

Pastor's Corner - October 23, 2011 - Vatican II foundation of changes in the liturgy

On several occasions I have already written in this corner on the upcoming liturgical changes in the mass, which will be implemented on the First Sunday of Advent at the end of November. While I and others have for several reasons some reservations about the proposed changes I also need to stress the fact that the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) in general reiterates what was already proposed in the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (CSL). For example, **the teaching of Vatican II made it very clear that the mass is the celebration of Christ and the Church, the People of God: "In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, the full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else... (CSL 14)."** That is the aim of the new GIRM (*my comments in parenthesis ()*): "The nature of the ministerial priesthood puts into its proper light another reality, which should indeed be highly regarded, namely, the royal priesthood of the faithful. Through the ministry of priests, the faithful's spiritual sacrifice is brought to completeness in union with the sacrifice of Christ, the one and only Mediator. For these people are the people of God, purchased by the blood of Christ, gathered together by the Lord, nourished by his word. They are a people called to offer God the prayers of the entire human family (*therefore, the importance of the prayer of the faithful or general intercessions being more than a sum of individual intentions*), a people giving thanks in Christ for the mystery of salvation by offering his sacrifice. Finally, they are a people growing together into unity by sharing in Christ body and blood (*therefore, the importance of communion under the species of bread and wine*). **These people are holy by their origin, but becoming ever more holy by conscious, active and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist (GIRM 5).**" Elsewhere the document continues: "The celebration of the mass, as the action of Christ and the people of God arrayed hierarchically, is for the church universal and local, as well as for each of the faithful, the centre of the whole Christian life (16). This purpose will best be accomplished, if the entire celebration is **planned in such a way that it brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity. The church desires this kind of participation, the nature of the celebration demands it, and for the Christian people it is a right and duty they have by reason of their baptism (18).** The presence and active participation of the faithful bring out more plainly the ecclesial nature of the celebration (19). **In the celebration of Mass the faithful are a holy people, a people set apart, a royal priesthood: they give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the priest but also together with him as they learn to offer themselves.** They should, moreover, endeavour to make this clear by their deep sense of reverence for God and their charity towards their brothers and sisters Thus **they are to shun any appearance of individualism or division**, keeping before their eyes that they have one Father in heaven and therefore are all brothers and sisters to each other (95). They should become one body, whether by hearing the word of God, or by joining in prayers and singing, or above all by offering the sacrifice together at the Lord's table. **When the gestures and postures are observed in common by the faithful, this unity is beautifully seen (96).** The faithful should serve the people of God **joyfully** whenever asked to perform some particular ministry or office in the celebration (97). **"Christ is really present in the very assembly gathered in his name; he is present in the person of the minister, in his word, and indeed substantially and continuously under the Eucharistic species (27)."**

Shalom,



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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

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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 23, 2011

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 22.21-27/ 1 Thess 1.5-10/ Mt 22.34-40



I AM COMPASSIONATE.
EX 22:27

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: _____

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Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTIONS:

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| October 2 | \$ 4,564 |
| October 9 | \$ 4,125 |
| October 16 | \$ 3,190 |
| PAD's: | \$ 4,490 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church (total): | \$ 1,464 |
| Monthly Target: | Approx. \$ 23,000 |

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the soul of Agnes Kirzinger whose funeral will be held in Bruno, Sask. on October 29.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Please join fellow parishioners and meet members of other parishes to strengthen our own community and build relationship with others. This is the last week to register for the Diocesan Conference **"Discipleship: Continuing the Journey of Hearts & Hands"** Fri. Oct. 28 at 7 pm and Sat. Oct. 29 at St. Andrew's High School, 880 McKenzie Ave. Registration forms are available from the parish office, or download from www.rcdvictoria.org. **If you need a ride call Gary at the parish office (250-656-7433).**

TODAY (after communion): WORLD MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

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Mark your calendars: Friday, Nov. 4 for our annual Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest. Cocktails at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Dinner and entertainment. Tickets available after all masses. Cost: \$10 / person, \$20 / family.

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.**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, OCT. 24

- 1:00pm Memory Plus
- 1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

TUESDAY, OCT. 25

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

- 9:00am Mass
- 10:00am Taiji Qigong
- 3:00pm Memorial Mass for Alec Perez de Tagle (reception to follow)**
- 7:00pm El Shaddai Prayer & Song**

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

- 9:00am Mass at Saanich Peninsula Hospital Chapel

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

- 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**").

YOUTH GROUP CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Saanich Peninsula Parish Youth Group won second place in the Youth Voices Challenge, with its video "**Camel**". The results, based on the number of views, are as follows:

- **Brand New Day**, Ascension Parish, Parksville: 1,939 views
- **Camel**, Saanich Peninsula Parish: 1,346 views
- **Compassion Play**, St. Patrick's: 454 views

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

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

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

At the Oct. 5th council meeting, the majority of our time was spent reviewing Parish goals as determined during the September meeting, and choosing what we would focus on in our pastoral plan. The areas of focus will be Liturgy, Outreach, Social Justice, First Nations, and Youth. Also, the Parish Photo Directory will include a list of parishioners who have passed away since 2006, the year of our last directory. Names and phone numbers will also be listed for those who have given consent (but email addresses will not be listed).

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:

- Email your picture to spparish@shaw.ca
- Bring your picture in to the parish office
- Arrange to have your picture taken by with the parish office.

For those who have not had their photo taken by IPC Photo Services the photo directory will cost \$12.50. Please call the parish office at 250-656-7433 to book a time to have your picture taken.

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 email Melanie Maya-Ehrlich at Melanie@spparish.com, or call her at 250-656-8141. Registration form is available on-line at tinyurl.com/spp-re-reg-2011.

IN OUR DIOCESE

SISTERS OF ST. ANN HEALTH HISTORY

The Sisters of St. Ann history in health care in BC has been recorded by Darlene Southwell in a book *Caring and Compassion: A History of the Sisters of St. Ann in Health Care in BC*. You are invited to a book launch and conversation with the author at St. Ann's Academy on Nov. 20, at 2 pm. Books are also available at the SSA Administration Centre, 1550 Begbie.

WORLD FOOD DAY THANK YOU

The World Food Day awareness walk brought together 1,200 students from Island Catholic Schools and Christ Church Cathedral School, Clergy and St. Vincent de Paul members. Over six tons of non-perishable food was collected. Thanks to all contributors.

GENERAL

UVIC HEALTH & WELLNESS COURSES

- *Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times: Breaking the Cycle of Chronic Pain and Habitual Behaviours*. Tues. Oct. 25 from 7 - 9 pm. Fee \$67.20.
- *The Power of Breath*. Wed. Nov. 2, 7 - 9. \$45. Location: David Strong Bldg., UVic. To register call 250-472-4747.

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.csr.s.uvic.ca.

PROGRAMS IN EARTH LITERACY

- Tue. Oct. 25 - Nov. 15, 10 am - 12pm, *Embracing the Powers of the Universe*. \$75 (drop in \$20). Friends Meeting House, 1831 Fern St. Info: email earthliterations@shaw.ca, call 220-4601, or visit www.earthliterations.org.