

*A Reflection from Fr. Joseph*

Johnny walked over to the Priest after services, “*You know Father, I am really stuck in a quandary I would like to attend church next week, but I just can’t miss the big game next Sunday, it’s just out of the question.*” “*Oh Johnny, Johnny*” said the Priest putting his arm around Johnny, “*don’t you know? that’s what recorders are for.*” Johnny’s face lit up “*you mean I could record your sermon?*”



One of the tasks of the Seminary is to prepare young men for priestly ordination. In pursuit of this goal, it arranges courses of study, examines candidates for ordination and makes recommendations about their suitability to their bishops. In that context, one would expect all seminarians going through this process to pay attention to what is being taught, especially to know the difference between perfect and imperfect acts of contrition.

The distinction in question depends on what role the consequences of sin have in bringing about sorrow for our sins. Now, we can extend the distinction beyond its application to sin and focus instead on the role consequences play in our relationship with God generally. Take the lepers of today's Gospel as an example. Lepers had a tough time in the Israel of Jesus' day. It wasn't just the effects of the disease - it was also the fact that the leper could infect other people. Consequently, lepers were excluded. They were forced to live separately and were not allowed to be readmitted to society until their healing had been confirmed.

When Jesus healed the lepers and told them to go and show themselves to a priest then, he was encouraging the lepers to get the healing confirmed so that they could re-enter society. But if re-entering society depended upon confirmation of the healing and there would be nothing to confirm without the healing. In that case then, when one leper returned to Jesus to give thanks for the healing without having had it confirmed, that leper was less concerned with the consequences of his healing than the others. That leper couldn't enjoy the full consequences of his healing without obtaining confirmation of it, and so by not seeking confirmation of it that leper was focused on something else: the desire to praise Christ.

Of course, this Gospel would be much less interesting if it was only applicable to the lepers of Jesus' time. It isn't however; it applies to us as well. After all, by any measure, we've done pretty well when it comes to God sharing his gifts with us. Our guilt on account of original sin has been removed, our natures have been elevated through grace, and consequently, we face the same choice the lepers did. Do we thank God for the gifts we have received because of their consequences or independently of their consequences?

We are all surrounded by blessings but only the thankful see them. People who never give thanks turn into bitter people, people who are never satisfied, people whose life is never enough. But people who give thanks are able to find goodness in the strangest of places, celebrate the blessings that they have received, and hope and trust in the promise of life eternal.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Mon. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Rom. 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32

**Tue. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** - ST. TERESA OF JESUS, memorial

Rom. 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41

**Wed. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** - ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE, memorial

Rom. 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46

**Thurs. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>** - ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, memorial

Rom. 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54

**Fri. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** - ST. LUKE, feast

2 Tim 4:9-17a; Luke 10:1-9

**Sat. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** - Rom. 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12

**Sun. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** - 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8



**A 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN-UP THIS WEEKEND AT ALL THE Masses for our Parish Maintenance Fund.**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

*“Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.”*

**Please Note: As this Mon. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, is**

**Thanksgiving, our Mass will be celebrated at 9 am and our office will be closed.**

**PROJECT ADVANCE NEWS**

Thank you to all those who generously supported our Project Advance campaign. Our goal is to increase participation. If you haven't contributed, please consider doing so. You can give at the parish office, drop off your donation marked Project Advance in the Sunday collection or give online at: [www.rca.org/giving](http://www.rca.org/giving)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Wed. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM** - Volunteers

**Sat. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM** - Joaquin & Mikylla Cabuhayan, Anna, Lynn & Henry Cao.

**Sun. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM** - C.Barraca, Jonah, Isaiah &

Norah Chao, T.Johnson, S.Yip. **11:00 AM** - T.Laygo, W.Pham, E.Wong, C.Lee, J.Magbanua. **5:00 PM** - K.Alonzo, Z.Bambilla, M.Hong, E.Nguyen, A.Paredes, L.Soliman, K & K Tan.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. A 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be taken up at all the Masses for the Evangelization of the Nations.**

### **75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWS**

*Please be reminded that payment for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner are now due. Payment will be collected, this weekend, after all the Masses. During the week your payment may be dropped off at the Parish office.*

## **ST. JUDE'S PARISH MISSION**

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend!**

**This year Fr. Emil Lim will be coming to preach our Mission on "The Theological Virtues of Hope"**

He will be promoting the Mission at all the Masses on the weekend of Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The Mission will begin on Mon., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and end on Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.** More info will follow.

### **PREP NEWS**

Our Parish Religious Education Program for children in grades 1 through 7 attending public school has begun. Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:30 - 7:45 pm in our school. Registrations are still being accepted prior to classes.

### **RCIA & ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Interested? Know someone who might be? Come or invite them to join our parish program called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult). Every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the church hall. The program is suitable for 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. For more info call (604) 434-6700.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

- **No School:** Our school will be closed this Monday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

- **School Mass:** This Wed., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9 am. Join us!

## **FEDERAL ELECTION**

The faithful are reminded that Election Day in Canada is Oct. 21, and in a letter Archbishop Miller reminds Catholics they have a moral obligation to vote, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Archbishop reminds the faithful that, "Voting is more than an act of civic participation. It is a serious responsibility that lets us bring our Christian values to the ballot box in the hope of positively influencing Canadian society." The full letter is in this week's bulletin and online at [rcav.org/election2019](http://rcav.org/election2019).

# **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

## **Up-Coming Events**

### **Stewardship Reflections**

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Tim 1:7)*

Many of us compartmentalize our faith, bringing it out only when we attend Mass or a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighbourhood party, at work, or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

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### **Infant Loss Awareness Day Mass with Archbishop Miller**

Join us as we light up Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery in Surrey and honour our little ones who have gone too soon. Special Mass at the Evangelist Chapel. Celebrant Archbishop Miller on Oct. 15, at 7 p.m.

### **Taize Prayer Service at St. Augustine's Church**

Come join us on our monthly Taize prayer service at St. Augustine's Church on Thursday, Oct 17, 7:45 - 9 p.m. Come and experience a quiet meditative evening with candles, Scriptures, prayers, chants, and silence.

### **Irish Beer Tasting Night with the Jesuits**

Visit with Fr. John O'Brien, S.J., Vocations Director for the Jesuits of Canada, and with other Jesuits from across Canada. For men ages 19-39 who like Irish beer and faith. First beer is on us. Spaces limited. RSVP on Eventbrite. Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Dublin Crossing, Vancouver

### **First Day of Recollection: Mary's Fiat**

Join the women's discernment group for a Day of Recollection Saturday, Oct. 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. The event includes Mass, lunch, a talk by a sister, and discussion. This event is open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35. To RSVP or for more info, 604-443-3254 or by email at [womensvocations@rcav.org](mailto:womensvocations@rcav.org)

### **An Evening with Archbishop Miller**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Archbishop's Dinner will take place Tuesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Hyatt Regency, Van. 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. Reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. For more info or to reserve your table(s) please visit [rcav.org/dinner2019](http://rcav.org/dinner2019).

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat. Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>	5 pm Mass for Elpidio Rapanot, R.I.P.
Sun. Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for the int. of Eric Pang 11 am Mass for the int. of Robert & Julie Casanova 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9am</b> Mass for the int. of Mireille Farwagi
Tue. Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory
Wed. Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for the int. of Christine Stadler 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Mass for the int. of Florie Shu
Fri. Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am Mass for Agustin Gomez, R.I.P.
Sat. Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass for Joseph Chun-Teh Chu, R.I.P.

## **Upper Room Conference**

At the Upper Room Conference, you will hear from incredible speakers like Cardinal Dolan, Sr. Miriam James, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller, you'll be able to connect with other disciples, and gain insight and resources on how to live out your missional call in your homes and communities. We'll also have time of worship, prayer and community. This conference has been a long time coming. Led by the vision of Archbishop Michael to see the Gospel shared, the heart of Upper Room comes back to Pope Francis' declaration of the Extraordinary Missionary Month and the prodding of the Holy Spirit in our Archdiocese. The conference takes place at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Saturday, Oct. 26. Registration and conference info at [upperroomvancouver.com](http://upperroomvancouver.com) We believe that God is beginning a new movement in Vancouver.