

Theme Sharing



Merciful and Generous God (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Today's gospel reading is taken from Matthew. We know that Matthew's Gospel was originally intended for the Jews converted from Judaism. In the early Church, these Jews were gradually outnumbered by the Gentiles-turned-Christians. Matthew understood how they felt as a minority group, and exhorted them to accept these Gentile (foreign) converts and work together towards communion of faith. God is speaking through the landowner in today's parable: "My friend, I have not treated you unfairly. Did you not agree with me to work in my vineyard for a day's wage? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give the same wage to the one who came in last to work. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you jealous because I am generous?"

Throughout the ages, the Church has always considered the pastoral needs of the time in choosing appropriate passages from the scriptures for Sunday readings. In today's first reading, taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9, the Church reminds us about two important lessons – firstly, that God's thoughts are not the same as our thoughts; and secondly, that God's thoughts are different from ours because of His infinite love and mercy for all of us. It is always reassuring to learn that God is merciful and generous to all of us at all times.

"Seek the Lord while He can be found; call upon Him while He is near."

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

So the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Matthew 20.16)

Is the cup half full or half empty? It depends on who is doing the drinking. The Lord says: my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. The justice of God is mercy and generosity.

Eco-Stewardship Tips and Quotations

There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.

—Rachel Carson

Plastics—reduce, re-use, recycle: Just say no to buying bottled water. Drink filtered water from a re-usable bottle. Keep one at home, one in your bag, one at the office, and one in the car so you don't have to buy when you are on the go. And if you must buy a bottle of water, be sure to re-use that bottle or recycle it.

Parish Activities



October is the month dedicated to Holy Rosary of Mary

There will be reciting of Holy Rosary before each Sunday Morning and Saturday evening mass in October. Please come 20 minutes earlier and join.

Prayer Card

Members of the Legion of Mary and Our Lady Queen of China will distribute to every parishioner a Rosary Card after Sunday Mass in October. You are asked to pray at home yourself or with your family according to the intention of the Rosary Card.

Together in Action



"WE HAVE THIS HOPE, A SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL" (Hebrews 6:19)

The target of our 2011 Diocesan's Appeal campaign is \$50,000. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. As of September 13, our campaign has received a total of \$33,545. Let's continue to take action now to respond to Christ's love and sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

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Why pray the Rosary today?

Certainly, to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life. The following are a few others reasons why the rosary should be prayed often, even daily:

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary"

(Pope Pius IX).

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world"

(Our Lady of Fátima).

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family . . . than the daily recitation of the Rosary"

(Pope Pius XII).

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that we put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils of our times"

(Pope Pius XII).

"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary"

(Bishop Hugh Doyle).

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world"

(Pope John XXIII).

"The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel"

(Pope Paul VI quoting Pope Pius XII).

"Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary . . . can be an excellent

preparation for the celebration of those same mysteries in the liturgical actions [i.e. the Mass] and can also become a continuing echo thereof"

(Pope Paul VI).

"My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fátima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God"

(Sister Lucia, one of the seers of Fátima).

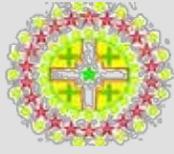
"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening"

(Pope John Paul II).

Pope John Paul II has called the Rosary his "favorite prayer," after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

St. Louis de Montfort warns us against both the ignorant and scholars who regard the Rosary as something of little importance..."the Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God."

Diocese & Other News



Office of Vocations

Come And See Weekend: A priestly vocation discernment weekend will take place at St Joseph Major Seminary in Edmonton on the weekend of **September 30 – October 2.** (It will begin at 7 p.m. Friday evening and end on Sunday at noon.) For further information and to register please contact Fr. Gaffney at 403-245-2753 or mjgaffney@telusplanet.net.

Prayer For Vocations : You are invited to a holy hour of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Sunday October 2.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **7:30 p.m.** Place: **St. Anne's Parish, Calgary.** For information please contact Fr. Gaffney.

Life and Family Resource Centre

Life Chain in Calgary is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation. www.nationallifechain.org provides information about churches being encouraged to participate in 90 minutes of pro-prayer while holding pro-life signs at two different locations in Calgary at 2:30 pm on Sunday 2 October 2011.

Weekly Activities



Mon, Wed, Fri 19, 21, 23

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Saturday 24

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

Time: 9: 45 a.m.
Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30p.m.
Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Faith Sharing Group (Arbour Lake)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.
Contact: Grace Chan 403-208-1806

Sunday 25

R. C.I.A

Adult Catechumenate Class
(Cantonese, Mandarin and English)
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School

Time: 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.
Place: OLPH Church Office Building

Youth Group

Time: 11:00a.m.-12:30p.m
Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Imitating Christ



Chapter 13 :

Resisting Temptation

SO LONG as we live in this world we cannot escape suffering and temptation. Whence it is written in Job: "The life of man upon earth is a warfare." Everyone, therefore, must guard against temptation and must watch in prayer lest the devil, who never sleeps but goes about seeking whom he may devour, find occasion to deceive him. No one is so perfect or so holy but he is sometimes tempted; man cannot be altogether free from temptation.
To Be Continued

Let There Be Light



Teach Me To Pray

Please teach me, Lord ...
I want to know
Exactly how to pray.
I need some words
Which ones are right?
Please tell me what to say.
I've bowed my head
I have knelt down, But ...

should I be upright?
I've closed my eyes,
I've raised my hands, Or ...
should I fold them tight?
Do I stand up?
Should I sit down?
Dear Lord ... what do you like?
Are lights turned on
Or are they off? Maybe ...
candle light?
Wear my glasses?
Take them off?
Be at my desk or table?
Should I whisper?
Speak out loud?
Do I quote the Bible?
What do you think about the time?
Do You prefer the dawn?
Should I pray fast,
Or keep it slow?
Better short ... or long?
I'm new at this
What are the rules?
I want to do it right.
How do I know
You'll even hear
That I am in Your sight?
And while I sat there quietly,
Waiting for some sign,
I heard a gentle voice say,
"Oh, dearest child of mine ...
Do you think I really care
About the time of day,
Or whether you are standing up,
Or kneeling when you pray?"
"I don't care about your posture,
Or about the place you choose;
Just open up your soul to me,
I have no other rules.
Tell me what is in your heart,
And tell me what you seek;
Tell me of your sorrows,
And of those things that made you weak."
"Speak to me in private
About what concerns you most;
I know about your good deeds ...
You have no need to boast.
My child, you don't need lessons,
Just talk to me each day;
Tell me anything you want, dear child,
Anyone can pray."

Angry

If you are right then there is no need to get angry.
And if you are wrong then you don't have any right to get angry.

Patience with family is love,
 Patience with others is respect,
 Patience with self is confidence
 And Patience with GOD is faith.
 Never Think Hard about PAST,
 It brings Tears...
 Don't Think more about FUTURE,
 It brings Fears...
 Live this Moment with a Smile,
 It brings Cheers!!!!
 Every test in our life makes us bitter or
 better,
 Every problem comes to make us or
 break us,
 Choice is ours whether we become victim
 or victorious !!!
 Search a beautiful heart not a beautiful
 face.
 Beautiful things are not always good
 but good things are always beautiful
 Do you know, why God created gaps
 between fingers?
 So that someone who is special to you,
 comes and fills those gaps by holding
 your hands forever

Stories Faith Sharing



Color of Friendship

Once upon a time the colors of the world
 started to quarrel.

All claimed that they were the best.
 The most important.

The most useful.

The favorite.

Green said:

"Clearly I am the most important. I am the
 sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for
 grass, trees and leaves. Without me, all
 animals would die. Look over the
 countryside and you will see that I am in the
 majority."

Blue interrupted:

"You only think about the earth, but consider
 the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the
 basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from
 the deep sea. The sky gives space and
 peace and serenity. Without my peace, you
 would all be nothing."

Yellow chuckled:

"You are all so serious. I bring laughter,
 gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is
 yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are

yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower,
 the whole world starts to smile. Without me
 there would be no fun."

Orange started next to blow her trumpet:
 "I am the color of health and strength. I may
 be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the
 needs of human life. I carry the most
 important vitamins. Think of carrots,
 pumpkins, oranges, mangoes, and papayas.
 I don't hang around all the time, but when I
 fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is
 so striking that no one gives another thought
 to any of you."

**Red could stand it no longer he shouted
 out:**

"I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's
 blood! I am the color of danger and of
 bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I
 bring fire into the blood. Without me, the
 earth would be as empty as the moon. I am
 the color of passion and of love, the red rose,
 the poinsettia and the poppy."

Purple rose up to his full height:

He was very tall and spoke with great pomp:
 "I am the color of royalty and power. Kings,
 chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me
 for I am the sign of authority and wisdom.
 People do not question me! They listen and
 obey."

Finally Indigo spoke, much more quietly
 than all the others, but with just as much
 determination: "Think of me. I am the color of
 silence. You hardly notice me, but without
 me you all become superficial. I represent
 thought and reflection, twilight and deep
 water. You need me for balance and contrast,
 for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colors went on boasting, each
 convinced of his or her own superiority.
**Their quarreling became louder and
 louder. Suddenly there was a startling
 flash of bright lightening thunder rolled
 and boomed. Rain started to pour down
 relentlessly. The colors crouched down in
 fear, drawing close to one another for
 comfort.**

**In the midst of the clamor, rain began to
 speak:**

"**You foolish colors, fighting amongst
 yourselves, each trying to dominate the
 rest. Don't you know that you were each
 made for a special purpose, unique and
 different? Join hands with one another
 and come to me.**"

**Doing as they were told, the colors united
 and joined hands.**

The rain continued:

"From now on, when it rains, each of you
 will stretch across the sky in a great bow
 of color as a reminder that you can all
 live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of
 hope for tomorrow." And so, whenever a
 good rain washes the world, and a
 Rainbow appears in the sky, let us
 remember to appreciate one another.

Know more
 Saints



MATTHEW
 Apostle, Evangelist
 and Saint
 St. Matthew Apostle
 and Evangelist-Feast
 September 21

Mark's gospel is written primarily for the
 Gentiles (non-Jews), with emphasis on
 the miracles performed by Jesus
 showing his mighty divine power. On the
 other hand, Matthew's gospel is intended
 for the Jews of the time, proclaiming to
 them that Jesus is the Messiah they have
 long been waiting for. The gospel begins
 with "*The book of the genealogy of Jesus
 Christ, the son of David, the son of
 Abraham*", thus setting out the aim of the
 book.

Matthew heralds the Good News to God's
 own people. In the gospel, he emphasizes
 that all prophesies in the history of the
 Jewish people will be fulfilled in Christ
 and his Church. That is why he often
 quotes from the scriptures of the Old
 Testament and adds the catch phrase:
 "*This fulfilled what had been said
 through the prophet*"

Nevertheless, Matthew mentions at the
 end of the gospel that God does wish
 everyone, Jews and Gentiles alike, to be
 saved. He recounts the parting words of
 Jesus to his disciples before he ascends
 to heaven: "*Go, therefore, and make
 disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
 the name of the Father, and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to
 observe all that I have commanded you.
 And behold, I am with you always, until
 the end of time*".

主日分享



常年期第二十五主日 後來居上

本主日常年期第二十五主日的彌撒福音取自聖瑪竇福音，內容是耶穌講的一個比喻。這比喻中的主人公對待僱工似乎恰好犯了「後來居上」的毛病。在本主日的第一篇讀經裡，依撒意亞先知給了我們一個提示。他告訴我們天主的思念與我們人的思念不同，而天主的思念與我們人的思念所以不同，這是由於天主是無限仁慈的。在這個提示下，我們便能發現耶穌講的比喻的寓意了。這比喻中有些僱工的抱怨："我們冒著炎熱勞動了一天，這些最後來的人只工作了一個時辰，你卻對待他們和我們一樣。"

這些僱工代表從猶太教皈依的基督徒。在聖瑪竇宗徒時代，他們是教會中的少數。聖瑪竇宗徒同情他們的心情。藉著比喻中家主的答辯，竭力安慰他們，勸勉他們接納從外教皈依的大多數的主內兄弟姊妹，鼓勵他們對教會的共融作出積極的貢獻。

慈母教會體現在天大父的無限仁慈，欣然接納他們。你把他們比作回頭了的蕩子也好，把他們比作下午五點中被僱用的工人也好，總之，你切不可用人的思念來限制天主的思念，卻要體諒在天大父和慈母教會的心意。不要因為天主好，你就眼紅，卻要為你的死而復生、失而復得的兄弟姊妹歡宴喜樂。

(錄自梵蒂岡電台)梁煜寧供稿

堂區活動



十月敬禮聖母玫瑰月

十月份每主日彌撒(包括星期六下午五時彌撒)前二十分,本堂將會集體誦唸玫瑰經。

玫瑰經卡

聖母會及聖母軍將於十月每主日彌撒後

派發玫瑰經卡，請教友按卡中祈禱意向在家中自行或與家人一齊誦唸玫瑰經。

教區公益金，齊來獻愛心



「我們拿這希望，當作靈魂的安全而又堅固的錨，深深地拋入帳幔的內部(希伯來書第六章十九節)」

2011年教區公益金「讓我們一起來行動(TIA)」籌募經已展開。本堂今年的目標是\$50,000元，捐款信封可在聖堂入口處拿取。截至九月十三日，捐款已累積至\$33,545元。

十月敬禮 聖母玫瑰月



聖母玫瑰月

玫瑰經默想與懇求為一體。天主之母之所以恆心不斷地懇求，乃基於她深信以母愛來轉求，必能感動她聖子的心。正如真福巴爾托洛·隆哥(Bi. Bartolo Longo)在他所作的'懇求玫瑰經之後'禱文中大膽獨特所說的、瑪利亞「因天主的聖寵而無所不能」。這樣的信念，從福音為起點，並因著經驗，逐漸在基督徒中鞏固起來。詩聖但丁根據聖伯爾納多的思想，描寫得真好：「女人，妳真偉大真能幹，誰渴望聖寵卻不求妳代禱，無異妄想無翅飛行」。在玫瑰經祈禱中，身為聖神之寶殿的瑪利亞(參見路一：35)聽到我們的懇求時，即驅赴使她滿被聖寵的天父和她所懷生的聖子台前，和我們一起、並為我們祈禱。

與瑪利亞宣講基督

玫瑰經也是一段宣講和深入認識基督奧蹟的路程，在這段路程當中，基督的奧蹟繼續不斷地在不同層次的基督信仰經驗中重新被提出來。提出的方式是祈禱和默觀，目的在按照基督的心塑造門徒。事實上，要是在頌念玫瑰經的時候，所有的內容都因著有效的默想而獲得適當的發揚。玫瑰經童貞也以這種方式繼續她宣講基督的工作。玫瑰經的歷史指出，在教會遇到異端蔓延而身處苦境的時刻，這個祈禱多麼重要。今天，我們也面對著新的挑戰。為甚麼我們不懷著先人的信

德，重新拿起玫瑰經念珠呢？玫瑰經保有它全部的力量，它仍然是每位良好的傳播福音者牧靈工作上不可忽略的資源。

活動一週



星期一、三、五 19, 21, 23

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午 9 時至正午 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期六 24

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：上午 9 時 45 分(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

楊式太極班

時間：上午 10 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

Young Adults練習聖詩

時間：下午 5 時至 7 時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

信仰小團體 (Arbour Lake)

時間：晚上 7 時 30 分至 10 時

聯絡：Grace Chan 403-208-1806

星期日 25

成人慕道班(粵語、國語及英語)

時間：上午 9 時 30 分至 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

主日學

時間上午 10 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：寫字樓大廈，聖堂騎士會室

青年會活動

時間上午 11 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

聖經 金句分享



基督徒的全副武裝

你們務要在主內，藉祂的能力作堅強的人。

要穿上天主的全副武裝，為能抵抗魔鬼的陰謀，因為，我們戰鬥不是對抗血和肉，而是對抗率領者，對抗掌權

者，對抗這黑暗世界的霸主，對抗天界裏邪惡的鬼神。

爲此，你們應拿起天主的全副武裝，爲使你們在邪惡的日子能夠抵得住，並在獲得全勝之後仍屹立不動。所以，要站穩！用真理作帶，束起你們的腰，穿上正義作甲，以和平的福音作準備走路的鞋，穿在腳上；此外，還要拿起信德作盾牌，使你們能以此撲滅惡者的一切火箭；並戴上救恩當盔，拿著聖神作利劍，即天主的話，時時靠著聖神，以各種祈求和哀禱祈禱；且要醒寤不倦，爲衆聖徒祈求。

師主篇



第十三章 謹防誘惑

只要我們還活在這個世界，我們就無法逃脫痛苦和誘惑。約伯傳中寫道：人生在世，豈不是作戰？(約 七：1) 所以，每個人都必須謹防誘惑，做醒祈禱，以免那永不瞌睡，四處巡行，尋人吞噬的魔鬼，找到機會欺騙他。沒有一個人全然完美而神聖，因此有時也會受到誘惑；人是不可能完全免除誘惑的。

待續

心靈小品



在幽暗中蒙福

如果我們的信心不失去，最後必得著生命的寶藏，在黑暗與艱苦的時間中，就有品德鍛鍊出來。在痛苦的日夜中，我們學了忍耐。在疑惑與懼怕的掙扎中，就有蒙福的信心。苦難的黑夜只有使我們學會喜樂之歌。憂煩的苦楚必叫我們對人同情。我們總要以信心來面對艱難、阻礙、試煉、失望、憂苦。靠著那愛我們的主，必在一切的事上得勝有餘，並在我們生命中所留下的是福分與珍貴！

靈修小故事



科學與宗教信仰

這是發生在西元一八九二年的一個真實的故事：

有位年約七十歲的男士，有一天，搭乘火車旅遊時，他旁邊坐著一位正在閱讀科學書籍的年輕大學生；這位年長男士則在閱讀一本黑色外皮的書，他正在看馬爾谷福音。

年輕大學生知道他正在閱讀『聖經』；沒經客套地問候，就打斷他的閱讀，直接問他說：

「先生，你還相信這本充滿寓言和故事的书嗎？」

「是的，但是，這不是一本故事書；這是神的話，不是嗎？」年長男士如此回答他。

年輕大學生說：「當然囉！不過，我想，你應該了解一下世界歷史，這樣，你就會知道，一百年前的法國大革命時已經指出，宗教是盲目的；祇有無知的人還相信神用六天創造了世界；你實在應該知道一些科學的論點。」

「那麼，科學家提到聖經時也這樣說嗎？」年長男士回問大學生。

「嗯，下一站，我就要下車，沒有時間跟你解釋；但是，請給我你的名片和地址，這樣，我就可以盡快地寄一些科學方面的資訊給你。」年輕大學生這樣回答。

這位年長男士很有耐心地將自己的名片交給年輕大學生；名片上印著：路易士·巴斯德教授，法國科學院院士，巴斯德研究所所長。

路易士·巴斯德教授曾說過：『有限的科學，使我們遠離天主；完整的科學，帶領我們接近天主。』

史提芬·霍金教授也曾表示：『科學距離天主並不遙遠。』

其實，科學與信仰之間是不相矛盾的，是彼此互補的；兩者都是爲使全人類生活更圓滿，是爲全人類的福祉效勞。科學需要開放自己，讓信仰的倫理光照所引導，信仰將會指引科學依照正義的準則與公共利益而發展。當科學知識缺少了倫理的相伴時，歷

史上也會出現不幸的例子。

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瑪竇

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瑪爾谷福音的讀者是外邦人，內容著重於描述耶穌在行奇跡時所表現的驚人大能，而瑪竇福音則是寫給猶太人，向他們宣佈耶穌就是他們所期待的默西亞。福音的第一句話：亞巴郎之子，達味之子耶穌基督的族譜，就道出了本書的宗旨。

瑪竇是天主子民的報喜者。在他的筆下，凡在以色列歷史上預言過的事，便會在耶穌和他的教會的歷史中實現。爲此，他頻頻援引舊約經文，常常說「正如先知們所說過的」這樣的話。

但是，在最後一節，瑪竇福音也提到耶穌願意所有的人都能得救，它印証耶穌的話說：「你們要去使萬民成爲門徒，因父及子及聖神之名給他們授洗，教訓他們遵守我所吩咐你們的一切。看！我同你們天天在一起，直到今世的終結。」

Intercession 通功



Please join us to pray for

Mr. Stephen Lee (Mr. David Lee's brother) who passed away on September 10, 2011 in Hong Kong.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace!

通功

請爲 Stephen Lee 先生(David Lee 的哥哥)祈禱，他於 9 月 10 日在香港逝世。願他安息主懷並祈求主賜力量及安慰

其家人！