



The gospel today is a parable about what disciples need to do while awaiting the return of “the master” and reminds us that in our Christian living we cannot put off our preparations. Whether it is doing simple domestic chores (first reading) or investing great sums of money (gospel), the duty of disciples is the same: faithfulness in all matters. As disciples we must use the gift given us to further God’s kingdom; this is how we prepare for the return of “the master.” Then, we will have no fear of the final judgment for we will share our Master’s joy. We sometimes think that furthering God’s kingdom requires great and dramatic acts. The first reading reminds us that simple, ordinary, everyday tasks are great acts because they, too, further God’s kingdom.

The wealth of God has no limits; neither are there limits to what God shares with us. What kind of God shares divine life with adopted children? Ultimately this is what Jesus has been trying to tell us all in his parables about the kingdom. God lavishes on us divine life (call it grace, if you will). God’s life is not a quantity to be measured like talents. God’s life is a relationship that can never be exhausted. We can never have “sufficient” talents. The curious thing about God’s generosity with divine life is that the richer in it we become, the more likely we are to be faithful in the small matters so we can grow in what we already have. Then we indeed will “share in the joy of [our] master.”

✠ PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Your prayers are requested for the sick of our Parish: B. Buegler, M. Cantiller, B. Cholyk, A. Choy, E. Cook, N. de Voos, F. Filipovicic, J. Ibanez, F. Labis, Jr., Leah Lida, D. Ngui, M. O’Connell, J. Plattig, A. Spence and all those afflicted at home or in the hospital. May Christ our Lord be their strength and healing.

HOME MISSIONS A second collection will be taken up TODAY. Your contribution will help support the native ministry in areas ranging from downtown Vancouver to the isolated community of Annahim Lake. It also provides pastoral care for apostleship to the seamen and assists the inner city poor. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL Our next parish council meeting is on Tuesday, November 25th, if you have something that you would like to discuss, please put it in writing and bring it or send it to the office. You may also email it to us.

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE A special Mass to celebrate the centennial year will be at the GM Place on November 23rd, at 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Hopefully many of you plan to come and join the rest of the local church on the Feast of Christ the King. We have a few extra tickets available on a first come first serve basis if you have not yet signed-up last week.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH, Saturday, December 13th, 8:00 PM. Only two \$33 tickets are left. Please call the rectory office.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Here is a great opportunity for you who wish to serve as Eucharistic Ministers on Weekdays and Sunday Masses to sign-up. PLEASE make yourself available generously and joyfully in service of your parish community. The sign-up form is available in the office. Deadline has been extended to Friday, Nov. 21st.

2009 ST. JOSEPH’S MISSAL The new liturgical Year B starts on November 30, the first Sunday of Advent. We will be selling the missals today. Cost is \$3 each.

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE

ESK-OMI MISSIONS
St. Norbert, Manitoba

November 3, 2008

Dear Fr. Wong and Dear Parishioners:

Sharing with those who are in need takes on a very special meaning when it is done for the love of God; such an action then becomes one of the precious means by which we give thanks to our Creator, from Whom we have received everything.

You truly belong to that wonderful category of people who can genuinely be called the close friends of Jesus, because what you are doing for His missionaries and His poor is in reality a personal gift to Him. In His name and on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your generous offering of \$2,500.00, thank you very much. Your kindness toward our Inuit missions makes our work so much easier. Thanks to compassionate people like you, the chain of solidarity will be allowed to continue.

To our gratitude is added the assurance that a corner of the Altar is reserved for you and for those you love. We ask God, the infinite source of Love and Mercy, to take very good care of your dear departed. Through the merits of Jesus, may they receive His never-ending bliss. Until the moment when you are reunited with them, never again to suffer the pain of separation, may you receive in abundance our Lord’s choicest blessings.

Sincerely in Him,
+Bishop Reynald Rouleau, O.M.I.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HNJ CWL CRAFT & BAKE FAIR

TODAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

10:00 am—1:00 pm

In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. Come and shop from a variety of handmade crafts, fashion scarves & toques, children's knitwear, handbags & carry bags and much more.

Come and show our enthusiastic support to our Ladies of the CWL and to the Men of the Knights of Columbus for their tedious work in reaching out to us all.

CATHOLIC DIRECTORY The new book for 2008-2009 will be available for your purchase. \$13 per book.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED A parishioner needs a ride to the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday. If you can help, please call the rectory office at 604-261-9393.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Knights invite you to their Pancake Breakfast today, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. All are welcome!

COAT DRIVE The Knights of Columbus seek your donations of warm coats (especially fleece jackets) for the homeless and poor. ALL COATS MUST BE CLEAN (washed and hanged on coat hangers). No clothes please. A coat box is in the north vestibule for your donation.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS The Knights are selling the Entertainment Books again this year. They are still \$46.00 and you can pick one up at the rectory office.

NOVEMBER Is the month when we prayerfully remember our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. Special ALL SOULS envelopes are available in the vestibule for your perusal. These envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout November. A book of remembrance is also available in the vestibule for you to write down the name of the deceased persons.



ST. PAUL'S On the occasion of the 2000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul the Apostle, all the faithful are encouraged to attend services in his honor, especially at churches under his patronage. St. Paul's, 381 E. Cordova will be welcoming the faithful of the Diocese on this feast day. There will be a Mass on November 18th at 8:00 am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 to 11:15. Please call 604-254-3100 for the schedule.

MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS The annual Mass will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, on Wednesday, November 26th, at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are most welcome.

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER Saturday, November 29th at St. John the Apostle, 9:30 am-3:00 pm. Call Sr. Monica at the Cenacle, 604-266-1611 for reservations.

Scripture Readings for Ordinary Time:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18, 20, 26, 28-31++; Ps. 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matt. 24:36, 25:14-30++



Nov. 17, Mon., **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**,
Rev. 1:1-4,2:1-5a; Ps. 1, Luke 18:35-43

Nov. 18, Tue., Rev. 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps. 15; Luke 19:1-10

Nov. 19, Wed., Rev. 4:1-11; Ps. 150; Luke 19:11-28

Nov. 20, Thur., Rev. 5:1-10; Ps. 149; Luke 19:41-44

Nov. 21, Fri., **Presentation of Mary**
Rev. 10:8-11; Ps. 119; Luke 19:45-48

Nov. 22, Sat., **St. Cecilia, virgin**
Rev. 11:4-12; Ps. 144; Luke 20:27-40

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday	Nov. 17	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Paul Cesar.
Tuesday	Nov. 18	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For All the Souls in Purgatory.
Wednesday	Nov. 19	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Joseph Tsen.
Thursday	Nov. 20	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Christopher Kam Cheung Chin.
Friday	Nov. 21	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Dr. Francois Sun.
Saturday	Nov. 22	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Theresa Marie Claire Sherst. <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.
Sunday	Nov. 23	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Margaret Domeij. <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Anna Teo.