation, enlightenment, hope, community of the Body, fullness.

We are like the disciples not only in our doubting but also in that we have been given the power to continue the work of Jesus. We believe he gives us the power to continue his work and, even more, he remains within us so we are his risen presence for others. With the doubting disciples, we too embark on the enormous mission Jesus asks of us: "Go, therefore and make disciples of *all* nations."

2011 PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL — 6 CHEERS!

We responded generously to the Archdiocese's assessment of \$35,900. We have received **151** pledges/gifts for \$64,750. We are about 65% from our total goal of \$100,000. *Thank you!* Others may put your gifts in the Sunday collections or send them to the parish office.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA A second collection will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend.

KUDOS THANKS A MILLION to everyone for the beautiful celebration of our church's 50th anniversary. May the Lord continue to lead and guide us through the HOLY SPIRIT!



SIX MONTHS BULLETIN AD At the back of our bulletin, we have two spaces for your advertisement beginning in September. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SENIOR'S STRAWBERRY TEA Please mark Tuesday, June 14th, in your calendars. We will be having the Senior's Strawberry Tea at 2:00 pm. All seniors are welcome! Food, prizes and entertainment.

EASTERN CANADA PILGRIMAGE Join Fr. Robert Wong on a 10 day tour to see the Shrines in Eastern Canada (Martyrs' Shrine, Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph's Oratory-St. Brother Andre, St. Margaret d'Youville), on September 16th to 25th. Please contact the parish office or Priscilla of Sampaguita Travel at (604) 874-9533, ext 105, for more details by June 15th.

SPRING'S HERE AND STEWARDSHIP IS BLOSSOMING! On Pentecost Sunday, the Archdiocese will be promoting Stewardship Awareness. See what Stewardship can do in your parish. Visit: www.rcav.org/stewardship



MASS INTENTIONS



Monday	June 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Pamela Ho.
Tuesday	June 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Mia Chung.
Wednesday	June 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Dr. Santos Iloretta
Thursday	June 9	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Simplicio Jaudines.
Friday	June 10	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Philip Tay.
Saturday	June 11	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Mr. Smith <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.
Sunday	June 12	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Maria Anzulovich. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of the Athans Family.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS IN JUNE:

General: That priests, united to the Heart of Christ, may be true witnesses to the caring and merciful love of God.

Mission: That the Holy Spirit may bring forth from our communities many missionaries who are ready to be fully consecrated to spreading the Kingdom of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Retreat will be presented in St. Augustine's Parish, 2028 W. 7th Avenue, from June 9—11, Thursday and Friday from 7 to 9 pm and on Saturday, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, to be facilitated by Rob Des Cotes and Fr. Elton Fernandes, SJ. Registration inquiry, pls. call 604-874-6246 or email imago@shaw.ca

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Catholic Charismatics will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost—Praise, worship, adoration, Benediction, Mass, and also a birthday cake on June 11—10:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Matthew's, 16079—88th Avenue, Surrey. Welcome!

PENTECOST CELEBRATION BY EL SHADDAI

Fr. Swoboda will be celebrating his 56th Anniversary of Ordination, 91st birthday and 41st anniversary with Charismatic Renewal. The celebration will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre on June 12, commencing with a Thanksgiving Mass at 1:00 pm hosted by El Shaddai. The banquet will be at Victoria Chinese Restaurant. Registration by May 30. For more info, call 604-708-0267.

SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENT SEMINAR

A presentation by Roy MacIntyre, M.A., counselor at Catholic Family Services, and followed by questions and answers. This event will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish, 8842—119th Street, Delta, on June 18 at 10:00 am to noon. Cost \$10. All are welcome. For info and registration, call 604-443-3220.

THE CENACLE Invites you to join them for a 6 Day Retreat at Rivendell, Bowen Island on June 27 to July 3. *We are the Temple of the Living God.* Sr. Faith Hansen joins Sr. Monica in a contemplative setting, exploring this truth. For more info, call 604-266-1611 or email vancouver.cenacle@shaw.ca

VOCATION LIVE-IN On the weekend of July 1—3, 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. For more info, call 604-826-8715.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST. MARK'S COLLEGE

Registration is now open for the Summer Continuing Education and Graduate courses July 4—15. Take one day course, five days of formation or a graduate course in Old Testament, the Gospel of John, RCIA, the New Evangelization and more. Register by person: phone 604-822-6862; or email: registrar@stmarkscollege.ca

OUR YES TO GOD The Focolare Movement invites you to the Mariapolis 2011. Many events are scheduled. It will be held from July 14 to July 17 at Trinity Western University, Langley. For more info, call 604-468-2871 or email: ffvancouver@shaw.ca All are welcome!

REMINDER *If you or a family member are admitted to a hospital or other care facility and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory or parish office to make this request. We have no other way of knowing this information, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to us by the facility.*

Scripture Readings



Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 47; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20

June 6, Mon., Acts 19:1-8; Ps. 68; John 16:29-33

June 7, Tues., Acts 20:17-27; Ps. 68; John 17:1-11a

June 8 Wed., Acts 20:28-38; Ps. 68; John 17:11b-19

June 9, Thurs., Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps. 16; John 17:20-26

June 10, Fri., Acts 24:27, 25:13-21++; Ps. 103;
John 21:15-19

June 11, Sat., **St. Barnabas, apostle**

Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps. 98; Matthew 10:7-13

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us our walking orders, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Jesus commissions his disciples.... and us, to continue his ministry. Good stewards follow this command by using and sharing their time, talent & financial resources to glorify God and build the Kingdom. Good stewards can be confident in their call, and ability to evangelize, because Jesus reminds us that he will always be with us!

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

Big Picture Seminar: JULY 25-30 Opens to young men entering Grade 9 or 10 who want to speak in public with confidence and be persuasive to all people. Cost:\$250 Applications deadline: June 26th.

Musqueam Social Service Project: August 8-20

Opens to young men Grades 10-12 who can volunteer in this 12-day service project on the Musqueam Aboriginal Reserve. Help save Vancouver's last salmon-creek and engage in sports, tutoring and other cultural activities with Musqueam children. Cost:\$200 Applications deadline: July 10th. Both activities are at the Glenwood Centre in Vancouver and the service project includes Musqueam Aboriginal Reserve. Email npinkoski@ualberta.ca or Nathan Pinkoski at (604) 738-0780 ext. 110 or visit <http://glenweb.ca> for more information

Western Canada Chinese Catholic Living Camp

The 15th annual WCCCLC is on Sept. 2-5, (Labour Day Weekend) at Camp Charis, Chilliwack. It is open to young people ages 17-35. This year's theme is *Tune in to God, Relay His Love* For registration info please visit www.wccclc.net or wccclc.info@gmail.com or check out their poster on the notice board in the north vestibule

Revised Mass Text Coming

Catholics throughout the English-speaking world begin using a new translation of the *Roman Missal* Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, the first Sunday of Advent. This affects some of the ritual prayers and responses we say at Mass. For the latest news and other information, visit www.rcav.org and subscribe to the Friday Report at www.rcav.org/Fridayreport