

Theme Sharing

Communal Relationship Within A Faith Community

Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel reading, from Matthew, dwells on the proper handling of communal relationship within a faith community. It sets out a 3-step approach to deal with a member who, by his acts or omission, has deviated from the teaching of Christ and presumably caused harm to the church as a whole. Before we discuss the said approach, let us fast-track to the end of the gospel reading in which Jesus says, "*Where two or three of you are gathered in my name, I am there in your midst.*" So when Christians gather in the name of Jesus, a church or faith community is formed. In their midst is Jesus, the resurrected Christ who is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father. Jesus has assured us our petitions will be answered if we follow the Will of our heavenly Father and pray in one accord. We are all sinners. Naturally within a church community there are members who have somehow committed serious wrongs that may hurt themselves, other members or the church as a whole. Today's gospel suggests one-on-one approach as the first step, pointing out to the offender his misdeed, exhorting him to repent and trying to win him over. At this stage, keeping the matter private or a low profile is desirable. Should this fail, the next step is to bring in additional member(s) of the community to serve a stern warning and confirm his wrongdoing. If he still fails to heed such warning, the third step is to show the gravity of the matter by reporting him to the church and exposing his wrongful act and the harm done to the community. If the offender refuses to listen even to the church, then he will be treated as a Gentile or a tax-collector. In other words, he will be "excommunicated", or cast out from the community so that no further harm will be inflicted on the church. Such drastic measure by the Church is in fact sanctioned by Christ in today's gospel, "*Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*"

The duty to bring back a lost sheep to the fold is also mentioned in the Old Testament. In the first reading, God sets prophet Ezekiel as a guard for Israel. Ezekiel has been entrusted with the task to warn the wicked,

and those who refuse to take heed will die for their sins. However, if Ezekiel fails in his duty to warn them and they are doomed at the end, the prophet will also receive his share of punishment from God.

The duty to save our fallen brothers and sisters is rooted in Jesus' commandment of LOVE. In the second reading, Paul tells us that whoever loves one another has fulfilled the law (Roman 13:8). It may be difficult in this modern age to follow strictly the 3-step approach set out in the gospel. Nevertheless, charity must be our first and foremost consideration when we deal with a fallen brother. It is uncharitable for us to publicize the wrongdoer without first doing our part to turn him around. It is equally uncharitable, and may even be sinful, if we fail to protect the well-being of the church by condoning, or not speaking out against, injustice, corruption, violence or other evil acts. In any case, it is our duty to try the best we can to "regain" or win back our fallen brothers and sisters. There is no place for bad-mouthing, settling scores, gossips or picking of other people's fault. Low-key one-on-one discussion and exhortation often is more preferable and effective than open criticism. Ultimately, we have to ask ourselves in good conscience if we have love for our brothers and sisters in Christ by standing guard for them at the weakest moments of their lives.

Pope Monthly Prayers Intention September General and Missionary Intention

Universal: That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.

For Evangelization: That Christians, inspired by the Word of God, may serve the poor and suffering.

Year Of Consecrated Life

«Consecrated Life»

Pope Francis: 2015 will be dedicated to consecrated life, which "is prophecy" Pope Francis made the announcement at an audience with 120 superiors generals attending the 82nd General Assembly of the Union of Superiors General that ended today in Rome. During the three-hour meeting, the Union said in a press release, Pope Francis

gave a speech but also took part in a questions and answers session.

For the pope, a radical approach is required of all Christians, but men and women religious are called upon to follow the Lord in a special way, because they "can awaken the world. Consecrated life is prophecy. God asks us to fly the nest and be sent to the frontiers of the world, avoiding the temptation to 'domesticate' them. This is the most concrete way of imitating the Lord". When asked about the state of vocations, the Holy Father emphasised that there are young Churches which are bearing new fruit. This naturally gives rise to a re-evaluation of the inculturation of charism, following the example of Matteo Ricci. Intercultural dialogue calls for people with various cultural backgrounds, expressing different ways of living charism, to join the governance of religious institutes.

Francis insisted upon the importance of education, which he presented as based on four fundamental types of training, namely spiritual, intellectual, communitarian and apostolic training.

At the same time, it is vital to avoid every form of hypocrisy and clericalism through frank and open dialogue on all aspects of life.

"Education," he noted, "needs craftsmanship, not police work. Its aim is to form religious persons with a tender, not an acid vinegar-like heart. We are all sinners, but we are not corrupt. Sinners are to be accepted, the corrupt are not".

Diocese & Other News Social Justice Office

Join us at the Development & Peace FALL ACTION WORKSHOP to:

- * MEET the members and staff
- * REFLECT on Catholic Social Teachings' response to the poor
- * LEARN about the social justice mission of the Church
- * UNDERSTAND Development & Peace's response to global crises

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Holy Name Catholic Parish, 2223 34th Street SW, Calgary. ALL ARE WELCOME. Lunch will be provided. RSVP: sfarid@devp.org.

TEAM

Together Enabling Adult Ministry Sessions are being offered this year. For more information please go to <http://stm.ca/sacredarts/SocialThought.html> or <http://www.fcjsisters.ca/fccentre/team.htm>.

Secular Franciscan Order

COME AND SEE – Sunday, September 21, at 1:45 – 2:45 pm at St. Luke's Parish, 1566 Northmount Drive NW – We are men and woman, singles and couples, young and old, from all walks of life, united in our desire to embrace the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi. In responding to God's call in our lives, we strive to live a Gospel-infused life in our secular world, in our homes, communities and workplaces. Come and see if God is calling you to this way of life. Contact Linda Schultz at 403-245-8549, linsch@telus.net or visit www.ofscalgary.com.

Parish Activities**Tuesday Evening Mass**

Tuesday Evening Mass will be resumed from September 9.

Sunday School Registration on September 14

Sunday School Registration will be held on Sunday, September 14 from 11am to 12:30pm. Please register your child(ren) at the Registration Booth outside the church's side entrance.

New Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School is now recruiting teachers and assistants for both Liturgy (held during 10am mass) and Sacramental (held during 11:30am mass) classes. For more information, please contact Teresa Lau at teresastlau@gmail.com.

RCIA Adult Catechumenate Class – New Class Notice

The 2014 adult Catechumenate classes are now accepting new applications for enrolment. Any interested party, or adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or Christians from other ecclesial communities considering to join the Catholic Church, please contact :
- The parish office 403-265-7926, or

- Joseph Yip 403-547-0618 (in the evening). They may also pick up a 'RCIA Adult Catechumenate Class Application Form' at the Church entrances, complete it and return to the parish office. All parishioners are earnestly encouraged to play their role in evangelization and invite their friends

Youth Group Registration will be on September 14.

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Place: OLPH Upper Hall
We encourage all youths from grades 7 to 12 to sign up for the activities and events in the year. Events this year include monthly sporting events, board game nights, spiritual talks, ski trip, choir performances and much more! Come meet new friends, get to know our youth leaders and enjoy some snacks. All youths and parents are welcome.

Youth Group is looking for donations

Youth Group is looking for donations of used ping pong tables, foosball tables, ice hockey tables and board games. These will be stored in Upper or Lower Hall for monthly game nights. If you are interested in donating any of these items, please contact John Guo (johnld.guo@gmail.com).

OLPH Young Adults Group

Young Adults Group in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church invites parishioners between post-secondary to those considering family life to be members of this parish group and join in our upcoming events.

Mission Statement: As young adults, we strive to unify the Church by providing leadership within our Parish while building a stronger faith in God.

For more information about any of the upcoming events or to register for OLPH Young Adults Group, please feel free to contact us at olphyoungadults@gmail.com.

Together in Action 2014

".....Faith Working Through Love."
(Galatians 5:6)
Our parish's portion is \$24,300. As of June 27th, our campaign has received a total of \$20,910.
We plead for your ongoing support. Together we will help thousands within our own

communities and abroad through difficult times. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. Let's take action now to respond to Christ's love and sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri Sept 10, 12

OLPH Senior Centre

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

Place: OLPH Church, Upper Hall

Thursday 11

St. Angela School Opening Mass

Time: 9:00a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Fri Sept 12

OLPH Scout

Time: 6:30pm.-8:30 pm

Place: Upper Hall & Lower Hall

Sat Sept 13

Legion of Mary (meeting)

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: OLPH Church K of C Room

Faith Sharing Group (N.E)

Time: 10:30a.m.-12:00noon.

Contact: Sr. Sze 403-230-3801

Tai Chi Lesson

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Yoga beginner class

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Young Adults choir practice

Time: 6:00 p.m-8:00p.m.

Place: OLPH Upper Hall

Faith Sharing Group (N.W.)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.

Contact: Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

Sun Sept 14

R. C.I.A

Adult Catechumenate Class

(Cantonese, Mandarin and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Sunday School Registration

Time: after 10am Mass

Place: OLPH Church Office Building

Youth Group Registration

Time: after10am Mass

Place: OLPH Church Upper Hall

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Time: 12:30p.m.

Place: OLPH Church K of C room

Stories Faith Sharing

Where Do All the Prayers Go

David was sitting with his grandmother Miriam in the backyard eating cookies when he suddenly asked her. "Where do all the prayers go? I mean, I know you say prayers to God but how do they find their way to God? David always asked lots of questions. And his grandmother always tried to answer them. So she just smiled and said, "It depends on which prayer you say David. When you say a blessing for the food you eat, the blessing doesn't go anywhere; it just stays with you in your mind and makes you feel grateful and fortunate. When you sing a Hebrew song from the Bible, it goes to your heart and makes you feel joyful and Jewish. And when you say a prayer like the Sh'ma together with the congregation, it is transported to God by Sandalphon. That is what my grandmother told me." "What is Sandalphon?" asked David. "Is it like e-mail?" "I am not sure what Sandalphon is," said grandmother Miriam, "My grandmother told me it is a very tall angel with wheels. What is important about Sandalphon is that he takes all the prayers that are said from the heart, in each congregation throughout the whole world, weaves them together into a crown, and places the crown on God's head, which means in God's mind. The crown of prayers is like a verbal rainbow, with each word acting as a sparkling drop. The light and the beauty are reflected back into the heart of people who are praying in the congregation. If they sing their prayers; the reflection is doubled." "But why does God need a crown?" asked David. "A crown of prayers is not like a crown of gold," answered grandma Miriam. "It is more like when grandpa used to tell you that he loved you. He told you that he loved you every time he saw you, although you already knew that he loved you. Now that he is gone you can't hear him say it with your ears, but you can hear him say it with your heart and in your mind." "If Sandalphon has wheels maybe he is like an escalator," said David. "It isn't important what you imagine he looks," said grandma Miriam, "What is important is that our prayers make God holy, just as our doing God's commandments makes us holy. You can't be a husband without a wife and you can't be a wife without a husband. In the same way we need God's love; God needs our love. That is why the prayers are woven into a crown. It is like putting a wedding ring on the finger of the person you love. The kind of ring is not important." David thought for several minutes about everything grandma Miriam had said.

Then he asked his last question. "Where did all the cookies go?"

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The Obligations And Rights Of All The Christian Faithful

From their rebirth in Christ, there exists among all the Christian faithful a true equality regarding dignity and action by which they all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ according to each one's own condition and function.

The Christian faithful, even in their own manner of acting, are always obliged to maintain communion with the Church. With great diligence they are to fulfill the duties which they owe to the universal Church and the particular church to which they belong according to the prescripts of the law. All the Christian faithful must direct their efforts to lead a holy life and to promote the growth of the Church and its continual sanctification, according to their own condition.

All the Christian faithful have the duty and right to work so that the divine message of salvation more and more reaches all people in every age and in every land.

Conscious of their own responsibility, the Christian faithful are bound to follow with Christian obedience those things which the sacred pastors, inasmuch as they represent Christ, declare as teachers of the faith or establish as rulers of the Church.

The Christian faithful are free to make known to the pastors of the Church their needs, especially spiritual ones, and their desires. According to the knowledge, competence, and prestige which they possess, they have the right and even at times the duty to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church and to make their opinion known to the rest of the Christian faithful, without prejudice to the integrity of faith and morals, with reverence toward their pastors, and attentive to common advantage and the dignity of persons.

The Christian faithful have the right to receive assistance from the sacred pastors out of the spiritual goods of the Church, especially the word of God and the sacraments.

The Christian faithful have the right to worship God according to the prescripts of their own rite approved by the legitimate pastors of the Church and to follow their own form of spiritual life so long as it is consonant with the doctrine of the Church.

The Christian faithful are at liberty freely to found and direct associations for purposes of charity or piety or for the promotion of the

Christian vocation in the world and to hold meetings for the common pursuit of these purposes.

主日分享

常年期第二十三主日

本主日的彌撒福音取自聖瑪竇福音，內容涉及基督信徒團體內的弟兄規勸。聖瑪竇的記載，是他就同時代的教會實況，寫下了弟兄規勸的三個步驟。後來，天主教會的各修會團體會認真地予以採用和遵守。

今日社會和教會的組織都複雜了，如何善用同樣的規定，的確是一個問題。但是，這規定所發揮的愛的精神，及其在信德上的根基，直到現在，依然是有效的。依本主日福音的記載，教會中弟兄規勸的實行，要循著三個步驟。最先是單獨一人私下向犯了錯誤的弟兄規勸；如果他不聽，便再約兩三個人去一同規勸。如果仍不奏效，那麼便要採取第三個步驟，那便是向教會當局檢舉他。如果他連教會當局的警告都不接受，那麼他便被"看作外教人或稅務員"，換句話說，就是"被開除教籍"。教會在天上作的裁決，在地上也是有效的。

弟兄規勸是出於愛德的要求。要實行它，必須有愛德。本主日彌撒中的第二篇讀經恰好是講愛德，說愛德是全部法律的成全。"愛不作損害別人的事，所以愛成全了全部的法律"。

今日教會內的龐大機構，不利於弟兄規勸的公開的進行。但是，至少我們各人要捫心自問，是否對我們軟弱的弟兄盡好了我們應盡的愛德本分！

錄自梵蒂岡電台

教宗及福傳祈禱意向

九月祈禱及傳教意向：

總祈禱意向：為精神病患

願精神病患能得到讓他們有尊嚴的生活所需要的愛與協助。

福傳意向：為服務窮人

願基督徒，受到天主聖言的激勵，能為窮人和受苦者服務。

獻身生活年

「獻身生活年」

教宗方濟各宣佈二〇一五年將為普世教會度獻身生活者年，盛讚獻身生活是先知性的。今天教宗在接見出席第八十二屆世界修會長上聯盟全體大會的120個修會總會長時宣佈了這一決定。據世界修會長上聯盟新聞公報介紹，長達三個小時的接見中，教宗發表了講話，並即興回答了與會修會長上們提出的問題。

講話中，教宗指出忠實於信仰是全體基督徒的要求，但修會會士們蒙召以特別方式追隨上主。談到聖召問題時，教宗強調了年輕教會的豐富聖召迫使教會積極反思神恩的本地化。教會應該請求寬恕、對在這一領域中因誤解造成的使徒工作失敗感到羞恥，就像利瑪竇的遭遇。而宗教對話應該激勵修會管理中不斷引入充分表達修會神恩的不同文化。教宗特別強調了修會教育培養，並指出了四大根基：靈修、知識、團體和使徒培育。應避免各種不同形式的虛偽，"我們接納罪人，但不要腐化分子"。

待續

堂區活動

星期二黃昏彌撒

星期二黃昏彌撒將於九月九日照以往時間進行。

成人慕道班新班報名

2014 新一屆成人慕道班現正接受報名。有興趣者，或已領洗但仍未領受堅振聖事的成人教友，或正考慮加入天主教會的任何基督徒團體人士，皆請聯絡堂區辦事處 403-265-7926 或 Joseph Yip 403-547-0618 (晚間) 亦可在教堂入口處拿取「成人慕道班申請表」，填妥後交回堂區辦事處。期盼教友能善盡本份，熱心介紹親友參加，為傳福音出一分力。

卡城永援聖母堂青年會將於 9月14日報名

時間上午十一時至下午十二時三十分
地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂
我們鼓勵從7年級到12年級的所有青少年報名參加。今年的活動包括每月的運動活動，棋盤遊戲之夜，心靈講座，滑雪之旅，聖詠團的表演...等！

請快來結交新朋友，了解我們的青年會領袖，並享受一些小吃。歡迎所有的青少年和家長參加。

青年會現正尋求捐贈

青年會現正尋求捐贈二手乒乓球桌，桌上足球，冰球桌及各類棋盤遊戲等。我們將以上捐贈存放在上禮堂或下禮堂作為每月遊戲之夜之用。有興趣捐贈以上物品的教友，請與 John Guo (johnld.guo@gmail.com) 聯絡。

新年度主日學學生將於 9月14日報名

主日學報名將於上午十一時至下午十二時三十分在聖堂側門進行。

主日學老師招募

堂區現正招募青少年或年輕成年人參加主日學老師行列的隊伍！有興趣者請與主日學 Coordinator Teresa Lau : teresastlau@gmail.com 聯絡。

永援聖母堂青年團

永援聖母堂青年團誠意邀請所有即將步入大學校園及所有年輕成人的教友參加這個為我們而設的組織，並參與我們即將舉辦的活動。宗旨：作為年輕人，通過加深對信仰的認識及教堂的服務，從而促進個人的成長及加強我們與天主的關係。欲了解更多有關以下活動的詳細內容及加入我們這個年輕人的大家庭，請隨時與我們聯絡；olphyoungadults@gmail.com

2014 教區公益金

「讓我們一起來行動」

主題：「...以愛德行事的信德。」
迦拉達書：第五章六節
今年本堂的配額為\$24,300。懇請各位教友繼續支持，合力幫助本土社區及國外成千上萬的勞苦大眾。截至6月27日，捐款已累積至20,910元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處拿取。就讓我們立即行動，慷慨解囊！

活動一週

星期三、五 9月10, 12日

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

星期四 11

St. Angela 學校開學彌撒

時間：上午9時
地點：永援聖母堂

星期五 9月12日

永援聖母堂童軍

時間：晚上6時30分至8時30分
地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂及下禮堂

星期六 9月13日

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
東北區信仰小團體聚會
時間：早上10時30分至12時
聯絡：施修女 403-230-3801

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

瑜珈初班

時間：下午2時至下午3時15分
地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

永援聖母青年團練習聖詩

時間：晚上6時至8時
地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

信仰小團體 (西北區)

時間：晚上7時30分至10時
聯絡：Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

星期日 9月14日

成人慕道班 (粵語、國語及英語)

時間上午9時30分至1時30分
地點：永援聖母堂下禮堂

新年度主日學學生報名

時間：上午10時彌撒後
地點：永援聖母堂大廈

青年會報名

時間：上午10時彌撒後
地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

堂區牧民議會會議

時間：下午12時30分
地點：聖堂騎士會室

靈修小故事

成熟的愛

有一星期同樣的故事聽到兩次，讓我回味無窮：『一群公司主管至外地出差開會，由於與另一半約定準時回家吃晚餐，但因為會議時間延長，因此到達機場較晚，大家在奔跑中，其中一名人，無意中撞倒了一條賣蘋果的長凳，蘋果掉落散了一地，由於時間很趕，闖禍者沒留下來收拾殘局。

一夥人繼續拼命奔跑，終於登上飛機，其中有一人停下來，他回頭看一眼那被撞倒的長凳，他告訴同伴不必等他，只請他們到達時，通知自己的太太，他會乘下一班飛機回家。

他走回航廈，發現所有的蘋果都掉在地上，使他大吃一驚的是，賣蘋果的小販，是一個瞎眼的小女孩，她正在哭泣，手在地上無助地摸索著，想找回掉落的蘋果，卻一無所得。

機場裡人群川流不息，誰也不停留下來幫助她，更沒有人關心，此時那位折回的主管在女孩身旁蹲下，把蘋果一個個撿回籃子裡，並幫她把長凳架好，這時他才看到，許多蘋果已經跌爛了。

之後，他從皮夾取出錢來對女孩說：「妳沒事吧？請收下這一百歐元，當作我們對妳造成的賠償。」女孩哭著點點頭。這位主管繼續說：「希望沒有浪費妳這一天。」說完就迅速離開。此時這女孩卻大聲喊到：「先生…」那人停下來轉了身，女孩問說：「你是耶穌嗎？」那主管注視著女孩有目無珠的雙眼，一時無法動彈，然後他緩緩回過身來，走向登機門，心中卻如火一般地延燒著那一個巨聲：「你是耶穌嗎？」』

成熟的愛絕對不會以利己為出發點，其中一定包含了犧牲，在愛中找不到自己，都是別人，我們不需要做一些奇特的事，只要一個微笑、問候及動作就能達到，我們只要耐心地盡好自己的本分，在家庭、在工作、在與人相處的時候，以適切的態度扮演好自己的角色，我們就會成為一個傳播、分享及擁有愛的人。

知多一點點

基督信徒之義務與權利

所有基督信徒，因皆重生於基督，享有地位及行為的真正平等，眾人各按其固有的身分及職務，共同建立基督的奧體。

基督信徒皆有義務，以自己的行動方式，常與教會保持共融。

對普世教會或其依法規定隸屬的地方教會，應勤勉盡職。

基督信徒，應按個人的身分，度聖化的生活，並應提供力量促成教會的發展並使其不斷聖化。

基督信徒有義務及權利，努力使天主救世的福音，盡快傳給普世各時代的人。

基督信徒意識到自己的責任，應以信徒的服從追隨代表基督的牧人，有關他們以信仰導師身份所宣佈的，並以教會領導人身份，所規定的一切。

基督信徒有權將自己的需要，尤其精神上的需要以及期望，向教會牧人表達。

信徒根據自己的學識、能力及聲望，有權利而且有義務將其有關教會利益的見解表達給教會的牧人，並在顧全信仰和善良風俗的完整，對牧人的尊敬，以及大眾的利益和個人地位的前提下，有權將之告知其他信徒。

基督信徒有權利由教會的牧人，領受教會精神財富的幫助，尤其是天主的聖言和聖事。

基督信徒有權遵照教會合法牧人所審定的禮儀規定，奉行對天主的敬禮，並遵循本有的神修生活形式，惟須與教會道理相符合。

基督信徒得自由地創立並管理善會，以促進愛德及虔誠為目的，以推行信徒在世的使命，並得為共同達此目的而集會。