

Pastor's Corner: The Church on "Money must serve, not rule!"

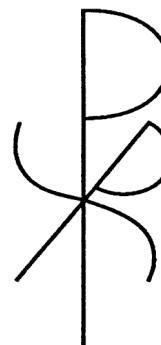
In the present world our everyday lives are heavily influenced by economic and financial decisions and happenings. Ever since the 19th century several Popes have written a number of Encyclicals touching on these; Pope Francis has not shied away from doing so, just read his Encyclical **Laudato Si**. Well, on May 17th last the Vatican published a 36 page document on the economy and finance entitled "Oeconomicae et Pecuniariae Quaestiones" or "Considerations for an Ethical Discernment on Certain Aspects of the Present Economic and Financial System." You will find the entire text at: info@zenit.org

The Document reiterates what Popes have said over and over again: **that all economic and financial systems and structures to be legitimate must be at the service of humanity and that they must promote integral human development ("what truly humanizes man") for all people and peoples and for every human community in the world.** To be truly legitimate economic and financial systems must thrive not only through the quantitative development of exchange but even more by promoting the development of the entire person and of every person. Since pope Francis there is now within the Vatican governing structures a Dicastery for the Service of Integral Development with Cardinal Peter Turkson as its Prefect. In the introduction of the document we read: "What is needed, on the one hand, is an appropriate regulation of the dynamics of the markets, and on the other hand, a clear ethical foundation that assures a well-being realized through the quality of human relationships rather than merely through economic mechanisms that by themselves cannot attain it. This ethical foundation needs to inform a range of persons but especially those working in the fields of economy and finance. In this situation a synthesis of technical knowledge and human wisdom is essential. Without such synthesis, every human activity tends to deteriorate. But where it exists, it can foster progress towards the integral and concrete well-being of the human person, what truly humanizes man ... (and later) the well-being of every person, of every human community, and of all people, which is the ultimate horizon of the common good that the Church ... seeks to advance."

The document which is addressed to all men and women of good will reminds us that "with a view towards the common good, there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life ... because there can be no area of human action that legitimately claims to be either outside of or impermeable to ethical principles based on liberty, truth, justice and solidarity." It is all too evident in what we are living today at all levels that the common good is often not at the center of our discussions and decisions. The document deplores "a profound amoral culture within which one doesn't hesitate very often to commit offenses when the foreseen advantages outweigh the fixed penalties" and it criticizes the "morally unacceptable situations, the ethical violations, the "economic cannibalism," and egoism.

The document gives the concrete example of the recent financial crisis which should have "provided the occasion to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles, and a new regulation of financial activities that would neutralize predatory and speculative tendencies and acknowledge the value of the actual economy. Although there have been many positive efforts at various levels which should be recognized and appreciated, there does not seem to be any inclination to rethink the obsolete criteria that continue to govern the world. On the contrary, the response seems at times like a return to the evils of myopic egoism, limited by an inadequate framework that, excluding the common, also excludes from its horizons the concern to create and spread wealth, and to eliminate the inequality so pronounced today. At stake is the authentic well-being of a majority of the men and women of our planet who are at risk of being "excluded and marginalized" from the development and true well-being while a minority, indifferent to the condition of the majority, exploits and reserves for itself substantial resources and wealth. Therefore, it is time to initiate the recovery of what is authentically human, to expand the horizons of minds and hearts, to recognize faithfully the exigencies of the true and the good without which no social, political and economic system could avoid bankruptcy, failure and, in the long term, collapse. Selfishness, in the end, does not pay while it makes everyone pay a high price; hence, if we want the real well-being of humanity, "Money must serve, not rule!"

The document also shows appreciation for business and financial professionals and institutions and expresses hope for their positive impact to help others. It calls for sustainable policies and perspectives far beyond the short term in the regulation of markets, speculation, credit, consumption, savings, fiscal system, offshore sites, public debt, and the banking system. It calls for "the creation of ethical committees within banks", for "a minimum tax on the transactions accomplished offshore... to resolve a great part of the problem of hunger in the world." It pleads for regulations, for financial transparency and invites each one "as sentinels, to watch over genuine life and to make ourselves catalysts of a new social behavior, shaping our actions to the search for the common good, and establishing it on the sound principles of solidarity and subsidiarity." "In front of the massiveness and pervasiveness of today's economic-financial systems, we could be tempted to abandon ourselves to cynicism, and to think that with our poor forces we can do very little. In reality every one of us can do so much, especially if one does not remain alone." May the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us all guide us and encourage us. Shalom.



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SUNDAY EUCHARIST at ST. ELIZABETH'S

10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am.

at OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton

Sundays at 8:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Daily at St. Elizabeth's: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am

Third Friday: 9:00 am at the Legion Manor, 7601 East Saanich Road, Saanichton

Last Friday: 11:00 am in the Chapel at Saanich Peninsula Hospital

Remaining Fridays: 9:00 am in a private home (for location see "This Week in Our Parish" ...)

RECONCILIATION at ST. ELIZABETH'S: Saturdays 4 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

TRINITY SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018



Deut. 4:32-34,

39-40

Rom. 8:14-17

Matt. 28:16-20

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 3, 2018



Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16,

22-26

10th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JUNE 10, 2018



Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians

4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would

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

April Total.....	\$19,901
May 6	\$ 4,284
May 13	\$ 3,254
May 20	\$ 2,972
Pre-Authorized Debits (March).....	\$ 4,905
Monthly Target.....	\$25,000
Pope's Pastoral Works Collection	\$ 1,018

We offer congratulations to Darryl Wilson and Catherine Alab who were married on May 26 at Our Lady of the Assumption

CLERGY RETREAT: MAY 28-JUNE 1

Fathers Rolf and Thomas are attending the diocesan clergy retreat and will not be available.

CAUTION AT OLA: JUNE 3

Iron Man race on Sunday June 3 using West Saanich Road. Those attending 8:30 Mass at OLA that day, please, respect the people riding the bicycles at great speed down the hill !!

SISTERS OF ST. ANN CELEBRATION

On **Sat. June 2**, you are invited to join the Sisters of St. Ann as they celebrate 160 years of loving ministry. Festivities begin at **10:30 am with Mass** at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Reception to follow at the Royal BC Museum (boxed lunch provided.) **Please email your RSVP to 160thevent@ssabc.ca.**

PENNIES FOR HEAVEN: JUNE 2 & 3

The Knights of Columbus "Pennies for Heaven Donation Drive" is **rescheduled to June 2 & 3** so please keep those pennies (and bills) safe until then. This campaign supports seminarians and promotes vocations.

FLAVOURS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA: JUNE 10

The Samahan Fellowship group invites you to a fundraising lunch featuring Indian and Filipino cuisine on Sunday, **June 10 after 10:30 Mass** at St. Elizabeth's. Proceeds to go towards our Parish Ministry to the First Nations in our Parish: Tsaw'out, Tseycum, Pauqu'achin and Tsartlip. Tickets \$10/each or \$25/family. Tickets after Sunday Mass. Call Cynthia Tandy for more info/ tickets 250-652-6191 or email ctandy@telus.net.

NEXT 3 WEEKS IN OUR PARISH

TUESDAY, MAY 29, JUNE 5 & 12

9:00 am	NO Mass (May 29)
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (June 5 & 12)
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Soup Luncheon
2:00 pm	CWL Executive Mtg. (June 5)
2:00 pm	SVDP Conference Mtg. (June 5)
7:30 pm	K of C Executive Mtg. (June 5)
2:00 pm	CWL General Mtg. (June 12)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, JUNE 6 & 13

9:00 am	Communion Service (May 30)
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (June 6 & 13)
10:00 am	Taiji Qigong

THURSDAY, MAY 31, JUNE 7 & 14

9:00 am	Communion Service (May 31)
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (June 7 & 14)
11:30 am	Friendly Hours Soup Luncheon
2:00 pm	Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Taiji Qigong

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 8 & 15

9:00 am	NO Mass (June 1 & 8)
9:00 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's (June 15)
9:00 am	Mass at the Legion Manor (June 15)
12:00 pm	Funeral Mass for George Gunn (June 8)

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 9 & 16

4:00 pm	Confession
5:00 pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 10 & 17

8:30 am	Mass: Our Lady of Assumption
10:30 am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
11:30 am	Samahan Luncheon (June 10)
11:30 am	Samahan Fellowship Mtg. (June 17)

For the latest schedule see tinyurl.com/sppcal

D & P AND CEMETERY CONTROVERSIES

No new information has been received in this regard. As we learn more, please trust that information will be shared when available. Your patience and prayers are appreciated.

UPCOMING DATES:

- K of C Barbecue: June 19
- Last Friendly Hours Lunch before summer break will be on June 21.

LOST & FOUND AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

There are a number of jackets, coats, umbrellas, etc. hanging in lobby of St. Elizabeth's waiting to be reunited with their owners! Please peruse these items (as we sometimes forget that we've even lost something until we find it) and retrieve your newly found items. All unclaimed items will be given to St. Vincent de Paul.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Our Parish Photo Directory is still on sale in the foyer after Mass. Whether you are a long time parishioner or new to our faith community, having a photo directory is a wonderful way to get to know the names of fellow parishioners.



K of C GARAGE SALE

The Knights of Columbus wish to express their appreciation to all those who participated in the most recent garage sale. To all the volunteers, we could not have managed without your support. A sincere thanks to the many parishioners who assisted as well as the spouses of a number of our Brother Knights. Your donations of the many saleable items also helped to make the event a huge success. Over \$4,000 was raised and this will assist our Council in funding a number of our favourite charities this coming year.

PARISH COUNCIL NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new Parish Council which will include the following members: Mary McGovern (chair), James Bryce, Diane Guglielmi (**new**), Patty-Anne Kay, Leonarda Manalo, Sally McMillan (**new**), Marie Rosko (**new**), Cynthia Tandy, Peter Van Zyl (**new**). Council also includes Fr. Rolf, Fr. Thomas, Gary Koett (ex-officio) and Melanie Ehrlich (ex-officio). Best wishes for a successful term of service and a productive and collaborative year.

TAIZE JUNE 15TH

The promise of Easter and new beginnings welcomes you to join us at 'a time of quiet and beautiful chanting', **Friday June 15th**, 6 - 7 pm at **St. Andrew's Cathedral** for Prayer and Music in the Style of Taize services. End your week with a moment to reflect and nourish your spirit.

SAT. JULY 28, 2018 - ORDINATION

Bishop Gary Gordon invites you to the Ordination to the Order of Deacon of: **John Dawson, Dion Pomponio, Michael Watkins, Philip Yuson on Sat. July 28, 2018 at 10:30 am** at St. Andrew's Cathedral. These men have spent 4½ years in prayerful discernment, study and ministry. We wish them and their families God's blessings. Following the Ordination, all are welcome to a reception at St. Patrick's.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Catechist Networking June 9th, St. Joseph the Worker 9am-1pm Lunch provided. Foundations of the Faith, July 3 & 4, Holy Cross Parish 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Free. Contact Glen Palahicky at Pastoral center gpalahicky@rcdvictoria.org

BISHOP'S GALA RAISES \$58,000!

On behalf of Bishop Gary Gordon, the 2018 Bishop's Gala Organizing Committee is pleased to announce that after expenses, you helped us raise more than **\$58,000 towards the support of First Nations Missions**. This important ministry is at the heart of Bishop Gary's vision of mission ... and as he reminded us, we are all angels of accompaniment, affirmation and assistance; your contributions mean everything to us and to those whose lives will be touched by this Ministry. Our deep thanks go out to all those who made this evening so successful.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

"True Christians have cheerful faces and joy in their eyes."
 "A Church that loves the poor is always turned to the God channel. It never loses the Gospel signal."
 "Marriage silently preaches that love is possible."

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Diocesan clergy appointments and changes: Fr. William Hann on sabbatical till Feb.1, 2019; Fr. Sean Flynn on loan to the Diocese of Whitehorse, Fr. Marinaldo Batista has been reassigned by his community to a parish in the U.S.; Fr. Eduardo Santos appointed pastor of Our Lady of Fatima; Fr. Bernardo Injou Lee appointed Administrator of St. Patrick's in Victoria. Fr. Jose Prakash is returning to his home diocese in India. Fr. Devane Sam from the Diocese of Bellary in India will be the new Pastor of St. Ann's in Duncan.