

Pastor's corner - November 13, 2011 - Liturgical Changes 3

As we come closer to the First Sunday of Advent when the Church is implementing the new revised English translation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and as we are going to implement new directives regarding the Liturgy of the Eucharist, I am faced with mixed feelings. I have tried to point out, in my previous pastor's corners on the proposed liturgical changes, the meaning and foundation of the proposed changes. Having new music entering our lives, adapting our English translation to some of the deeper meanings of the original Latin, respecting the beauty of silence and meditation, gestures and postures, they are all enrichments which beautify the celebration of the Eucharist. The unity that is called for on the part of both the presider as well as the faithful celebrating is positive. However, even if the new GIRM allows for some adaptations and very brief comments, in general I am afraid there is also more rigidity, rules and regulations to be observed: fewer opportunities to place the celebration in the context of the particular day, place and context. Unity slowly becomes uniformity. I suspect that there are some who will welcome all this because they probably thought that at times I took too many "liberties". But I know that there are many others who welcomed some of those supposed "liberties" because it helped them to understand the Word of God proclaimed and be challenged by it, helped them to celebrate the Eucharist in the context of their life and of our time, helped them to feel that the Eucharist was welcoming and inclusive. I have to be honest, I do not wish to be a pre-programmed robot and I do not want the Eucharist to become just a routine unfolding celebration.

I am also afraid that just because there were at times abuses, we are now faced with the loss of some beautiful poetic adaptations of Eucharistic Prayers and of other prayers which praised God in a way which made it so meaningful to today's people. The same can be said of songs and music composed, yes in those 70's and 80's, but which translated our hunger for God, for justice, for peace, in words and rhythm which are still meaningful to today's people. We need to be connected to the past and to our traditions but we also need to live in today's world. My sincere hope is that the pendulum which has obviously been swinging to the right may find a greater balance in the future, probably beyond my time. Let us continue to make sure that our Eucharistic Celebrations bring us all together, no matter what background, in order to feast on the Word and on the Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation and on one another's faith and hope. Let us make sure that we take of this free holy food, break it open, consume it, digest it, so that it becomes us. And then when we are re-energized, when we have once more the courage and the consciousness of the presence of the Spirit in us, let us be the people of God sowing God's unconditional love for our community and for our world. The grace of the sacrament of the Eucharist in its totality is able to change us, and the more we are changed, the more able we become to change the world around us. After all, receiving the gift of the Eucharist (the Word, the Bread of Life, our common faith celebrated) can transform us into the Body of Christ and enable us to transform the world.

The parables which we hear proclaimed in these last few weeks of the Liturgical year all remind us that we need to look at our lives and see in how and what we invest our lives. After all, time and talents have been given to each of us, and when the time comes, we will be asked how we have used them. Today's parable suggests that living and loving according to the Gospel requires that we stop vegetating and take risks in serving others. How can we keep our faith and religion from becoming a freeze-dried package which is stored away for safe-keeping. That is not the way Jesus used his time and talents. We are not to be afraid but with the gifts of Lady Wisdom, we are called to use our time and talents to reach out. Remember C.S. Lewis in "The Four Loves": "The only place outside heaven where you can be safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is hell."

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)

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRO 31:10-31, 1 THESS 5:1-6, MATT 25: 14-30



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:

November 6 \$ 4,794
Pre-Authorized Debits (PADs): \$ 4,490
Monthly Target: Approx. \$ 23,000

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of Elaine Lynch.

MESSAGE FROM THE APPEAL TEAM

An update on contributions to the 2011 Journey of Hearts and Hands Appeal: *On Our Way*. As of Nov. 9 we have received \$17,270 from 62 donors towards our goal of \$50,000. We look forward to your continued support during this coming week. With thanks from Fr. Rolf, Derek, Freddie, Jim, Linda, Mark and Norm.

THIS WEEKEND:

- **D & P PRESENTATION: SUN. NOV. 13**
Jacques St. Laurent, who spoke to us in the spring about the D & P Youth Solidarity trip to Lebanon, will share his experience with a visual presentation on Sun. Nov. 13 after the 10:30 am mass, during coffee fellowship.
- **ANAWIM HOUSE CAMPAIGN: NOV. 12/13**
Anawim House will be collecting donations of new or nearly new jeans, sweat pants, sweaters, t-shirts, sports socks, runners, men's underwear, men's deodorant, shampoo, razors, shaving cream and non-perishable food. After this weekend, items can be dropped off at Anawim House, 973 Caledonia Ave, or call Anawim House at 250-382-0283.

CWL CHRISTMAS BAKE & FLOWER SALE

Will be held on Sat. Nov. 19 and Sun. Nov. 20 after each mass. You are welcome to bring your favorite baking with recipe attached (if you'd like to share it). Please list the ingredients of your donations - for those with allergies, and price your donation. Plants and fresh flowers on sale also. Proceeds will be donated to CWL charities.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY, NOV. 14

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
11:30am Friendly Hours
7:00pm **K of C Rosary**
7:30pm **K of C General Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

9:00am Mass
10:00am Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

Feast Day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

REMEMBRANCE DAY

9:00am Mass at Legion Manor
7:00pm **Youth Choir Practice**

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

4-4:30pm **Reconciliation**
5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's
6:00pm **CWL Bake & Flower Sale**

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption
9:45am Children's Religious Education
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am **CWL Bake & Flower Sale**

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

D & P FALL ACTION CAMPAIGN

This year we are focusing on the environment - climate change and support for small scale farmers. Check out the display in the foyer, take a brochure, and sign our Action Card!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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.

UPCOMING CONCERT AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

- Friday, Nov. 25, 7:30 pm, the Sidney Classical Orchestra will present "Mozart - Elegance & Joy". Refreshments following the concert. Tickets (\$20-adult, \$10-student) available at Tanner's Books, or at the door.

See poster in the foyer at St. Elizabeth's.

BIRTHRIGHT STROLLERTHON THANK YOU

Donations from our parish totaled \$762. Thank you for your generosity and support! If you haven't received your tax receipt, please contact the parish office.

IN OUR DIOCESE

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: BUS FOR SIDNEY CHILDREN?

If Island Catholic Schools offered a school bus from Sidney to our various Elementary schools and High School, would you be interested in sending your child to receive a Catholic education? Are you a current parent of an ICS student who might be interested in such a service? If you are, please contact Stuart Andrie 250-884-1870 ASAP. We would like to know if the numbers are strong enough to generate the possibility of a bus system from Sidney.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES: NOV. 16

The second event in this year's series is on the theme Ecological Justice. "The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one". Please join us Wed. Nov.16 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain St. from 7 - 9 pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S CASINO NIGHT: NOV. 19

Sat. Nov. 19, 7 pm at St. Joseph's School Gym, 753 W. Burnside Rd. Tickets \$20. For more info contact the parish office at 250-479-7413.

RE-ENCHANTMENT OF NATURE AS THE WORD & BEAUTY OF GOD: DEC. 2 & 3

Fr. John McCarthy will lead this retreat at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Fri. 7 - 9 pm and Sat. 10 am - 2:30 pm. Free. See poster in foyer.

PILGRIMAGE: MARCH 2012

St. Joseph the Worker Parish 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Rome / Assisi / Florence / Sienna Mar. 16 - 25, 2012. Join Fr. William for a spiritual journey to the heart of our Catholic faith. There are still spots available! If interested, call Stuart Andrie at 250-884-1870.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS:

- **UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR**
Hot Ukrainian lunch and sale of perogies, cabbage rolls, Ukrainian sausage, borscht, preserves, Christmas bread and pastries. Sat. Nov. 26, 11 am - 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave.
- **ST. ROSE OF LIMA BAZAAR**
Sat. Nov. 26, 9 am - 3 pm. Crafts, baking, gifts, refreshments, raffles, prizes.

GENERAL

OUR MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB: NOV. 17

Thu. Nov. 17, 5 to 9 pm. Stelly's School Global Perspectives is hosting a fundraiser to build a school in Nepal. Gala evening with entertainment, snacks and beverages, auction. For tickets & info contact Tim Storm at 652-4401 (ext. 566). Cost: \$15 / person.

UVIC OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Reel Spirituality Series: Fri. Nov. 25**
"Shane", Fine Arts Bldg, Rm. 103 at 2:30 pm. Free.
- **Health Is The Greatest Wealth: Aging Well With Healthy Hormones: Thurs. Nov. 24.**
Fee \$54. Register by calling 250-472-4747.

VICTORIA CHORAL SOCIETY: NOV. 30

The VCS presents "Benedicta: Songs of Grace and Wonder", music inspired by the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Wed. Nov. 30, 7:30 pm. Tickets at Tanner's Books. Adults \$30, students \$20.