

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

I would like to reflect on the last line of today's gospel. Jesus says, **"Do not rejoice that the demons are subject to you but rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."** What is this line about? I would suggest to you that it is about humility. You see, Jesus gave his disciples real power to limit the influence of evil spirits, and that power was good. But Jesus did not want his disciples to be distracted by what they could do. This is why He says that they should rejoice that their names were written in heaven. It was a valuable thing for the disciples to drive out demons on earth, but it was even more valuable that God in heaven knew them and cared for them. What the disciples could do was important. What God does is even more important. Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that it was not about them. Understanding this is humility.

Humility is a virtue by which we see ourselves in the right perspective. It is a virtue that we need in our world today, because so many factors are trying to convince us that life is about us, about our own successes and importance.

David Brooks, a columnist for the New York Times, offered a reflection in an interview. He was watching, on television, an old footage of the victory celebration after World War II. In the segment, Bing Crosby was hosting a celebration with the American troops. Crosby said *"Well, its over. We've won. But I suppose today we do not feel so much proud as humbled."* What a sober and wonderful reflection. We won, but when you consider how many people died, how much was lost, this would not be a time to gloat. Then, Brooks turned the channel to a football game. The quarterback threw a pass to the wide receiver who caught it. But after two yards, he was tackled. The defensive player jumped up, pumped his arms, beat his chest to celebrate what he had accomplished in that defensive play. Brooks said, *"I thought to myself. I had just seen more self-adulation and praise over a two-yard gain than over winning World War II."*

Humility is the virtue by which we see ourselves in the right perspective. There is nothing about humility that says that we should not take satisfaction in what we can do. The disciples should have been pleased that they could drive out demons. But all the things that we do are part of a larger picture, a picture in which God plays a role. Knowing that, is humility.

You might be gifted as a parent. You should take pride in your ability to guide your children and teach them. But humility reminds you that what your children become is not entirely in your control. Their lives are part of a bigger picture to which you can only contribute. That is why your greatest joy should be to know that God knows your intention and whatever happens, God will stand with you. You might be given the gift of a great voice or a creative mind or the ability to organize and accomplish things. You should use those gifts freely. But humility tells you that ultimate success is not dependent simply on your talents. That is why your greatest joy should be that your name is written in heaven.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. July 1st - Genesis 18:16-33; Mat. 8:18-22

Tue. July 2nd - Genesis 19:15-29; Mat. 18:23-27

Wed. July 3rd - ST. THOMAS, feast

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

Thurs. July 4th - Genesis 22:1-19; Mat. 9:1-8

Fri. July 5th - Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mat. 9:9-13

Sat. July 6th - Genesis 27:1-5, 9-10, 15-29; Mat. 9:14-17

Sun. July 7th - 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is. 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

PROJECT ADVANCE - *"Live gratefully, give generously"*

Thank you to all those who have so generously contributed to our Project Advance campaign. Our goal is to increase participation and reach \$100,000. **Our volunteers will be at the entrance of the church this Sunday, after all the Masses, to assist you with your pledges.** You can also, if you prefer, drop your donation marked "Project Advance" in the Sunday collection basket, at the parish office or online at: www.projectadvance.ca Thank you for your consideration

OPEN CHURCH NEWS

'Could you not watch one hour with me'

(Mat. 26:40)



Our Open Church Program is in desperate need of volunteers, especially during the summer months, when so many are away on holidays. Can you help out? Either on a permanent basis or as a spare. All it takes is one hour a week. If you

are able to assist please contact Helen Low at 604-433-8520.

CWL NEWS



Friendship Day: This Sunday after the 9 and 11 am Masses at the entrance of the church. Please join us!

Photo Shoot: All members of the CWL, (that is members at large and Executive) are invited to have their picture taken with Fr. Jun, on July 13th after the 5 pm Mass for our 75th Anniversary Souvenir Program. Members are asked to wear white top, black pants or skirts and their scarves.



ALTAR SERVERS

Please Note: As there is no schedule for the summer, we ask all our servers to please volunteer their services at the Mass they attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat. July 6 th	5 pm Mass for James Jan Fong Chiu, R.I.P.
Sun. July 7 th	9 am Mass for Enzo Rossetti, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for Corazon Belmonte, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. July 8 th	8 am Mass for Nicolina Balestra, R.I.P.
Tues. July 9 th	8 am Mass for Robert Wallace, R.I.P.
Wed. July 10 th	9 am Mass for Josue Barraca, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. July 11 th	8 am Mass for the int. of Renee Tryhuk
Fri. July 12 th	8 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P.
Sat. July 13 th	9 am Mass for Adelina Morgado, R.I.P.

LEGION OF MARY NEWS

The Legion of Mary will hold their first "Frank Duff" prayer meeting this coming Tuesday, July 9th at 6 pm in the St. Jude Chapel, meeting room. Light snack will follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Our school is now closed for the summer.
- We still have some openings for the coming 2018/19 school year. If you are aware of any families who may be interested please have them contact our school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND! ST. JUDE'S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - FUNDRAISING EVENT

Saturday, July 27th, from 10 am to 10 pm in our church parking lot. Food, raffle, games, music and much more... something for everyone. Come with your family, your friends, invite your neighbours. You won't want to miss it!



ST. JUDE'S PARISH - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, we are celebrating our Parish's 75th Anniversary. To mark this occasion, a special Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 28th, followed by a Gala dinner at the Hilton Metrotown. Tickets for the dinner are \$140.00 and are being sold after the Masses.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION this will be our last bulletin until September. If you have any important announcements, please bring them to the parish office, no later than Friday mornings. Please check our parish website for updates. Have a good summer!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few...'" (Luke 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are, to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

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Permanent Diaconate Still Accepting Applications!

Do you feel called to be a Permanent Deacon? Men between the ages of 35 and 60 interested in ordained ministry are invited to apply for our fourth cohort! **The application deadline has been extended to July 15.** For more info please contact the Permanent Diaconate Office at (604) 683-0281 ext. 50431 or email deacons@rcav.org



Catholic Gap Year - \$500 Bursary

Looking to strengthen your faith before going to university? Need adventure or time off from school? Trying to figure out how to live your life with purpose? Taking a Catholic Gap Year to go on mission or formation may just be what you're looking for! It's your chance to serve the world, experience the global Church, and explore God's purpose for your life. We understand that this is a big decision, but you're not alone! Visit catholicgapyear.ca to explore your options **before August 2.**

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information or to register for the Fall program beginning the weekend of September 27 - 29, 2019, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 and leave a message or email us at: vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org

An Evening with Archbishop Miller - Save the Date!

The 8th annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place on Tues., Oct. 22nd, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. This year, in partnership with Providence Health Care and with St. Mark's College, Archbishop Miller has designated the proceeds to help foster Catholic health-care ethics in the education of health-care providers and in the support of their day-to-day practice. There will be a reception at 6 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. For more info or to reserve your table(s) please contact development@rcav.org

