

Pastor's Corner - October 16, 2011 - Liturgy Changes & Mission Sunday

Music: The changes in the Sunday Liturgy about which I wrote in the spring will soon be implemented. The various groups which provide music were invited to a special workshop on the changes (Sept. 30 and Oct. 1). Afterwards our participants came together under the leadership of Fatima Warner, our music coordinator, in order to take the first steps for our local faith community. Two of the new Canadian Mass settings were chosen, one for the Saturday mass and the other for the Sunday masses at Our Lady and at St. Elizabeth. Groups have been practicing and will start to introduce elements of the new music on Nov. 6. A great deal of work is involved on the part of all. In order to maintain a common and consistent approach two musicians (Michael McEwan and Ray Folk) together with their singers will introduce the new music at the Sunday celebration. Madeline Teo will do so at the 5:00 pm mass on the first and third Saturday of the month. Ann Reisinger will do so at Our Lady of the Assumption. The changes are coming at the same time as our very able, most consistent and longest-serving musician, Shirlee Tessier, is moving to Oak Bay. While unable to drive in the evening for the Saturday celebrations, Shirlee would like to continue to help out and participate in "her" and our community on Sunday morning. However, as we enter fall and winter weather, driving from Oak Bay may become an issue and we thought it wise to take the necessary time before including her in the schedule. I know that this may be seen in a negative way but let me assure you that there is no mal intent. All of us we are indebted to Shirlee for her leadership, her musical skills and her willingness to serve our community. We are forever grateful to you Shirlee! Once settled in her new home, we hope that Shirlee will continue to be with us whenever possible. Changes happen in all our lives and while we feel them at times as being losses, we are also invited to see them as opportunities.

Mission Sunday: Every time we pray the Our Father we pray for God's Kingdom, God's Reign, to become reality in our midst. Of course, this can have many different faces: sharing our resources such as food with the needy of our community, working towards true justice and peace, etc. Another important way is to renew our commitment to proclaim the Gospel in our daily lives, to which we are called at the end of each Mass: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." It is a commandment that Jesus himself gave to his disciples after his Resurrection. In fact, he first said it to Mary Magdalene who thus became the first "Preacher" of the Good News. We are all well aware that Christ's mission to redeem the world is still very far from completion. We continue to hear the call to preach the good news ("As the Father has sent me, so I send you" - John 20:21). World Mission Sunday which we will celebrate next Sunday Oct. 23, reminds us that the entire Church, all of us, we all participate in this mission of proclaiming the Gospel by creating and by being ourselves signs of hope. Pope Benedict in his message on the occasion of this year's World Mission Sunday says: "The universal mission involves everything and everyone. The Gospel is not an exclusive possession of those who have received it, but it is a gift to be shared and good news for others. ...the Church's missionary dimension is essential and continually present ... (all) should be involved in mission, constantly, as a way of life." Next week is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the world will celebrate it, a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in the countries where there are great needs, such as Papua New Guinea, Uganda, Albania etc. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world to become self sufficient and flourish. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most.

Shalom,

Fr. Rolf, OP

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PASTORAL COUNCIL: Paul Ledet, Jr. (Chair)



EUCHARIST 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

EUCHARIST 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)

OCTOBER 16, 2011

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 45.1, 4-6 / 1 Thess 1.1-5 / Mt 22.15-21

I am the LORD, and there is no other.



VISITING EUCHARISTIC 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
October 9	\$ 4,125
PAD's:	\$ 4,490
Needs of the Canadian Church (total):	\$ 1,464
Monthly Target:	Approx. \$ 23,000

SPECIAL COLLECTION: OCT. 23

Next Sunday, in all parishes in the world, people are invited to help World Missions. Our church will have a second collection after communion.

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of:

Clotilde Celeste Andrade Waites
who died on Oct. 9, 2011 at age 93

LECTOR WORKSHOP

Wed. October 19 at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth's.
All Lectors or those interested in becoming one please make the effort to come.

WHITE RIBBONS

will be handed out by the CWL on Sat. Oct. 15 and Sun. Oct. 16 before & after each Mass. Participants are encouraged to wear the ribbons to raise awareness of the pornography problem and its corrupting effects on society. CWL membership drive continues on Saturday and Sunday.

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. **If you have a child or grandchild who needs to be prepared for First Communion & Confirmation, you will need to register NOW and participate with your child.** To register call Melanie Maya-Ehrlich at 250-656-8141 or email her at Melanie@spparish.com. Registration form is available on-line at tinyurl.com/spp-re-reg-2011.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, OCT. 17

1:00pm Memory Plus
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group
1:30pm **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
7:00pm **Knights of Columbus Rosary**
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong
7:00pm **Lector Workshop**

THURSDAY, OCT. 20

9:00am **No Mass** - Liturgy of the Word
11:30am Friendly Hours
2:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

9:00am Mass at the Legion Manor

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 23

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:45am **Children's Religious Education**
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

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

VIA CHORALIS CONCERT: 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: \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (available at Tanner's Books).

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

We have entered into 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**.

IN OUR DIOCESE

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 margie Noonan@acn.net.

MASS IN HONOUR OF JOHN PAUL II: OCT. 22

Sat. Oct. 22, 9:30 am at the Cathedral, Bishop Richard will celebrate a Mass in honour of Blessed John Paul II who was beatified earlier this year.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE: OCT. 28 & 29

Join the Diocesan Conference "**Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts & Hands**" on Frid. Oct. 28 at 7 pm and Sat. Oct. 29 (9 am - 4:30 pm) at St. Andrew's High School, 880 McKenzie Ave. 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.

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 attending our Diocesan Conference on Oct. 28 & 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 Jim O'Reilly at jeoreilly@rcdvictoria.org. Your kind assistance is most appreciated!

COURSE: 'THE CHURCH'

Dr. L. McKeown presents: "The Church" at Holy Cross, Mondays to Nov. 7 from 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.

GENERAL

UVIC HEALTH & WELLNESS COURSES

- *Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times: Breaking the Cycle of Chronic Pain and Habitual Behaviours.* Tuesdays, Oct. 18 & 25 from 7 - 9 pm. Fee \$67.20.
- *Core Strengthening & Ergonomics to Ease Low Back Pain.* Thurs. Oct. 20 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Fee \$42.56.

Location: David Strong Bldg., UVic. To register call 250-472-4747.

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACIES:

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.

VICTORIA PHILHARMONIC CHOIR : OCT. 22

"*Music for Royal Occasions*", Sat. Oct. 22, 8 pm at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1611 Quadra St. Conductor: Peter Butterfield. Featuring Victoria Chamber Orchestra, soloists: Ember Lanuti, Erin Ronningen, Josh Lovell and Alex McMorran, and organist: David Stratkauskas. Tickets: \$23 (free for accompanied children 12 & under), available from Tanner's Books or at the door. For more info see www.vpchoir.ca.

UVIC RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

- Wed. Oct. 26, 7 pm, "*Copernicus, Galileo & Beyond: Renaissance Interactions With Arabic & Islamic Science*", Social Science & Math Bldg., Room A120.
- Reel Spirituality Series (film): 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.