

Theme Sharing



Embracing and Acceptance (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

The message of today's gospel is loud and clear on how we should handle our relationship with other religions. It is surely helpful in the ecumenical movement of the church. The first reading, from the Book of Numbers, also steers us to the same direction of embracing and accepting people of good faith or people of other faiths. The second reading denounces meanness and injustice of the "haves" over the "have-nots".

In the gospel, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name; we tried to stop him because he was not one of us". Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, because anyone who performs a miracle in my name is unlikely to speak evil of me. And anyone who is not against us is for us". This is an important lesson for us to realize that ecumenism needs to be tackled with certain degree of flexibility. We should accept and support good works done by other faiths and acknowledge that God can indeed use anyone to do His work. Other religions may also receive God's graces by the work of the Holy Spirit. Whilst we do strive to bring other religions to our fold, we should treat people of other faiths with warmth and respect and must never adopt a condescending sectarian attitude toward them.

Having said that, there are also times that we must take an uncompromising stand. Jesus cited a few graphic examples to demonstrate how we must guard against people and things that may lead us astray and away from God. It is very important for us to be able to discern what these people and things are.

Let us take a few moments to reflect on today's scripture readings. Let us ask God to grant us courage to stand firm, love and humility to be accommodating and wisdom to discern between the two sets of circumstances in our lives.

Pope Monthly Prayers intension



October General and Missionary Intention

General Intention: New Evangelization.

That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

Missionary Intention: World Mission Day.

That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

Year of Faith

Oct 11, 2012

Nov 24, 2013



Apostolic Letter-"Year of Faith"

4. In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. This document, an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council, was requested by the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1985 as an instrument at the service of catechesis and it was produced in collaboration with all the bishops of the Catholic Church. Moreover, the theme of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that I have convoked for October 2012 is "The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith". This will be a good opportunity to usher the whole Church into a time of particular reflection and rediscovery of the faith. It is not the first time that the Church has been called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor the Servant of God Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought

of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make "an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith"; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was "individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank". He thought that in this way the whole Church could reappropriate "exact knowledge of the faith, so as to reinvigorate it, purify it, confirm it, and confess it". The great upheavals of that year made even more evident the need for a celebration of this kind. It concluded with the Credo of the People of God, intended to show how much the essential content that for centuries has formed the heritage of all believers needs to be confirmed, understood and explored ever anew, so as to bear consistent witness in historical circumstances very different from those of the past.

To Be Continued

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.

Week day Mass Cancelled

Since Fr. Joseph Nguyen will attend Clergy Fall Study Days, the following Masses will be cancelled:

October 2 (Tue) to October 4 (Thurs) at 9:00a.m., October 2 (Tue) at 7:00p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament on May

The October's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be led by Legion of Mary, Youth Group & Youth Choir on October 6 from 10am to 11am.

Fr. Nguyen will listen to Confession.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend

Mid Summer Night Music Gala

On behalf of St. Gabriel choir and other participating groups, we thank you for all your support and generosity! The event raised \$1,933.00 net profit. We would like to specially thank to Mr. Lawrence Lee who donated his electric organ to us. The raised amount will be kept in care by the Parish for the future choirs use.

Movie Night –

Maria, Figlia Del Suo Figlio

This film is about the life of Mary, Joseph's wife and Jesus' mother, from the conception of Jesus to the Assumption into heaven at the side of her son. It's the very human story of a village woman called to a transcendental task: to be the mother of God. The movie is in English with Chinese sub-title.

Date: October 6th (Saturday)

Time: 6pm Potluck and
6:30pm start of movie

Place: Upper Hall of OLPH

Together in Action

Theme is "Love Never Ends."

(1 Corinthians 13:8)

The 2012 Diocesan's Appeal campaign, "Together in Action", has commenced. Our parish's final target will remain at \$50,000. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. As of September 16 our campaign has received a total of \$42,471.57.

Let's take action now to respond to Christ's love and sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

May God bless you for your generous support!

**Diocese &
Other News**



Office of Vocations

Prayer for Vocations: You are invited to a holy hour of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Sunday September 30. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30 p.m. Place: St. Anne's Parish, Calgary. For further information contact Fr. Gaffney at 403-245-2753.

Memorial Service for Fr. Murray

Abraham

Memorial Service for Fr. Murray Abraham, SJ, Canadian Jesuit - A special memorial service for Fr. Murray will be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 11:00am at St. James Parish (5504 - 20St. S.W., Calgary). Father Murray Abraham lived and worked among the poor in India (mainly Darjeeling) for over 60 years. All are welcome to attend! For any questions, please contact Fr. Charles Pottie-Patte, SJ at St. Mary's Cathedral at 403-228-4170 Ext.232.

October Baby

"You saw me before I was born." Psalm 139:16 (NLT) a feature film about the gift of life is coming to Cardel theatre October 20 at 7:30pm and October 27 at 7pm. Visit

<http://trainnovations.eventbrite.com> for tickets or contact 587-718-0238.

A Song for Rachel

The 14th Annual "A Song for Rachel" Concert is an exciting fundraising family event that will take place on Friday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Parish, 5504 – 20th Street SW, in Calgary. The Silent Auction opens at 6:30 pm. Tickets: suggested donation is \$10/person and \$25/immediate family. For more information or tickets please contact the Life & Family Resource Centre at 403-218-5505. Tickets can also be obtained at St. James Parish after weekend Masses.

Youth Ministry

"Helping Our Youth Navigate the 21st Century". A Conference for Parents, Educators, Pastors and Youth Workers to be held on October 12-13th, 2012, on Friday 7-9 pm and Saturday 9-5pm at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Facilitator James Penner (BEd, MA) Cost \$45, and includes lunch. Please contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult ministry for more information or to register: 403-218-5516 or email to susan.love@calgarydiocese.ca

Weekly Activities



Mon, Wed, Fri 1, 3, 5

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Friday 5

St. Angela School Thanksgiving Mass

Time: 9:00a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Saturday 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Time: 10:00a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

Time:11:00a.m.

Place: K of C Room at OLPH Church

Movie Night-

Maria, Figlia Del Suo Figlio

Time: Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

(optional potluck starts at 6:00 p.m.)

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: OLPH Lower Hall

Sunday 7

R. C.I.A

Adult Catechumenate Class

(Cantonese, Mandarin and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

K of C Matteo Ricci 10119

Monthly General Meeting

Time: After 11:30 Mass

Place: K of C Room

Imitating Christ



Chapter 20 :

The Love Of Solitude And Silence

In silence and quiet the devout soul advances in virtue and learns the hidden truths of Scripture. There she finds a flood of tears with which to bathe and cleanse herself nightly, that she may become the more intimate with her Creator the farther she withdraws from all the tumult of the world. For God and His holy angels will draw near to him who withdraws from friends and acquaintances. To Be Continued

Stories Faith Sharing



Expect An Answer

As a drought continued for what seemed an eternity, a small community of farmers was in a quandary as to what to do. Rain was important to keep their crops healthy and sustain the way of life of the townspeople.

As the problem became more acute, a local pastor called a prayer meeting to ask for rain.

Many people arrived. The pastor greeted most of them as they filed in. As he walked to the front of the church to officially begin the meeting he noticed most people were chatting across the aisles and socializing with friends. When he reached the front his thoughts were on quieting the attendees and starting the meeting.

His eyes scanned the crowd as he asked for quiet. He noticed an eleven year-old girl sitting quietly in the front row. Her face was beaming with excitement. Next to her, poised and ready for use, was a bright red umbrella. The little girl's beauty and innocence made the pastor smile as he realized how much faith she possessed. No one else in the congregation had brought an umbrella.

All came to pray for rain, but the little girl had come expecting God to answer?

Faith of Saints



Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Feast: October 1

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), or Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, born Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin, was a French Carmelite nun. She is also known as "The Little Flower of Jesus".

She felt an early call to religious life, and overcoming various obstacles, in 1888 at the early age of 15, became a nun and joined two of her elder sisters in the cloistered Carmelite community of Lisieux, Normandy. After nine years as a Carmelite religious, having fulfilled various offices such as sacristan and assistant to the

novice mistress, and having spent the last eighteen months in Carmel in a night of faith, she died of tuberculosis at the age of 24.

The impact of *The Story of a Soul*, a collection of her autobiographical manuscripts, printed and distributed a year after her death to an initially very limited audience, was great, and she rapidly became one of the most popular saints of the twentieth century. Pope Pius XI made her the "star of his pontificate". She was beatified in 1923, and canonized in 1925. Thérèse was declared co-patron of the missions with Francis Xavier in 1927, and named co-patron of France with Joan of Arc in 1944. On 19 October 1997 Pope John Paul II declared her the thirty-third Doctor of the Church, the youngest person, and only the third woman, to be so honored. Devotion to Thérèse has developed around the world. Thérèse lived a hidden life and "wanted to be unknown," yet became popular after her death through her spiritual autobiography - she left also letters, poems, religious plays, prayers, and her last conversations were recorded by her sisters. Paintings and photographs, mostly the work of her sister Céline, further led to her being recognised by millions of men and women.

The Words of God



What can defile that person

Mark 7:15-23

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters not the heart but the stomach and passes out into the latrine?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

"But what comes out of a person, that is what defiles.

From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within and they defile."

主日分享



寬容和接納

(常年期第二十六主日)

本主日的福音給我們的教誨適合當今的現實狀況，對大公合一極有助益。為福音做準備的第一篇讀經取自戶籍紀，其內容導向同一個思想路線。第二篇讀經談的則是不正直的富人。福音敘述若望告訴耶穌說：“老師，我們看見一個人因你的名字驅魔，就阻止了他，因為他不跟從我們。”耶穌對他說：“不要禁止他，因為沒有任何人，以我的名字行了奇跡，就會立即譏諷我的，因為誰不反對我們，就是傾向我們。”在教會大公合一的問題上，必須具有彈性。我們不可有宗派的態度，不接納不屬於天主教會的人的一切好評；我們應該承認這些人同樣得到天主的恩寵。當然，我們更希望他們也加入我們的教會，不過，絕不可有宗派的態度，反而應以熱忱對待他們。

耶穌隨後又教導我們在什麼情況下不可妥協。耶穌所舉的那些情況都是一些令人『反感』的情況。令人『反感』，因為是將他人引入歧途。在我們的生活中擁有這種識別能力是非常重要的。

總之，今日的彌撒讀經給了我們極有意義的訓導。讓我們祈求聖體聖事中的天主，賞賜我們力量，使我們能在必要的時刻絕不妥協；同時知道，在愛德的要求下，靈活措施。

錄自梵蒂岡電台

教宗及福傳 祈禱意向



十月祈禱及傳教意向：

祈禱意向：為新福傳在具有古老基督信仰傳統國家的發展與進步祈禱。

傳教意向：為世界傳教節的慶典成為更新福傳任務的契機祈禱。

信德年

2012年10月11日
2013年11月24日

**《信德之門》宗座手諭**

4. 在這一一切的啓迪之下，我才決定要宣告「信德」——從二〇一二年十月十一日開始，這一年是梵二大公會議開幕五十週年，到二〇一三年十一月廿四日基督普世君王節結束。二〇一二年十月十一日開幕日也是《天主教教理》出版二十週年紀念日，它是由我的前任教宗真福若望保祿二世所公佈，爲了向所有的信友彰顯信仰的力量和美好。這一文獻——梵二大公會議名副其實的果實，是依照一九八五年世界主教特別會議所要求，作爲教理講授的工具，由天主教會的所有主教合作而完成的。而我所召開的二〇一二年十月世界主教會議的主題正是「新福傳——爲傳承基督信仰」。這將是一個好機會，在反省和重新發現信仰的時刻，將教會的整體凝聚起來。這不是第一次教會宣告「信德年」。我可敬的前任教宗、天主之僕保祿六世，在一九六七年已宣佈過信德年，爲紀念聖伯多祿和聖保祿——兩位宗徒以殉道作最崇高見證的一千九百週年。教宗保祿六世認爲信德年是整個教會「對同一信仰作一次真實衷心宣認」的隆重時刻；此外，他期望此宣認要依「個人和集體的、自由而有意義的、內心和外在的、謙遜而誠懇的」方式來確認。他想以此方式使整個教會能重獲「信仰精準的知識，復興、淨化、堅定及宣認信仰。那一年帶來最大的變動更清楚指出這種慶祝的重要性。當時閉幕以「天主子民的信經」作結束，目的是要證實，數世紀以來，這形成所有信徒的產業的主要內涵，是多麼急需要被肯定、了解和深入探討，爲能在這與不同以往的歷史環境中，作出始終如一的信仰見證。 待續

堂區活動**十月敬禮聖母玫瑰月**

十月份每台主日彌撒(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台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。

「瑪利亞，因爲是天主的母親，參與了基督的奧跡，由於天主聖寵的舉拔，她只在聖子以下，高出一切天神世人以上，所以理當受到教會特別的崇敬。」(教會憲章:六六)

榮福童貞聖母，在所有受造物中，得到天主最多的聖寵和特恩，耶穌在世時非常敬愛她，臨終時又將她賜給人類，作我們的母親，因此我們應首當特別光榮聖母，恭敬她在一切總天使聖人之上。

聖教會將每年的五月和十月獻給聖母，稱爲聖母月和玫瑰月。

梵帝岡第二屆大公會議，將聖母尊爲教會最崇高、最卓越的成員，並爲教會在信仰及愛德上的典型和模範；教宗保祿六世並且宣佈，爲了聖母的光榮和我們的喜樂，欽定至聖童貞瑪利亞爲「聖教會之母」，即所有天主子民——信衆和司牧的可愛母親。

平日彌撒取消

因阮神父參與司鐸進修，10月2日(星期二)至4日(星期四)之早上九時彌撒及10月2日(星期二)之晚上七時彌撒取消。

顯供聖體(十月六日)

永援聖母堂十月份的顯供聖體時間爲十月六日(星期六)上午十時至十一時，當天除了朝拜聖體外，阮神父將爲教友主持修和聖事。請各位教友積極參與！

仲夏夜音樂晚宴

聖佳播歌詠團誠意感謝各位支持當晚的籌款晚宴。除開支外，共籌得款項\$1,933.00 我們要特別多謝 Mr. Lawrence Lee 捐贈電子鋼琴一部！募集的金額現儲存在聖堂內作將來各聖詠團之用。

「電影晚會」一**瑪利亞，主之婢女**

本片講述聖母瑪利亞一生，從懷有耶穌一刻開始到蒙召升天，劇本把當年納匝肋一位鄉村少女成爲天主之母的事跡拍攝成頗爲人性的電影。現誠意邀請大家同來欣賞。片上有中文字幕和英語對白。

日期：十月六日(星期六)

時間：晚上六時 Potluck、六時半放映

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

主題是「愛永存不朽」(格林多人前書第十三章八節)2012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索取。截至9月16日，捐款已累積至\$42,471.57元。就讓我們立即行動，繼續慷慨解囊。在此感謝各位教友，並願主降福您們！

活動一週

星期一、三、五 1, 3, 5

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

星期五 5

St. Angela School 感恩彌撒

時間：上午9時

地點：永援聖母堂

星期六 6

顯供聖體

時間：上午10時至11時

地點：永援聖母堂

聖母軍

(聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團)

時間：上午11時(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

「電影晚會」一瑪利亞，主之婢女

時間：下午六時 Potluck

六時半放映

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

大專青年團練習聖詩

時間：晚上6時

地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

星期日 7

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

佳播聖詠團

邀請教友一同參與練習聖詩

時間：上午 11 時

地點：永援聖母堂

利瑪竇騎士會 10119

午餐月會

時間：上午 11 時 30 分彌撒後

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

師主篇



第二十章、愛清靜寡言

熱心的靈魂、在清靜中，才得長進，才能透澈聖經的奧義。在清靜的地方，能得聖淚的泉源，每夜可洗滌罪污；這樣離世俗的紛擾越遠，離天主越近。所以誰離開了親朋，天主同天神就來和他親近。 待續

靈修小故事



在心靈最微妙的地方

我的心底總藏著這個小故事，每次想起，都一驚；因為，我原以為自己很聰明、很客觀，直到經歷這些故事之後才發覺，許多事，只有親身參與的人方能了解。那是人性最微妙的一種感覺，很難用世俗的標準來判斷。當我在聖若望大學教書的時候，有一位同事，家裡已經有位蒙古症的弟弟，但是，當他太太懷孕之後，居然沒做羊水穿刺，又生下個「蒙古兒」。消息傳出，大家都說他笨；明知蒙古症有遺傳的可能，還那麼大意。我也曾在文章裡寫到這件事，諷刺他的愚蠢。

直到有一天，他對我說：「其實，我太太去做了穿刺，也化驗出了蒙古症，我們決定墮胎；但是，就在約好墮胎的那天上午，我母親帶我弟弟一起來；我那蒙古症的弟弟以為我太太得了什麼重病，先拉著我太太的手，一

直說保重！保重！又過來，撲在我身上，把我緊緊抱住說：『哥哥，天主會保佑你們。』

他們走後，我跟太太默默地坐著。不錯！我是曾經怨父母為什麼生個蒙古兒，多花好多時間在他身上；但是，我也發覺，他畢竟是我的弟弟，他那麼愛我，而且，毫不掩飾地表現出來。我和我太太想，如果，肚子裏的是個像我弟弟那麼真實的孩子，我們能因為他比較笨，就把他殺掉嗎？他也是個生命、他也是天主的賜予啊！所以，我們打電話給醫生說我們不去了……

在這世界，我們需要的，不見得是英雄、偉人；而是，這種真真切切、實實在在，可以不忠於世俗，卻無負自己良心的人。

每次，在我評斷一件事或一個人之前，都會想到這個故事；它教了我許多，它教我用「眼」看，也用「心」看。

當我看到心靈最微妙的地方，常會有一百八十度的大轉變。 作者 劉墉

聖人的信德



聖女小德蘭

「我的靈魂是那麼小，就讓我奉獻平凡小事給天主吧！」

法國諾曼第小鎮里修(Lisieux)於1873年誕生了一位日後享譽國際的聖人—小德蘭。小德蘭生於小康家庭中，母親在她四歲時就過世，之後她與四位姊姊同父親相依為命。這位個性溫和慈祥的老爸爸最疼愛的就是他的小女兒。小德蘭的兩位姊姊早已先她入了聖衣會隱修院，而她在15歲時得到特別的光照，也渴望入會，終至如願以償，此後一生都在隱修院中度过。1897年9月30日小德蘭因肺結核過世，時年24歲。人們或許認為這位平凡小修女的回憶錄沒什麼好值得注意，但是出乎意料之外地，她的名字傳遍普世。教會同時也很快地於1925年宣封小德蘭為聖人，並定每年的10月1日為瞻禮日。

小德蘭奉院長之命寫下她的生活體驗和對靈修的獨道見解，這本自傳待她過世後才得以出版。書內敘述了如何成聖的方式：善度每天的生活，就是走在成聖的道路上，這也是她的「神嬰小道」。受到家庭環境的影響，小德蘭自小就非常虔誠。大姊負起母親的責任，不但悉心照顧幾個妹妹，也每晚唸聖書給她們聽。在自傳中，她自述道：「我向天主說：『我全部都愛。我不要做一個百分之五十的聖人。』」

1894年聖週五，小德蘭清晨醒來時吐了血。她心中喜樂，心想終於很快就要回到天鄉，「我確定，我的愛人歸天紀念日那天，祂會輕聲呼喚我；溫柔慈聲地訴說祂將來臨。」小德蘭在隱修院中度过九個年頭，生命終了前的那段時間，她彷彿經歷了生命中的黑夜，精神上極為痛苦。靠著不住地祈禱，和緊緊信賴主基督，終於度過漫漫長夜。臨死前，會院內的眾姊妹圍繞著她，聽著她縷縷道出：「我的主……我愛禱……」

小德蘭死後，所顯靈跡多至不可勝數，她的敬禮也迅速傳遍普世，她願意死後由天上灑下玫瑰花的話語依然迴盪在人們心懷。1923年，教宗碧岳十一世將小德蘭列入真福品；二年後(1925)宣聖。1927年，教廷欽定小德蘭為傳教區主保。

聖言分享



甚麼使人污穢？—

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不是從人外面進入他內的能污穢人，而是從人裡面出來的才污穢人。凡從外面進入人內的，不能使人污穢，因為進不到他的心，但到他的肚腹內，再排泄到廁所裡去嗎？~~ 他這是說一切食物是潔淨的。凡從人裡面出來的，那才使人污穢，因為從裡面，從人心裡出來的是些惡念、邪淫、盜竊、兇殺、姦淫、貪吝、毒辣、詭詐、放蕩、嫉妒、毀謗、驕傲、愚妄；這一切惡事都是從內裡出來的，並且使人污穢。

