

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

Why is it that when we give to someone something, it feels so good? Why is it that when we serve another and meet their need, it gives us a sense of satisfaction and joy to which few things can compare? Giving, after all, is not easy. It requires time, effort and sacrifice. So why is it so satisfying? Why does it bring with it such a deep sense of happiness?

I have an answer to this question and it might surprise you. We receive joy from giving because when we give we are like God! Think about it. God is the Ultimate Giver. All that exists comes from God's gracious and generous gift. Our life, our relationships, our abilities, our very being are the result of divine giving. So, if God is the ultimate giver, our role is to receive. We are fully ourselves when we know how to accept from God with thanksgiving and wonder.

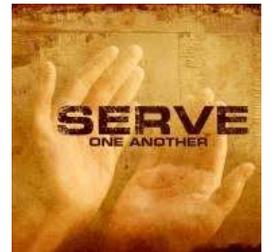
But here's the point: every so often we receivers have a chance to be like God. Every so often, we are given a chance to serve. It can be as parents, when we give our time and patience to form a new life in a son or daughter. It can be as children, when we give of ourselves to care for an aging parent. It can be as a citizen, when we work to bring about more justice in our society. It can be as a friend, when we forgive so that a relationship can continue.

Now this kind of giving is not easy, but it is divine. Giving is what God does. When we are able to serve, we are able to participate in God's action of creating, saving, and loving the world. Giving lifts us higher. It brings us closer to God's action. That is why it feels so good.

Now, it is in this understanding that we can approach today's Gospel. James and John are disciples of Jesus and they come to him to define their role in His mission. What they ask him is: What will we receive? We want to sit at your right and at your left in your glory. Now there's nothing wrong in asking Jesus for this. Sitting with Jesus in glory is a good thing, and we believe that James and John are sitting there right now. But note Jesus' response. Jesus says: You will, indeed, sit with me in glory. But I can offer you something more. I can offer you to be like God, to serve. If you drink this cup that I drink, if you serve the least among you, then the lives that you will change, the hope that you will revive, the joy that you will instill in others will overshadow whatever seats you receive in the kingdom.

You see the mistake of James and John was not that they desired a bad thing. It was that they did not recognize Jesus' call to something greater. They would, indeed, sit in the kingdom but they were called to participate in God's action of transforming the world. Their flaw, if you will, was not that they were prideful or selfish. Their flaw was that they did not understand. They did not recognize that following Jesus allowed them to do what God does and that in that action of service they would find the greatest joy.

The Gospel, then, calls us to value opportunities to give. Indeed, our primary stance is to be receivers, to accept from God all that is given with thankfulness. But every so often we get a chance to serve and we should never look upon that opportunity as a burden. It is, in fact, an invitation to do what God does, a chance to participate in the power and the love that shapes creation, an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the joy and the beauty of God.



THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.
A 2nd collection will be taken up at all the Masses for the Evangelization of the Nations.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Oct. 22nd - Ephes. 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tue. Oct. 23rd - Ephes. 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
Wed. Oct. 24th - Ephes. 3:1-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thurs. Oct. 25th - Ephes. 3:13-21; Luke 12:49-53
Fri. Oct. 26th - Ephes. 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Sat. Oct. 27th - Ephes. 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sun. Oct. 28th - 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jeremiah 31:7-9; Heb. 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Wed. Oct. 24th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers
Sat. Oct. 27th - 5:00 PM - Anna, Henry & Lynn Cao, C.Lee, L.Soliman.
Sun. Oct. 28th - 9:00 AM - E.Garrovilas, S & S Lee, K.Tuginay, C.Vu. 11:00 AM - E.K.Biason, F.Hua, T.Laygo, P.Que. 5:00 PM - A & J Arias, A.Belnas, Emily, Jaden & Kaitlyn Chan, E.Jarvis, I.Picariello.

IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Virginia Jotie, mother of Luvi Gomez. Her funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th at 11:30 am in our church. May she rest in peace!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. Oct. 20 th	5 pm Mass for Rosaria Pulice, R.I.P.
Sun. Oct. 21 st	9 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory 11 am Mass for Yolanda Wong, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Oct. 22 nd	8 am Mass for Yat Sheung Choy, R.I.P.
Tue. Oct. 23 rd	8 am Mass for Mario Rossetti, R.I.P.
Wed. Oct. 24 th	9 am Mass for the int. of Tomas Akoglu 7:00 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Oct. 25 th	8:00 am Mass for John Hoo, R.I.P. 7:00 pm Mass Michael Rhattigan, R.I.P.
Fri. Oct. 26 th	8:00 am Mass for Esther Baldasso, R.I.P. 7:00 pm Mass for Siu Ching & Shu Wing Law, R.I.P.
Sat. Oct. 27 th	9:00 am Mass for Gus Huggan, R.I.P.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

Please Note: This Wednesday, Oct. 24th our Novena Mass will be held at 7 pm due to the Mission talk.

st. jude's PARISH Mission

Mark your calendars and plan to attend!
Our Mission begins this coming Wednesday, Oct. 24th and ends on Sunday, Oct. 28th, our feast day, at the 11 am Mass.

The theme of the Mission is:

“PUTTING GOD AT THE CENTRE OF MY LIFE”

This weekend we welcome **Deacon Tony Gray**, an ordained permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, to our parish. Deacon Tony, who will be preaching our Mission, will be assisting at all the Masses, and promoting the Mission.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will begin with **Mass at 7 pm** followed by the Mission talk. Confessions will also be heard. We invite all of you to come and join us during this holy time, you'll be glad you came. We also encourage you to be an evangelizer and bring a family member or a friend, whom you know to have fallen away from the practice of the Faith. During the Mission our Masses will be offered for all those enrolled in the Shrine.

PROJECT ADVANCE - "Live Gratefully, Give Generously"
Our goal is to raise \$100,000. To date we received \$78,368 in pledges from 267 parishioners which represents 27.1% of the congregation. Thank you to all those who have donated so far. Can we make it to \$80,000. If you wish to contribute, it is not too late, you can still drop off your donation marked Project Advance in the Sunday collection, at the parish office or give online at: www.rca.org/giving.

ST. JUDE'S PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We are selling raffle tickets to raise money for our parish. Who doesn't like a raffle? Especially when the tickets are only \$2.00 each and the grand prize is \$3,000, 2nd prize is \$1,000 and the 3rd prize is \$500 cash. Did you get yours??? Our tickets are going fast, there are only 2,000 tickets left, so don't miss out. Early Bird Draw is, next Sunday, Oct. 28th, St. Jude's feast day. Get your tickets today after the Masses at the entrance of the church. The proceeds will be used for building enhancements.



PREP NEWS

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for children attending public schools, grades 1 through 7, has begun. The program is held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted.

RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). The program is suitable to anyone who is interested in learning more about our faith, for Catholics who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and for those who would like to deepen their faith, whether you were baptized or not. For more info please call (604) 434-6700.



SCHOOL NEWS

- School Mass: This Wed., Oct. 24th at 9 am. Join us!
- Walkathon: please return your walkathon pledge forms along with the money collected to the school asap.
- Parent Teacher Conferences: will be held October 25th. There is no school on that day and students are NOT to attend this conference.
- Care Day & Early Dismissal: Friday, Oct. 26th. The theme is Wacky Hair and Crazy Sock. All students will be dismissed at 12 noon.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflections

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. © 2018 Archdiocese of St. Louis

