

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 World Mission and Prayers intension



September General and Missionary Intention

General Intention: For all teachers, that

they may convey love in truth and educate in authentic moral and spiritual values.

Missionary Intention: That the Christian communities spread throughout the Asian continent may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, bearing witness to beauty with the joy of the faith.

Parish Activities



OLPH Fundraising Bazaar

OLPH will be hosting a TIA fundraising bazaar for handicap washroom project on Sunday - September 18th 2011 at the parking lot between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

This Bazaar will include breakfast, lunch, selling of different household items, tools, crafts, art, new clothing, food and beverages. And other activities such as face painting and children's game. We sincerely urge all parishioners to donate their good condition used or new items! Donations can be forwarded to church group representatives or dropped off at the church religious articles counter on Sept 4th and Sept 11th. For details contact Parish Office. Don't miss out an opportunity to find great deals and to support our Parish!

Sunday School Registration

Registration for the 2011-2012 Sunday School Liturgy and Sacramental Preparation classes will be held on September 11th from 11 am to 12 noon. Registration forms and other information will be available at the reception desk located at the church side entrance. The registration process will take place in the student's prospective classrooms. All registration forms should be checked and returned to the teachers on that day. Classes will resume on September 25th.

Sunday School Teachers needed!

Are you a youth or young adult looking to build your resume and gain some experience? Being a Sunday School teacher is a great way to do just that! See what happens when you put your faith in action! Please contact Chrissy Leung 403-500-1218, Sunday School Coordinator or Parish Office

403-265-7926 for more information.

Tuesday Evening English Mass

Tuesday (7:00 pm) English Mass will be resumed from September 6.

OLPH Website www.myolph.org

The parish is happy to inform all parishioners that the new website is now operational. Please feel free to visit www.myolph.org to view the new website.

Youth Group Registration

Registration for Youth Group will be on Sunday Sept 11, 11a.m. till 12:30 p.m. at Upper Hall. All youths in grade 7 – 12 are welcome to join for fellowship, recreational activities and spiritual program.

RCIA Adult Catechumenate Class – New Class Notice

The 2011 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 refer their friends and relatives to join.

The Sisters of Providence

The Sisters of Providence invite all parishioners to celebrate and pray with them as Sr. Christina Wong, professes her perpetual vows at Providence Centre Chapel, Edmonton on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. They also invite us to the Festive Meal at noon after the Mass. If you would like to attend the Eucharistic celebration, please contact Sr. Magdalena Chan (403-690-2973) before Sept. 10.

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 June 20, our campaign has received a total of \$25,975. Let's continue to take action now to respond to Christ's love and sacrifice for the salvation of mankind.

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day September 8



Origin: The fifth century

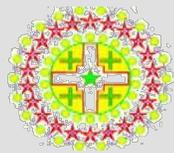
In Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool (Jn 5:1-19) and a church was built. September 8 is the anniversary of the church's consecration. According to legend, the church's construction site was the home of the parents of Mary, where Mary was born. In the sixth century, September 8 became the day in commemoration of Our Lady's birth.

Development: In the sixth to seventh century, this celebration was introduced from Jerusalem into Rome, and became one of the four major feasts of Mary.

Today's meaning:

Mary gave birth to Christ the Saviour of mankind, so also the birth of Our Lady gave the world the dawn of salvation and hope. The Church does not view the birth of Mary as an independent event, but it is closely related to her giving birth to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Diocese & Other News



Religious Education Secretariat

The Diocesan Catechetical Certificate Program will be offering Level I, of its three level program, starting on Saturday September 17th at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Each level has six Saturday morning sessions. The program is designed to give lay people the necessary catechetical background to feel more confident in the following areas of parish ministry: sacramental preparation, R.C.I.A., youth ministry and parish-based catechesis. An excellent opportunity for faith enrichment and

updating oneself on the Catholic faith including Scripture, sacraments, liturgy, prayer, social justice, Vatican II and more. For more information and registration call the Religious Education Office at: 403-218-5501.

Father Lacombe Care Centre

The 6th Annual Outdoor Mass with Bishop Henry will be held at Father Lacombe Care Centre on Sunday September 11, 2011. Mass starts at 11.00 am. BBQ lunch will follow. You are all welcome. (332 - 146 Avenue SE, Calgary, East of St. Mary's College).

Weekly Activities



Wed, Fri 7,9

OLPH Senior Centre

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

Saturday 10

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

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

Faith Sharing Group (N.E)

Time: 10:30a.m.-12:00noon.
Contact: Sr. Shi 403-230-3801

Faith Sharing Group (N.W.)

Time: 7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.
Contact: Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

Sunday 11

Sunday School Registration

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
Place: OLPH Church office building

Youth Group registration

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

R. C.I.A

Adult Catechumenate Class (Cantonese, Mandarin and English)

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Place: OLPH Church Lower Hall

Queen of China-meeting

Time: 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m.
Place: OLPH Church Board Room

Imitating Christ



Chapter 12 : The Value Of Adversity

These things help us to be humble and shield us from vainglory. When to all outward appearances men give us no credit, when they do not think well of us, then we are more inclined to seek God Who sees our hearts. Therefore, a man ought to root himself so firmly in God that he will not need the consolations of men. To Be Continued

Let There Be Light



Be Grateful

Maybe God wants us to meet a few wrong people before meeting the right one so that when we finally meet the right person, we will know how to be grateful for that gift.

When the door of happiness closes, another opens, but often times we look so long at the closed door that we don't see the one which has been opened for us.

The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.

It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.

Don't go for looks; they can deceive. Don't go for wealth; even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright. Find the one that makes your heart smile.

May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to bring you joy.

Always put yourself in another's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the other person, too.

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along

their way.

The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past, you can't get on well in life until you let go of past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying. by: Peter Gerhard

Stories Faith Sharing



Acorn Planter

In the 1930s a young traveler was exploring the French Alps. He came upon a vast stretch of barren land. It was desolate. It was forbidding. It was ugly. It was the kind of place you hurry away from.

Then, suddenly, the young traveler stopped dead in his tracks. In the middle of this vast wasteland was a bent-over old man. On his back was a sack of acorns. In his hand was a four-foot length of iron pipe.

The man was using the iron pipe to punch holes in the ground. Then from the sack he would take an acorn and put it in the hole.

Later the old man said to the traveler, "I've planted over 100,000 acorns. Perhaps only a tenth of them will grow." The old man's wife and son had died, and this was how he chose to spend his final years. "I want to do something useful," he said.

Twenty-five years later the now-not-as-young traveler returned to the same desolate area. What he saw amazed him. He could not believe his own eyes. The land was covered with a beautiful forest two miles wide and five miles long. Birds were singing, animals were playing, and wild flowers perfumed the air.

The traveler stood there recalling the desolation that once was; a beautiful oak forest stood there now - all because someone cared. By Brian Cavanaugh

Know more Saints



Don-Bosco

1815 +1888

The Catholic Church proclaims Don Bosco as patron saint of the education sector.

Where did Don Bosco learn his educational methods? He himself said, "My approach to education is based on these words of St. Paul, the Apostle: "Love is patient, Love is kind, Love does not seek its own interests."

So how can we love young people? Don Bosco said, "We must first do things that young people like to do, then they will do things that we too will like."

Don Bosco has his own ways of attracting young people's interest, and that is to tell stories. He was convinced that people not only love to hear touching stories, but they can be educated by what they hear and be converted to do good. Why would stories make people happy? The reason is that life is actually a story in itself, a story written down by each one of us. The saying goes "What you seeded is what you will harvest." It is so for us, as well as for others. Therefore we have to be interested in how others live. After all, they are people like us, having the same problems, the same temptations, and the same hope.

Because a story is told appropriately, making us happy, and touching our hearts, it could suddenly give us a ray of light to recognize an important truth. That is why Jesus often told stories, like the Parable of the Talents. After listening to this metaphor, people came to understand the truth: for God to forgive us, we must also forgive our brothers. If we say that story-telling helps to educate adults, then how much more helpful it would be to children?

Pope John Paul I said it best when he said : "Children do not like abstract things, so we can only use pictures and stories to gradually guide them to understand the truth."

Stories can make people happy, and stories can open up people's hearts. Stories have an even greater purpose: guide people to kindness. Because a good story often stirs up in the minds of the listeners and readers, a desire to follow suit what the characters in the stories do. This would ultimately prompt them to become righteous people.

主日分享



基督信徒團體內的弟兄規勸

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，在天上也是有效的。

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) 梁煜寧供稿

教宗及福傳 祈禱意向



九月祈禱及傳教意向：

祈禱意向：為全體為人師表者懂得傳播對真理的愛、傳授真正的倫理道德和精神價值觀祈禱。

傳教意向：為分佈在亞洲大陸的基督

信仰團體懂得積極宣講福音、滿懷喜樂地見證信仰的美好祈禱。

堂區活動



星期二黃昏彌撒

星期二黃昏彌撒將於九月六日七時照以往時間舉行。

永援聖母堂TIA籌款賣物會

本堂將於九月十八日(主日)上午九時至下午三時,於本堂停車場舉行永援聖母堂 TIA 籌款賣物會,用以建造一項殘障人士衛生間的工程。內容包括早餐、午餐、義賣各類物品及各種遊戲活動。此外,歡迎教友捐贈各類精緻耐用的新舊物品以作義賣之用,物品可交予各善會代表或可於九月四日及十一日主日彌撒前後交往聖物部,詳情請聯絡堂區辦事處。請大家萬勿錯過這個做善事於娛樂的好機會!

OLPH網站www.myolph.org

我們很高興教堂的新網站現已開始重新運作。歡迎所有教友到www.myolph.org瀏覽

主日學報名

2011-2012 年度主日學的兒童聖經分享及聖事預備班將於9月11日上午11時至12時接受報名。請於當日在聖堂門口服務處索取單張及報名表,填妥後交回班房老師。任何查詢,請電堂區辦事處。

主日學將於九月二十五日正式上課。

主日學老師招募

堂區現誠摯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 Chrissy Leung 403-500-1218或堂區辦事處403-265-7926聯絡。

成人慕道班新班報名

2011 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宗教團體人士,皆請聯絡:

堂區辦事處 403-265-7926 或

Joseph Yip 403-547-0618 (晚間)

亦可在教堂入口處索取「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。

青年會登記日

新年度青年會登記將於9月11日星期日,上午十一時至下午十二時三十分於上禮堂舉行,歡迎堂區就讀第七至十二年級青年參加,透過團體活動而增進友誼及靈修。

主顧修女會

主顧修女會黃玉清修女誠意邀請堂內的兄弟姊妹為她祈禱及參予她發永願慶典彌撒。禮成,該會將薄具午膳予參禮來賓。

日期:9月17日星期六上午
10時30分。

地點:愛民頓主顧修女會小堂。
詳情及報名查詢,請在9月10日前與陳修女聯絡(403-690-2973)。

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索取。截至六月二十日,捐款已累積至\$25,975元。

聖母誕辰慶日 九月八日



起源：第五世紀，耶路撒冷聖殿以北羊門(若5:1-19)的水池建有聖堂。九月八日為該聖堂的祝聖紀念日。相傳該堂的建址曾是瑪利亞父母的宅址，瑪利亞在那裏誕生。第六世紀，九月八日成了紀念聖母誕生的日子。
制定：第六至七世紀，這慶祝由耶路撒冷引入羅馬，成為當時四大聖母慶節之一。

現今的意義：

瑪利亞生育了人類的救主基督，所以聖母的誕辰也給世界帶來救恩的曙光和希望。教會並非視聖母誕辰為獨立

事件，而是與她生育救主耶穌的事件密切相關的。

活動一週



星期三、五 7, 9 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

星期六 10

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

信仰小團體 (西北區)

時間：晚上 7 時 30 分至晚上 10 時

聯絡：Wendy Tai 403-208-2268

星期日 11

主日學報名

時間：上午 11 時至中午 12 時

地點：永援聖母堂寫字樓大廈

青年會報名

時間：上午 11 時至下午 12 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

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

聖母會開會

時間：下午 12 時 30 分至下午

2 時 30 分

地點：永援聖母堂會議室

師主篇



第十二章、逆境的益處

這些事都能幫助我們謙遜，保護我們不受虛榮之害。外在一切別人都不同意我們，不認為我們好，我們就更容易尋求那照看我們內心的天主。因此，一個人應堅定地紮根於天主，而不再需求人的安慰了。 待續

靈修小故事



蝴蝶與花朵

以前，有一個人祈求天父給他一朵花和一隻蝴蝶；但是，天父 給了他一棵仙人掌和一隻毛毛蟲。

那人很傷心，因為，他不明白為何天父會出此差錯。

後來，他想了一想，可能天父有太多人需要照顧，所以.....

因此，他決定不再過問。

過了一些日子，他重新翻看了一下那早已被他遺忘了的禮物，他驚訝地發現，滿身是刺的仙人掌上正盛開 一朵美麗、鮮艷的花；那難看的毛毛蟲也已經變成一隻漂亮的蝴蝶。

天父從來不出差錯。

天主的方式永遠是完美的；儘管，在我們眼裏似乎是錯誤的。

如果，你向天主祈求某件事物，而卻得到其他的；請相信，天主絕對會在最適當的時候賦予你所需要的。

你所祈求的，不一定是你最需要的。

天父從未拒絕過我們的祈求，請繼續把心願帶到祂跟前，不猜疑，也別發牢騷。

今日的荊棘，是明日的花朵！

天主把最好的賜給完全信賴祂的人。

聖人知多些



若望·鮑斯高

*1815+1888

司鐸、教育家、
修會創立人、聖人
教會奉若望·鮑思高

為教育界主保。鮑思高從哪裡學得他的教育方法呢？他自己會說：「我的教育方法是依據聖保祿宗徒的這句話：愛是含忍的，愛是慈祥的，愛不求自己的益處。」

那麼怎樣才能愛青年人呢？鮑思高說：「我們要先作那些讓青年人喜歡的事。然後他們便會作讓我們喜歡的事。」

鮑思高自有一個令青年人喜歡的方法，那就是講小故事。他深信扣人心弦的小故事，不但叫人喜歡，而且能教訓人，引導人為善。

為什麼故事會叫人喜歡。故事所以叫人喜歡，是因為人生原是一個故事，原是我們各自寫下的一個故事。所謂「撒什麼種子，便有什麼收成。」為我們如此，為別人也是一樣。因此，我們要對別人是怎樣生活有興趣。他們究竟同我們一樣是人，有一樣的問題，一樣的誘惑，一樣的希望。

正因為故事講得適當，能叫我們喜歡，能在我們心中引起共鳴，所以它能在突然之間給我們一線光明，使我們認出重要的真理。為此耶穌常常講故事，比如，「塔冷通」的比喻。聽了這比喻，人們會頓時領會這項真理：要天主寬恕我們，我們也要寬恕我們的弟兄，如果說，講故事有助於教育成年人，那麼對兒童來說，不是更有用處了嗎？教宗若望保祿一世說得好：「兒童不會想抽象的事。我們只能利用圖畫和故事來漸漸引導他們認知真理。」

故事叫人喜歡，故事能打開人的心扉。故事還有一個更大的作用：引導人為善。因為一個好的故事，往往會在聽眾或讀者們的心中激起效法故事中主人公的意願，因而促使他們立志也作好人。

Intercession 通功



Please join us to pray for

Miss Justina Tang 's Father who passed away on August 25, 2011.

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

通功

請為鄧泰先生(Justina Tang 的父親)祈禱，他於 8 月 25 日逝世。

願他安息主懷並祈求主賜力量及安慰其家人！