

Pastor's corner - July 11, 2010

The Scripture readings these weeks are about journeying, making a commitment as a follower of Jesus and the Gospel. The prophet Elijah challenged Elisha to join him while he was preoccupied in his daily routine as a farmer. Elisha responds by sacrificing everything he has; he organizes a big BBQ for his village offering them the meat of his oxen cooked on his plow; he says goodbye & becomes a disciple of Elijah, symbolized by the mantel Elijah throws on Elisha. Jesus in the Gospel of Luke 9:51-62 also uses the image of the plow ("No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God" Luke 9:62) in order to tell his disciples that it takes commitment to follow him. Jesus himself gives us the example: Luke repeats twice: "He set his face to go to Jerusalem." Jesus is resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, determined to face the challenges, the rejection, the insecurity, the homelessness and suffering, that will be part of that journey which will end on the cross.

We are not any different. Like Elisha we too are confronted in the midst of our daily life to make choices: to make a clean break when God is inviting us to change or to enter a more profound commitment. We often don't have the luxury of putting off to a more "appropriate time" the changes we need to make. We cannot be caught short and wanting when faced with illness or demands; we need to develop **now** the internal resources needed: strength, resolve, integrity, trust, faith, hope and love. We know that our life's journey will take us through hostile territory (just like Jesus' journey; "See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves" - Luke 10:3). That is when we need to remain gentle of heart and to be steadfast as we follow Jesus.

In chapter 10 of Luke's Gospel Jesus continues to give us a kind of basic training in discipleship. He is telling us not to be encumbered by all kinds of gadgets and possessions but to have our hands free for reaching out to others. No use to call fire on an enemy: rather channel that energy into greater understanding and mutual respect, more generous service. Be ready to pursue an active, mobile ministry which is rooted in Jesus and that finds a home in those who require our services, our care and our compassion. If ever we are refused in any place, we need to move on with the hope that the message of the Gospel and our love and compassion will find a home somewhere else. To love God demands us to love our neighbour, even our enemies.

Journeying in life is like the pilgrimages of old (Canterbury, Compostella, etc): we do so with others, praying as we go and supporting one another as we face the challenges on the way. Our caring and reaching out need to go beyond our inner circle of friends and family and include all people, even our enemies. We cannot pass by without betraying Christ himself, even if priest and Levite do so in the parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Yes, there is a cost to discipleship!

The summer is a good time for us for some reflection and self-examination. Luke 10: 38-42 tells us not to be distracted by our many tasks but to take the time to be at the Lord's feet, to be open to his presence, listening. Luke 11: 1-13 shows Jesus himself connecting with God in prayer in order to find guidance and strength for his mission. A true disciple must nurture that personal relationship with God which is like that of parent with a son or daughter, like that of two spouses with each other.

Shalom, Fr. Rolf, OP

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Saanich Peninsula Parish

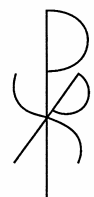
A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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PASTOR: Father Rolf Hasenack, O.P. **PARISH COORDINATOR:** Gary Koett

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Janet Staebell & Linda MacGowan (Co-Chairs)

<p>EUCCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S 10030 Third Street, Sidney</p> <p>Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 10:30 am. Daily on Tuesdays (9 am), Wednesdays (8:30 am), Thursdays (9 am), and First Fridays (9 am).</p>	<p>EUCCHARIST AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION 7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton</p> <p>Sundays at 8:30 am</p> <p>Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11 am Remaining Fridays at 9 am in a private home. (See "This Week in Our Parish" inside bulletin.)</p>
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July 11, 2010 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deut 30.10-14 / Col 1.15-20 / Lk 10.25-37

July 18, 2010 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gen 18.1-10 / Col 1.24-28 / Lk 10.38-42

July 25, 2010 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gen 18.20-32 / Col 2.12-14 / Lk 11.1-13

VISITING EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is house-bound or in a nursing home/hospital and would like a visit from the Pastor or the Visitation Team, please call the office at 250-656-7433.

MISSION STATEMENT

*Let us be open
accepting individuals
sensitive to change
and willing to take
Courses untraditional,
unknown to us.
Let us live as
examples of God's love.*

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!

Please fill out the information below so we can get to know you. Pick up one of the blue information pamphlets next to the bulletins in the foyer so you can get to know us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes ___ No ___

Need donation envelopes? Yes ___ No ___

PARISH REPORT

COLLECTIONS:

PAD's (monthly total):	\$ 3,395.00
June 6:	\$ 6,486.40
June 13:	\$ 4,067.91
June 20:	\$ 3,592.50
June 27:	\$ 3,404.00
July 4:	\$ 5,059.25

Monthly target: *Approx. \$23,000.00*

We offer congratulations on the celebration of the Marriages of:

- Justin Chapman & Sheena Honey
- Michelle Vinay & Stephan Tuomi

We welcome into our faith community in Baptism:

- Sapphire Boucaut, child of Edward & Lynda
- Roselyn Williams, child of Roy & Marcey
- Terry Crocker Jr., child of Terry & Marcey
- Jillian Varela, child of Gerardo & Vicenta

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of:

- Audrey Kalyniuk, who died on June 25

COVENANT

ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

See ststephensanglican.net for service times.

IN OUR PARISH

RELIGIOUS EDUC. COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a co-ordinator for the Religious Education program. A financial compensation is involved. Please submit your resume to the parish office **by July 20**.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Catechists are needed to help in this fall's religious education program. Course materials and support are provided. Please consider becoming involved in this important and rewarding ministry. If you are interested, contact the parish office at 250-656-7433, or email sparish@shaw.ca.

THIS MONTH IN THE PARISH

TUESDAYS

9:00am July 13 - Mass
9:00am July 20 & 27 - Service of the Word

WEDNESDAYS

8:30am July 14 - Mass
8:30am July 21 & 28 - Service of the Word
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
10:00am Taiji Qigong (**not on July 28**)

THURSDAYS

9:00am Mass
6:00pm Taiji Qigong (**not on July 29**)

FRIDAYS

9:00am July 16 - Mass at Legion Manor, 7601 E. Saanich Rd.
9:00am July 23 - Mass at Eileen Kroetsch's
11:00am July 30 - Mass at Saan. Pen. Hospital

SATURDAYS

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

SUNDAYS

8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Assumption
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

PLEASE NOTE ...

On the July 24-25 weekend Fr. Rolf will be replacing Fr. Scott Whittmore on the west coast (Tofino, Ucluelet & Ahousat). On Sat. July 24 there will be a communion service at 5:00 pm. On Sun. July 25, **Fr. Raphael Hong** will celebrate the 8:30 & 10:30 masses at OLA & St. Elizabeth's.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED ...

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for the Saturday 5:00 pm mass. If you are willing to serve in this important Ministry please email Bill Blore at alfredblore@shaw.ca, or call him at 250-656-0853.

POST CARD FROM FR. NIGRO

... It was a privilege and grace for me to share those days with your parishioners. They loved more of God into me than I could mediate for them. ... My love and gratitude to all who hosted me and took part in the parish masses and mission talks. I hold them all in my heart and masses and prayers. Fr. Armand Nigro, SJ
[full text posted on bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's]

SVDP REMINDER

Please fill in your **name & address** on your blue St. Vincent de Paul Society donation envelopes.

GRANDMOTHERS HELPING GRANDMOTHERS

We received a thank you from the Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers group for providing our church facilities free of charge for their recent Textile Art Exhibit in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. They raised over \$5,000 to assist grandmothers in Africa to look after their grandchildren and other children whose parents have died of Aids.

TAIJI QIGONG

There will be no TG classes after Thur. July 22. Sessions will resume on Wed. Aug. 25.

GENERAL

TEDDY BEAR TIME: JULY 5 - AUG. 16

St. Stephen's is running a Teddy Bear Time for ages 0 to 6, older siblings welcome, on Mondays from July 5 to Aug. 16 (except for Aug. 2) at 10:30am at their church. For more information call Katherine at 250-744-5056.

ST. STEPHEN'S HYMN SING: JULY 11

Annual Hymn Sing at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 7921 St. Stephen's Rd. (off Mt. Newton), Sun. July 11, at 6:30 pm. With Louise Rose & the Open Door Choir. On the church grounds; if rain we will be in the Hall. Bring a lawn chair and a sweater. For information call 250-652-4311.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AGM ON JULY 17

You are invited to attend the annual general meeting of the Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island on Sat. July 17, 10 am at St. Mary's Church Hall, 1135 Fourth Ave., **Ladysmith**.

PIPES AROUND THE PACIFIC: JULY 18 - 22

International Organ Festival Victoria 2010. For various events and venues see poster on the bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's.

SUMMER CAMPS: AUG. 3 - 8 & 23 - 29

The Diocese of Victoria invites all youth to a summer camp at Camp Barnard, Young Lake Rd., Sooke on Aug. 3 to 8 (for grades 5 - 7) and Aug. 23 to 29 (for grades 8 - 12). For registration or more information call 250-479-1331.

REUNION 2010: AUG 7

St. Louis College and St. Ann's Academy reunion for all alumni on Sat. Aug. 7. For information and registration see www.slkota.ca, or call Dennis or Wendy Payne at 250-658-2196.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: AUG. 8

At St. Stephens on Sunday, August 8 at 2 pm. All animals both large and small are welcome.

SPECIAL MASS & BUS TRIP: AUG. 28

A special Diocesan mass will be held at Providence Farm in Duncan on Sat. Aug. 28 at 11 am, with Bishop Richard Gagnon presiding. ALL are invited. Games for the kids and a potluck meal after mass. A bus trip is being planned. To sign up for the bus contact the Cathedral office at 250-388-5571 (cost is \$20 per person). This tour will include a visit to the Old Stone Church and (hopefully) St. Ann's Church.

FAITH & LIGHT ...

is a community that offers fellowship and support to individuals and their families with disabilities. We meet monthly to share in worship, fellowship and music, and are always looking for new members as well as individuals who would like to share their talents. If this is something that interests you or you have a family member with a disability, please contact Amber at 250-383-4009.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP is extremely low on Summer clothing. The inventory is depleted and they still have two months to go. You can drop off ladies, children's or men's summer clothing Mon. to Sat., 9 to 5 at 9788B 2nd St., Sidney (or at their other locations).

QUEENSWOOD CLOSING ON OCT. 1

It was recently announced that Queenswood retreat centre will be closing permanently on Oct. 1, after 40 years. Queenswood will continue to be available for community events until Oct. 3. Further updates on the closure of Queenswood can be found on their website at www.QueenswoodVictoria.ca/closure.

However, there is still hope ...

If one or more generous patrons can be found by July 15 it may be possible for this closure to be reversed. For additional information, contact Kate Taylor at 250-514-0288, or email her at execdirector@QueenswoodVictoria.ca.