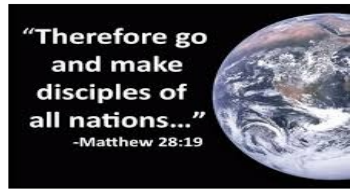


A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

G. K. Chesterton, a great Christian philosopher of the last century, wrote this in 1910. "Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly." Now obviously Chesterton is playing with the common saying, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well," and has reverse it. When we first hear his version, we are quite sure that he is wrong. But with more reflection, it becomes clear that Chesterton is revealing a profound truth. Anything worth doing, anything important, is something that we should do, even if we do not do it well, even if we do it poorly. Now, Chesterton was quick to point out that his saying does not apply to everything. There are certain things such as brain surgery or discovering the North Pole that you should not attempt, unless you are confident that you are good at it. But he also went on to say that these things are not the most important things in life. The most important things - such as falling in love, raising children, helping those in need - those are all things that we *should* do, and *must* do, even if we do not do them very well. "Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly."



Today's gospel has some striking parallels to Chesterton's saying. It is the Great Commission scene which ends Matthew's gospel. In it, the risen Christ sends out his disciples to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. But even in this glorious scene there are two indications that all is not well. First, right at the beginning we are told, "The eleven disciples went to Galilee". There are eleven disciples because one of the twelve, Judas, betrayed Jesus and afterwards went out and hanged himself. So, the disciples are incomplete because of betrayal and suicide. Then, the eleven disciples that do arrive in Galilee are also flawed. They worship Christ but they also doubt. So, how is it possible that this incomplete and doubting group of disciples is going to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth? Why is Jesus sending them? Jesus is sending them because proclaiming the Good News of God's love is worth doing, even if the disciples do it poorly.

What is true for the disciples, is true for us. We are not perfect people, but our flaws do not excuse us from doing those things that are worth doing. We must love our families, even if sometimes we do not love them well and if the love that we offered is not always reciprocated. We must guide our children, even though our patience runs thin and the advice that we offer is sometimes rejected. We must proclaim the good news of the gospel to the world. Jesus sends us, as he sent his disciples. We must show by our lives that God is real, even though our lives are sometimes marked by selfishness and fear. We must proclaim with our words that God's love is present, even though others might sometimes see that our words do not match our actions.

The world needs to know the presence of God. There are many who wait for the comfort of God's love. That is why Christ sends us out to proclaim it. We are compromised and flawed, that's for sure, but Jesus still sends us. This is because announcing the Reign of God, proclaiming the presence of God, is worth doing - even if we do it poorly.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**Mon. May 22nd** - Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33**Tue. May 23rd** - Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a**Wed. May 24th** - Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19**Thurs. May 25th** - Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26**Fri. May 26th** - ST. PHILIP NERI, memorial
Acts 24:27, 25:1-3b-21; John 21:15-19**Sat. May 27th** - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25**Sun. May 28st** - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

**ALTAR SERVERS****Wed. May 24th - 7 :30 PM** - Volunteers**Sat. May 27th - 5 PM** - A & A Taban,
J.Tuguinay.**Sun. May 28th - 9AM** - A & V Collins, A & J Yip. **11 AM** -
K & K Bui, S.Cho, N.Sanchez, W. Del Rosario.
5 PM - C & F Le, C.Akol, A.Mendoza, J.Paja, J.Roque.**FR. JOSEPH'S SILVER JUBILEE**

This Sunday, May 21st, at the 11 o'clock Mass, Fr. Joseph will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination. Please join us in thanking Fr. Joseph for his faithful and loving service to the Church. A reception will follow in the school gymnasium. All are welcome to attend! Let us keep Fr. Joseph in our prayers that God may continue to bless him abundantly, in his priestly ministry, as he continues to serve him faithfully.

**CONGRATULATIONS!****VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY****Please be reminded that our office will be closed this Monday, May 22nd for the statutory holiday.**

C.W.L. NEWS

- **Installation of New Executive:** All members of the CWL are invited to attend a special Mass on Thursday, June 8th at 7 pm for the Installation of the New Executive Officers.



SCHOOL NEWS

- **No School:** This Monday for Victoria Day.
- **School Tours:** Our Gr. 7 Student Ambassadors will be available to provide tours of our school to prospective families. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending St. Jude School, I encourage you to tell them to sign up for a tour. Any interested family can email registrar@stjude.ca to schedule a tour.

- **PATRIOTS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN** Patriots Summer Camp will run at St. Jude School from July 3-7th, 9AM-3PM.

This camp is run by Mr. C and Ms. Corea and is aimed at children aged 7-13. The activities will include fun games, sports, and team-building activities. Cost for the week is \$175.00 per child with discounts available for siblings and referrals. For further information and registration please email acampanile@stjude.ca.

Parish Education Committee (PEC)

St. Jude School is managed by an elected body of parishioners who meet once per month to deal with matters related to finances, maintenance, staffing, fundraising and more. The Education Committee consists of 7 members. Five of whom are elected by St. Jude Parishioners and 2 appointed by the pastor. All registered and practicing St. Jude Parishioners, 21 years of age and older, approved by the pastor, are eligible to be on the committee. For more info call the parish office or speak to Fr. Jun. The annual election of members, to Parish and Regional Education Committees, takes place on Saturday and Sunday, May 27th and 28th 2023.

Stewardship Reflection

"I am praying for them..." John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone. - Copyright © 2023 Archdiocese of St. Louis

Annual General Meeting, Domestic Abuse Services - Our Lady of Good Counsel Society

This event is a great opportunity to meet the Board of Directors and fellow members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Society, learn about their work, what's in store for Eva's House (the Society's second-stage housing that offers survivors of domestic violence a safe and comfortable place to call home), and how to help the cause. All members are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. On Thursday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish Centre in Surrey. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

Life in the Spirit Seminar (for Busy People)


This seminar is a series of talks, discussions and testimonies designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. It aims to deepen a personal relationship with Christ and to help the participants yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Guest speakers are Father Pierre Leblond, OP; Father Joseph D'Souza, OP, and; Father Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP. All are welcome! Light snacks will be provided. On Friday, May 26, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Vancouver. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

MOMents of Grace: Moms Retreat

This retreat is tailored to give moms some quiet time to pray, reflect and connect. Gather with other moms as Catherine M. Kelly, M.Div. offers inspiring insights on how to find and celebrate unique moments of grace in the busyness of motherhood. The morning retreat engages scripture, poetry, art, music, plus quiet time for personal prayer, and spiritual small group conversation. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome! Childcare available with advance registration. Sliding scale registration fees apply. On Saturday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish in Vancouver. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events



Permanent Diaconate Program
Now accepting applications

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Fifth Ordinandi Dinner

The Vocations and Seminarians Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver cordially invites you to the Fifth Ordinandi Dinner featuring Deacon Patrick Le and Deacon Medard Kamanzi. Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful on Wed., June 21 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Tickets are available for purchase at: secure.rcav.org/ordina...

