

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – JUNE 19TH, 2011



This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the greatest mystery we encounter because it brings us to the very inner life of God. We cannot understand the Trinity but the readings assure us never to doubt God's love, mercy and care. God is revealed to Moses as merciful, gracious, kind and faithful (see first reading). Yet even this wonderful divine self-revelation was exceeded when God "gave his only-begotten Son" (gospel) so that we might be saved. With the coming of the Son and the sending of the Spirit we ourselves enter into a fellowship of grace and love with God (see second reading). The unceasing work of the Trinity is this: to love us into eternal life. In this is eternal life: to be absorbed into the very Persons of God. The only response to such a gift from our triune God is that of Moses, who at once "bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped" (first reading). This mystery of the Trinity, then, does not so

much challenge us to understanding as it challenges us to a worshipful response to God's utter goodness and presence to us.

It is awesome to think that God invites us to share in such a great mystery as the Holy Trinity! We are to be in relationship with each other as the three divine Persons of the Holy Trinity are in relationship with each other. All of us know how difficult it can be to live with others. What makes community possible is, not asserting individual rights, but granting one another the love, mercy and graciousness God freely grants to us. In short, our fellowship in the Holy Trinity invites us to live for one another.

2011 PROJECT ADVANCE APPEAL — PRAISE THE LORD!

We responded generously to the Archdiocese's assessment of \$35,900. We have received 170 pledges/gifts for \$72,630. We are about 73% 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. You can also pledge online by going to www.RCAV.ORG/Project Advance

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast today, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. It will be their last Pancake Breakfast until the fall. Come and treat Dad to breakfast!

PRO LIFE COLLECTION Today's collection helps pro-life organizations in our Archdiocese. The proceeds support your local Pro-Life/Right to Life groups, birthright and Crisis Pregnancy Centres, etc. **Please make the cheques payable to Vancouver Right to Life Society.** If you want a receipt, please put your name and address on the envelope as all moneys will be sent directly to Vancouver Right to Life.

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

LINE DANCING There is no more Line Dancing until the fall. It will resume on Wednesday, September 14th at 1:30 pm. Info, please call Pat at 604-266-6179.

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY A second collection will be taken up next weekend.

DRESS FOR THE LORD Here is a gentle reminder: with the warmer weather here and summer coming, we want to dress appropriately for the occasion. We are coming to the Lord's banquet gathered together. No short shorts and please cover your shoulders. Thank you for your sensitivity!

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	June 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Pat Tracy.
Tuesday	June 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Romeo Meneghello.
Wednesday	June 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Wendy Chan and Jonathan Au.
Thursday	June 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Thelma Loquia.
Friday	June 24	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Damien Ku
Saturday	June 25	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Bertha Lam. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of John Ngui.
Sunday	June 26	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Martha Dalby

**"The greatest gift I ever had came from God:
I call him DAD!"**

Author unknown



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIKE YOURSELF/LIKE YOUR LIFE SEMINAR Presented by Rose Marie DePaoli, Counsellor of Catholic Family Services, followed by questions and answers. Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver. Please contact Catholic Family Services for info or to register: 604-443-3220.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA Founder of Opus Dei. A Solemn Mass to celebrate his feast day will take place June 25th at 2:30 pm at Corpus Christi Parish, 6350 Nanaimo St., Vancouver. Fr. Joseph Soria will be the principal celebrant. Confessions at 2:00 pm.

SEMINAR AT ST. MARY'S PARISH, Vancouver, on June 29, Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Topic: *Helping your Teen Cope with Anxiety*, presented by Mary Ryken of Catholic Family Services. For info or to register, call 604-443-3220.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART Friday, July 1st. IC Prayer Group is inviting everyone to join them celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Immediately after the 7:30 pm Mass at Immaculate Conception, Delta, they will start their Prayer Meeting at the Gathering Room and will have Fr. Rodney Nootebos as their guest speaker. Call 604-597-8227 for more info.

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 Course details are available on the board in the north vestibule

SACRED MUSIC Inspired by Gregorian Chant Soprano Catherine Laub and Cathedral organist Denis Bedard, performing works by Langlais, Bedard, Cornet and Grigny, at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Richards & Dunsmuir on July 22 at 8:00 pm. Info at 604-682-6774.

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* on 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

Scripture Readings

Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18



June 20, Mon., Genesis 12:1-9; Ps. 33; Matthew 7:1-5

June 21, Tues., **St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious**
Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Ps. 15; Matthew 7:6, 12-14

June 22, Wed., Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 105;
Matt. 7:15-20

June 23, Thurs., Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Ps. 106;
Matt. 7:21-29

June 24, Fri., **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps. 139; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

June 25, Sat., Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1; Matt. 8:5-17

STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

In today's second reading Saint Paul's final appeal is a call for unity. God created that unity. Good stewards who share Christ's life in the Eucharist belong to each other, just as God in the three persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit enjoy unity. We are an intimate part of God's divine bond, God's "family." Saint Paul maintains that we ought to act that way. In the Church there is a bond of family, yet there is plenty of room for variety. Christian stewards use their uniquely varied gifts to live a Trinitarian faith, in unity, promoting Christ's peace and love. How do we promote unity in our parish?

Do You Welcome Visitors to Your Parish?

Welcoming newcomers to your parish is not just the job of the pastoral staff, ushers, ministers of the Word and the Holy Eucharist. It is everyone's responsibility. Here are five more things you can do to provide better hospitality in your parish.

1. Say goodbye with genuine warmth.

After Mass, bid farewell to visitors, inviting them to return next week. Introduce them to the pastor if the opportunity arises.

2. Avoid parish business.

Avoid conducting parish business with others just before or after Mass. Focus on visitors.

3. Give visitors information about the parish.

Ensure that a visitor has a bulletin and other information about the parish before they leave. If there is a social gathering after Mass, invite them.

4. Be part of a greeting ministry team.

Parishes are always in need of greeters to serve regularly, and provide ongoing formation to new greeters. Help out, be a greeter. If your parish doesn't have greeters, now is a good time to start!

5. Greet those who already minister in the area of hospitality.

It isn't necessary to neglect the people who are already ministers of different ministries in order to make visitors feel at home. A simple wave and a smile go a long way.

(Source: International Catholic Stewardship Council)