

Pastor's Corner - October 9, 2011 - Nelly Furtado

I found this reflection on the editorial page of the Globe and Mail (Sept. 28) and thought this quite appropriate on this Thanksgiving weekend. Here is a local young woman/mother who has become famous worldwide because of her songs and who very simply has grown as a person and as a Christian because of a direct experience with the poor in Africa. She came to help the **Free the Children** organization founded by the Catholic Krieger brothers who as young teenagers years ago wished to put their faith into practice. Highlights are mine in this abbreviated version. Shalom. Fr. Rolf, OP

“Finding my map within Africa’s greater one (title). Last January I was invited to Africa. Somehow, I knew it was time to come home. While the people, the places left such strong impressions, the hope I left Africa with was more profound than anything else. I learned so much about community, spirituality and, of course, song and dance, African rhythms, and the sustainable work **Free the Children** does in true partnership with communities in Kenya and worldwide – Sierra Leone, India, Ecuador, China to name a few. ... A month after I returned from Kenya, as the Libyan civil war was heated up, I found myself, BlackBerry in hand at 3 am unable to sleep: in Libya, people who rightly believed the cost of freedom was worth it because the benefits were tenfold, were being killed; people were living things I couldn’t truly fathom, but I could feel the weight of them inside my heart. In an act of solidarity, I sent a tweet about my intentions to return money I felt wasn’t truly mine. I decided to give the \$1 million (what I was paid to cover expenses for the 2007 Italian concert in front of an “oil sheik” and a “son of Gadhafi”) to **Free the Children**, but I wanted a plan that would include the people of Libya. I decided on a sustainable program, rather than immediate aid, inspired by the work I had seen in action with Free the Children. I wanted to support women’s rights in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)... I wanted to help educate girls so they might have a place in the new democratic regimes.... I also wanted to build another school in Kenya like the Kisaruni school where I spent life-changing days a school that would support brave girls like the ones I had met, girls so confident they put my 14 year-old self to shame. **I wanted and needed to help youth across North America; I’ve set up a matching program through Free the Children to inspire youth to do more fundraising and believe in the “power of we.”...Now I understand that the feeling in the pit of my stomach was just the toll of that amazing bell we all have within that signifies a new journey in life. Then, the sound was faint. Today, it rings louder than ever in my heart. It’s so ironic that I went to Kenya intending “to help” and left as the one who received the most charity.** The world is, always will be complicated. Moral dilemmas will continue to be present in my career, which attempts to merge corporate and emotional needs on a daily basis. The world is changing faster than we can handle. Money rules. **Yet, in that rural town in Kenya near Kisaruni High School, God rules. I now laugh at the phrase “Third World,” because the “Third World” is so full of human triumph. In many ways, it is the heart of the spiritual world. A name like “the third eye world” would be more appropriate. It is the world that contains the people who will save us with their proximity to God, primordial relevance and belief in the human senses and sensitivities – the very things that make us vital as humans and will ensure our survival. We just need to wake up and start joining forces. The student of life within me has been summoned and humbled. When roll call is read, I will forever be present with a recent map in hand – a map that I hope, one day, will be void of the borders that separate us.”**

Shalom,

Fr. Rolf, OP

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EUCCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney
Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.
Daily on Tuesdays (8:30 am), Wednesdays and
Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).

RECONCILIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm

EUCCHARIST AT

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton
Sundays at 8:30 am

Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am
Remaining Fridays at 9 am in a private home.
(See “This Week in Our Parish” inside bulletin.)



*Let us be glad and rejoice
in God's salvation.
Is 25:9*

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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND (28th Ordinary)

Isa 25.6-10 / Phil 4.12-14, 19-20 / Mt 22.1-14

VISITING EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS:

October 2	\$ 4,564
PAD's:	\$ 4,490
Needs of the Canadian Church:	\$ 1,284
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of Alec Perez de Tagle, son of Oscar & Belle.

We rejoice and celebrate with Dorothy Mark, wife of Lorne Mark, who after many years of being with our faith community will be officially received into the Catholic Church by being Confirmed on Oct. 16 at the 8:30 mass.

OCTOBER FOOD DRIVE

During October, the month of Thanksgiving, everyone is asked to bring a **non-perishable** food item for the food bank. This food drive is sponsored by the students of St. Andrew's High School and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. **Please remove food from bag and place in front of the altar.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes for children 7 - 15 are held each Sunday at 9:45 am. It is important that you register your child. See Melanie Maya-Ehrlich (250-656-8141) in the foyer after mass, or download an on-line registration form at tinyurl.com/spp-re-reg-2011.

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP: OCT. 12 - DEC

Starts Wed. Oct. 12, 7 - 9 pm at St. Elizabeth's. All are welcome to this celebration.

CWL MEETING: OCT. 13

The next CWL meeting will be on Thu. Oct. 13 at 2 pm. All women in our parish community are invited to join and share our God-given gifts as we try to effect change in our parish, country and world. Membership drive is taking place every weekend before and after Masses during the month of October.

HOSPITAL VISITORS ORIENTATION: OCT. 12

The VIHA Spiritual Care Services is holding an Orientation for Hospital Volunteers on Wed. Oct. 12 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Victoria General Hospital, Lecture Room. Register at 250-727-4278.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY, OCT. 11

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

9:00am Mass
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
2:00pm CWL General Meeting
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

9:00am Mass at the home of Eileen Kroetsch

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

4 - 4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:45am Children's Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
7:30pm Community Arts Council Concert

See online calendar at www.spparish.com for latest changes (click "View Parish Calendar").

PHOTO DIRECTORY - LAST CHANCE

If you or your group have not had your picture taken you can still be included in the Parish Photo Directory. You have three options:

1. Email your picture to spparish@shaw.ca.
2. Bring your picture in to the parish office to be scanned.
3. Come in to the parish office to have your picture taken (call **250-656-7433** to book a time).

Note: Parishioners (and groups) attending **Our Lady of the Assumption** can have their picture taken on **Sunday, October 16** after the 8:30 am mass.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We are entering the Annual Diocesan Heart & Hands Appeal - "On Our Way". Our own parish campaign, chaired by **Freddie Brand**, begins on Oct. 15, and finishes on Nov. 6. She will be ably assisted by **Norm Cafik, Derek Finall, Linda MacGowan, Jim Williams and Mark Wright**.

VIA CHORALIS: OCT. 16

As part of the ArtSea Festival, a concert will be held at St. Elizabeth's on Sun, Oct. 16 at 7:30 pm. The Via Choralis chamber choir, under the direction of Nicholas Fairbank, will perform his composition, the "Sea Cantata" as part of the program. Tickets on sale at Tanner's Book Store.

IN OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: OCT. 28 & 29

Join the Diocesan Conference "**Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts & Hands**" on Oct. 28 & 29 at St. Andrew's High School. David Wells, Susan Campbell and Bishop Richard will speak on discipleship at the global, national and local diocesan levels. Various workshops touch upon aspects of ministry in the church and provide opportunities to enhance discipleship; one example will be the key parish dimension of Responsible Stewardship, as will be discussed at Leah Mackenzie's Workshop Session, "**Responsible Stewardship**". Registration forms are available from the parish office, or download from www.rcdvictoria.org. **For more info see poster on bulletin board.**

BILLETING FOR DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

If you are able to provide billeting for one or more delegates travelling from more remote areas of the Diocese to attend our Diocesan Conference on Oct. 28 and 29, please call the Pastoral Centre at 250-479-1331 with your name, contact info and number of delegates you are able to accommodate, or e-mail jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org. Your kind assistance is most appreciated!

SACRED HEART FALL SALE: OCT. 15

Sat. Oct. 15, 9 am - 2 pm at Sacred Heart, 4040 Nelthorpe St., Victoria. All proceeds to charity. Info: call Sacred Heart at 479-1611.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES: WED. OCT. 19

7 - 9 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, **Jacques St. Laurent**, who spoke to our congregation in the spring, will share his experience from the D&P Youth Solidarity Trip to Lebanon. All are welcome. Information: email Margie Noonan at margienoonan@acn.net.

K of C LECTURE SERIES CANCELLED

The lecture series led by Oscar Perez de Tagle (at 1012 Pandora St, Victoria) has been **cancelled**.

COURSE: 'THE CHURCH'

Dr. L. McKeown presents: "*The Church*" at Holy Cross, Mondays to Nov. 7, 7 - 9 pm. Topics include scriptural foundations, faith in God Triune, Christian Tradition, Creeds and Councils, development from medieval times to Vatican 2. To register call 250-477-5321. **Note: there is no session Oct. 10.**

GENERAL

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES:

- *Powers of the Universe*: Tuesdays, Oct. 11 to Nov. 1, 7 - 9 pm at Cook St. Village Activity Centre, 1 - 380 Cook St. Series: \$75, drop-in \$20. To register call 250-220-4601 or 250-380-9786 (deadline: Oct. 9).
- *Journey of the Universe (Film)*: Wed. Oct. 19, 7 - 9 pm at Royal Roads University. Cost: \$15. To register call 250-391-2600, ext. 4801.

LIVING COURAGE TOUR: FRI. OCT. 14

Hear stories of courage and hope from women who defend human rights and build peace. A public event will be held on Fri. Oct. 14, 6:30 - 9 pm at the Philippine Bayanihan Community Centre, 1709 Blanshard. For more info email Margie Noonan at margienoonan@acn.net.

UVIC RELIGIOUS STUDIES SERIES:

- Wed. Oct. 26, 7 pm, "*Copernicus, Galileo & Beyond: Renaissance Interactions With Arabic & Islamic Science*", Social Science & Math Bldg., Room A120.
- Reel Spirituality Series: Fri. Oct. 28, "*The Secret of Roan Inish*", 2:30 pm, Fine Arts Bldg., Room 103. Discussion to follow.

Info: call 250-721-6325 or see www.csrsv.uvic.ca.