

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – MAY 1ST, 2011



In today's gospel Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus is alive without the proof of seeing and touching his wounds. Jesus returns the next week and invites Thomas to see, touch and believe. We too, like Thomas, need to encounter the risen Jesus in tangible ways. The risen Lord is relentless in bringing to us the same belief he drew out of Thomas.

Jesus offers us our "proofs" in our encounters with his risen presence through the "many wonders and signs" (first reading) the Spirit works within the community of believers. Blessed are we, indeed! Our blessedness rests in our realization that the resurrection is not merely believing in Jesus' new life, but through the Spirit we ourselves share in this life as we are sent forth to continue Jesus' saving ministry. Our belief is strengthened by our doing.

Faith begins with personal encounter with the risen Christ and leads to membership in a community of faith that witnesses through concrete actions to the presence of Christ. This faith challenges us to move out of ourselves, whenever possible, to share the risen life with others. Our Easter joy does not come from proofs; it comes from persons who are willing to struggle with the mystery because what the mystery promises is so much: new life.

Our human senses—seeing, touching, feeling, tasting, hearing—are the doorways to knowledge. So it is not unreasonable to want tangible, sensible proof that Jesus is alive. The good news is that we experience Jesus alive and among us through one another, good works, the quiet of prayer and the beauty of nature all around us.

BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II A special Mass will be celebrated at the Holy Rosary Cathedral TODAY, May 1st at 2:30 pm, followed by a reception and a display of photos at the Holy Rosary Hall, featuring the life of Pope John Paul II. All are welcome!



2011 PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL This year's theme is *Touching Many Lives*. Our parish will introduce the DVD video on Sunday, May 8th, which is the designated Project Advance Sunday in the Archdiocese. Holy Name parishioners will receive your pledge card in the mail this week. We thank you for your generosity in supporting our church and parish through this annual appeal. May the Lord bless you always.

CONFIRMATION MASS On Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 PM, Archbishop Miller will be presiding the Mass and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to 8 children of our parish. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration and show our support for the *confirmandi* and their families. Refreshments to follow in the church basement.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION On Sunday, May 15, at the 11:00 AM Mass, 6 children in our Grade 2 PREP class will receive their first Holy Communion. Let us pray for them as they continue to grow stronger in faith through the Holy Eucharist.

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday	May 2	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Mae Leung.
Tuesday	May 3	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Dr. Santos Iloretta
Wednesday	May 4	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Joseph & Jerome Lee.
Thursday	May 5	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the Souls in Purgatory.
Friday	May 6	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Anna Maria Cazzaniga.
Saturday	May 7	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Emma Carino. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.
Sunday	May 8	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the souls of Maria & Juan Tupino. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Raymond C. N. Chow.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS IN MAY

General: *Communication Media*. That those working in communication media may respect the truth, solidarity and dignity of all people.

Mission: *Church in China*. That the Lord may help the Church in China persevere in fidelity to the Gospel and grow in unity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION/ BENEDICTION

"Come and Be Still" for awhile next Saturday when we have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 am until Mass time. Refreshments will be available in the hall after Mass. Come and join us for our communal friendships.



FEDERAL ELECTION 2011 The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a guide inviting Catholics to vote with discernment in the upcoming federal election. Click: http://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/2011_Federal_Election_Guide.pdf

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Seminar by Vernon Robertson at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 2465 Crown St. Vancouver on May 6th at 7:00 to 9:00 pm and May 7th, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. To pre-register for free manual, call (604) 461-0114 or email: varobertson@shaw.ca



ORGANIST MARC D'ANJOU Will be playing Masterworks by Bach and Dupre at Holy Rosary Cathedral, on Friday, May 6 at 8:00 pm. For tickets, \$20/\$15, please call (604) 682-6774, ext 5 or email hrc@shaw.ca

YOUTH DAY: ROOTED Youth Day 2011 is coming on May 6 and 7 at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Join hundreds of teens for an awesome weekend of faith, fellowship and fun! Register now! For registration info, visit www.oyyam.com

FOCUS ON LIFE The 13th Annual Gala Dinner featuring Guest speaker, Jason Jones, filmmaker, philanthropist and producer of the critically acclaimed film, *Bella*, will be held at Hyatt Regency Vancouver on May 9. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6:30. Tickets: \$75/person or table of ten for \$750. Contact Signal Hill at 1-800-774-4625 for tickets reservation.

PROTECT HUMAN LIFE The 4th Annual March for Life will be held in Victoria on May 12. Mass at noon at St. Andrew's Cathedral. March begins from Centennial Square at 2:00 pm. For more information, visit www.M4LVictoria.ca or contact the Respect Life Office at 604-683-0281.

BLESSING OF THE VOCATION MONSTRANCE

Please join us at the 11:00 am Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, May 15, as Archbishop Miller will be blessing the Vocation Monstrance as part of Vocations Sunday. The Monstrance will travel weekly from parish to parish to promote Adoration for Vocations.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS The Annual Regional Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests, a means by which the message of Fatima is being fulfilled. Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Cenacle prayers on May 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street, Vancouver. For more info, email mmp911@gmail.com

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday of Sunday (of Divine Mercy)

Act 2:42-47; Ps. 118; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

May 2, Mon., **St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor**
Act 4:23-31; Ps. 2; John 3:1-8

May 3, Tues., **St. Philip & St. James, Apostles**
1 Cor. 15:1-8; Ps. 19; John 14:6-14

May 4 Wed., Acts 5:17-26; Ps. 34; John 3:16-21

May 5, Thurs., Acts 5:27-33; Ps. 34; John 3:31-36

May 6, Fri., Acts 5:34-42; Ps. 27; John 6:1-15

May 7, Sat., Acts 6:1-7; Ps. 33; John 6:16-21



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

5:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Name
Followed by a delicious catered Ukrainian dinner at
St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre
550 W. 14th Avenue, Vancouver
\$35.00 for adults

\$25.00 for seniors and youths 6 –12, Under 6 – Free

You may purchase your tickets at the Parish Office
during office hours

If you know former parishioners who would like to join us,
please feel free to let them know—"Homecoming!"

If you need a ride or know of someone who needs a ride,
please call the rectory office at 604-261-9393.

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

OYYAM SCHOLARSHIPS The OYYAM is pleased, once again, to offer two Scholarships this June for students exemplifying outstanding leadership in their parishes, schools, communities and homes. Open to students finishing their grade 12 year. Applicants will be eligible to win one of two \$500 scholarships to be applied to post secondary schooling. Application deadline is May 9. For more info, visit: www.oyyam.com