

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

In 1888, a man came down for breakfast in his home in Stockholm, Sweden. When he opened the morning newspaper he was shocked to find his own obituary. Through a confusion of names, his death had been falsely reported to the local paper. The editors quickly put together information for his death notice. This was not a difficult thing to do, because the man in question was a famous scientist. He had devised the formula for dynamite which, at that time, was the most powerful explosive in the world.

So, this man had the rare opportunity to read for himself what other people would say about him at his death. And what they said was not good. The title of the obituary was *The Merchant of Death Dies*. It continued, "The man who became rich by finding ways to kill more people more quickly than ever before, died himself yesterday." The scientist was appalled to realize that he would be remembered as the "merchant of death." He resolved at that moment to spend the rest of his life trying to change his legacy. He used his considerable fortune to promote efforts of peace and human advancement. In the end he was successful. The scientist was Alfred Nobel. We know him today, not as the inventor of dynamite, nor as the merchant of death, but as the founder of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Now, Alfred Nobel wanted to become an agent of peace to change what people thought about him. We, as followers of Jesus, have an even greater motivation to be peacemakers. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples his peace as his final gift to them. That gift is meant to be shared. Jesus' peace is not simply a personal gift to make us feel calm and reduce our worries. Jesus' peace is a call to make peace a greater reality in our world.



Now we do not have the ability to change the course of international events. We cannot stop ISIS from engaging in terrorism or end the war in Syria. But each one of us, every day, makes choices that either foster or harm the peace around us.

Jesus gives us his peace so that we can be peacemakers in our families, to treat the people in our lives with the respect and dignity they deserve. Jesus gives us his peace so that we can be peacemakers, by finding ways to work together and cooperate with one another, without leaving anyone behind. Jesus gives us his gift of peace so that we can be peacemakers, and influence family and friends to make political decisions that will promote understanding and the common good.

We do not have the resources to found an international monetary prize for peace. But we can be peacemakers. We can take the peace that Jesus gives us and use it to move the world, one step closer to the kingdom of God.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mon. May 27th - Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a
- Tue. May 28th - Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wed. May 29th - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thurs. May 30th Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
- Fri. May 31st - THE VISITATION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY
Zephaniah 3:14-18 or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:29-56
- Sat. June 1st - ST. JUSTIN, memorial
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
- Sun. June 2nd - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts 1:1-11; Ephes.1:17-23 or Heb. 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Luke 24:44-53



A 2nd Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works will take place this weekend at all the Masses.

KNIGHTLY NEWS

- Membership Drive: will be held this weekend at all the Masses.



ALTAR SERVERS



- Wed. May 29th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers
- Sat. June 1st - 5:00 PM - Anna, Henry & Lynn Cao, C.Lee, L.Soliman.
- Sun. June 2nd - 9:00 AM - E.Garrovillas, S & S Lee, K.Tuguinay. 11:00 AM - A & E Biason, T.Laygo,

P.Que. 5:00 PM - A & J Arias, A.Belnas, Emily, Jaden & Kaitlyn Chan, E.Jarvis, I.Picariello.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. May 25th 5 pm Mass for Yap Kui Chee, R.I.P.
- Sun. May 26th 9 am Mass for Esther Baldasso, R.I.P.
11 am Mass for Rosaria Pulice, R.I.P.
5 pm Mass for parishioners
- Mon. May 27th 8 am Mass for Gus Huggan, R.I.P.
- Tue. May 28th 8 am Mass for Charles Leong, R.I.P.
7 pm Mass for the int. of Isagani Espiritu
- Wed. May 29th 9 am Mass for Nieva Samson, R.I.P.
7:30 pm Novena Mass
- Thur. May 30th 8 am Mass for Sr. Katherine Mickerson, R.I.P.
- Fri. May 31st 8 am Mass for Victorina P. Martin, R.I.P.
- Sat. June 1st 9 am Mass for Marino & Norberto Balmacerda, RIP

PROJECT ADVANCE

“Live gratefully, give generously”

Thank you to the 49 parishioners who have contributed to our Project Advance and pledged \$35,000, in the past 3 weeks of our campaign. Can we reach our diocesan goal this weekend??? Yes, we can if everyone participates. Every amount counts. The important thing is to increase participation. Volunteers will be available after all the Masses, this weekend, to help you with your pledges. If you prefer you can drop off your donation at the parish office or give online at: www.projectadvance.ca

Please Note: As both Fr. Jun and Fr. Joseph will be away on retreat, there will be NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week. Fr. Lino will be here to celebrate our scheduled weekday Masses.

MARIAN PROCESSION & CROWNING OF MARY will be held this Tuesday, May 28th. Mass at 7 pm followed by procession. Join us!



PREP NEWS

This Tuesday, May 28th, will be our last PREP class for this school year. There will be a Mass at 7 pm, followed by a Marian Procession. First Communion children are asked to wear their 1st Communion gowns.

CCO Faith Study - Discovery will start on June 1st for 6 Saturdays, ending July 6th. Sessions will be held from 6:15 to 8 pm. Cost \$10 for the book. All those interested in participating are asked to sign-up, this weekend, after the Masses on the sheet provided in the vestibule.



PEC NEWS

As there were not enough nominations submitted for the PEC, no elections will be held. The following people have been elected by acclamation: **Richelle Akol, Anita Hua, Leah Wong, Ann Tang, Desiree Suganob and Maria Paredes.** Thank you for allowing your names to stand.

SCHOOL NEWS:

School Mass: Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!
Early Dismissal: This Friday, May 31st at 12 noon.

ST. JUDE'S PARISH - 75TH ANNIVERSARY
This year we will be celebrating our Parish's 75th Anniversary. A planning committee is in place and we will have further information once plans are finalized. However, for now, we need your help! Do you have any pictures of past functions at St. Jude's which include any of our former Pastors, assistants, Bishops, etc... If so, we would appreciate it if you could lend them to us. Please make sure your name and phone number is on the back of each picture so we can return them to you. Drop them off at the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

“...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all he has given you and trust that he has a better plan for you.

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Focus on Life Gala Dinner

Whether it's coming alongside women facing a crisis pregnancy, helping young people understand their inherent worth, or advocating for the value of all human beings, Focus On Life is dedicated to transforming our culture and our communities. Come celebrate with us on Monday, May 27, at the Italian Cultural Centre. Parking is free. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register online at focusonlife.ca

Marian Movement of Priests Annual Cenacle

Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle with Adoration followed by Holy Mass with Fr. Francis Geremia will be held on Monday, May 27, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver. Refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Takes place on Saturday, June 1. Mass is at 9 a.m. at Holy Spirit Parish, New Westminster, followed by the Rosary.

Vocations Afternoon with the Poor Clares at St. Clare's Monastery

A “come and see” afternoon for women from Grade 12 to age 40 who wish to discern a religious vocation. Takes place on Saturday, June 1, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Clare's Monastery in Mission. Those interested in attending should call Sr. Marie Therese (be sure to mention her full name since all the names of the sisters begin with “Marie”) at 604-826-2818.

Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

Don't miss out on the - **2019 Walk to Keep the Dream Alive** - Sunday, June 2nd, at 12 noon at Tynehead Regional Park, Surrey, for Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society's programs including Eva's House. Register by calling our office at 604-585-6688 or online at www.DomesticAbuseServices.ca.

Marital Money Matters

Takes place on Saturday, June 8, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Gym in Vancouver. Facilitated by Christian Dy, award winning educator, team leader, and financial advisor.

Welcome Mass for New Catholics

Sunday, June 16th at 3 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Archbishop J. Michael Miller will celebrate a Mass to welcome our new brothers and sisters who have entered the Catholic Church this year. Join us!

