

**Pastor's corner - Oct. 14, 2007**

In last week's bulletin I started a reflection on "how to be true disciples of Jesus", the theme of this year's Sunday gospels (Luke) during the months of August and September when we have traveled with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. Jesus wanted to teach his disciples and us how to love and serve and care and give as he would. He does not just teach by word; he does so by example, ultimately by the greatest gift of all, his life on the cross, the end of the journey.

As we well know becoming a disciple is a long and gradual journey during which we have to renew our commitment on a daily basis. The apostles experienced that; humans for the last two thousand years have experienced that, some of whom we have called saints because we see in them models. These disciples of Jesus became first and foremost humans, truly human beings, before they became true disciples and witnesses to the Gospel.

We are faced both in history and in our own time by numerous examples of inhumanity and of disregard of basic human dignity: just think of a Rwanda (see the excellent Canadian movie "Shaking hands with the devil"), of a Darfur, of an Iraq, of a Zimbabwe. In all these situations there are supposedly humans at work: conscious, educated, trained members of families, of citizens. So the first question becomes: "how to become truly human."

Our Sunday lectionary has responded by saying: begin by looking at all creatures as being "in the image of God." The author of the book of Wisdom pointed out on Sept. 9 that such an awareness does not come from human reasoning but by the "good counsel...the wisdom, ... the spirit sent from on high (9:17)." That consciousness of the fundamental dignity of each human being and of all God's creation is present within us but we have to become aware of it, we have to learn it over and over, and build on its foundation. Later on Sept. 16 the Word of God in Exodus warned us not to worship the Gods we have fashioned ourselves, money, power, greed prestige because it will lead to greed and practices of social injustices and the dehumanization of so many of God's people. The prophet Amos does not mince his words: "Hear this, you that trample on the needy and bring to ruin the poor of the land....Surely I will never forget any of their deeds (8:4-7)." In the second readings Paul's letters to Philemon and Timothy remind us that all authentic and sincere human beings commit themselves to accept others, even slaves, outcasts and enemies, as sisters and brothers because we are one in Christ.

The discipleship that the Lucan Jesus has called us to in the month of September is to become a Christian human, a human who loves Jesus first and best with a love that will follow him willingly, wisely, knowingly, and with perseverance to the end. It includes a humility that makes us like the prodigal son "come to our senses (Luke 15:1-32)" and repent in the knowledge that we will be welcomed "home" with open arms. We in turn need to seek reconciliation and forgive others and to pray for all "in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (I Tim 2:4)."

Then in the last two gospels of September (Luke 16:1-13 and 16:19-31) we humans and Christian disciples are reminded that we will be judged according to the way we have used the world's resources and our acquired wealth for the benefit of all humankind. When we are master of, and not mastered by, wealth then our hearts will open to the needs of the countless Lazaruses who are at our doorsteps in our neighbourhood here and far off in the poor two-thirds of world. Neglecting and not responding to their needs makes us inhuman, un-Christian and unworthy of being a disciple of Jesus.

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN COVENANT WITH ST. STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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**EUCHARIST AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**  
10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am  
Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
& Thursdays and First Fridays  
Liturgy of the Word at 9am on Mondays

**EUCHARIST AT**  
**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
7742 West Saanich Road, Brentwood Bay  
Sundays at 8:30am  
Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am  
Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home  
See inside bulletin

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 14, 2007

2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Tim 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Need donation envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## PARRISH REPORT

### COLLECTIONS

Oct. 7th Collection \$5,109.75  
PAD's \$2,275.00

Budgeted Expenses 1/52 \$5,270.00

### SPECIAL COLLECTION: OCT 20 & 21:

A 2nd collection will be taken after communion for **Evangelization of Nations** (World Mission Sunday).

### We welcome into our faith community in Baptism:

Kegan Thomas McAllister, child of Andrew & Tracy

## COVENANT

### ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Oct. 21 9:00 St. Stephen's BCP Holy Communion  
10:30 St. Mary's BAS Holy Communion

## IN OUR PARISH

### FAITH REFLECTION GROUP: OCT. 15

Monday at 7pm with Sr. Donna & Fr. Rolf.  
Theme: "Forgiveness/reconciliation: mystery of the punishment of evil and God's mercy".

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER: OCT. 16

Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's. The prayer service will be a devotion to Our Lady of Charity. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

### K of C OKTOBER—HARVEST FEST:

**OCT. 19.** Please mark your calendars for Friday, October 19th for our annual Oktoberfest. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with games, horse racing and entertainment to follow. Tickets \$10, available after all Masses. Special events for children.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY, OCT. 15TH

9:00am Liturgy of the Word  
7:00pm Reflection Group

### TUESDAY, OCT. 16TH

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
7:00pm KofC, Prayer and Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17TH

9:00am Mass  
10:00am Taiji Qigong  
7:30pm RCIA, Adult Faith Formation

### THURSDAY, OCT. 18TH

9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
2:00pm Prayer Group  
6:00pm Taiji Qigong

### FRIDAY, OCT. 19TH

9:00am Mass at the home of Jack & Frances Chaproniere, 7746 E. Saanich Rd., 652-3948  
6:00pm KofC Oktoberfest-Harvestfest

### SATURDAY, OCT. 20TH

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, OCT. 21ST

8:30am Mass at OLO Assumption  
9:45am Children's Religious Education  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
11:45am Eritrean Benefit Luncheon

### ERITREAN ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON:

**OCT. 21** after 10:30am Mass. This fundraiser (by donation) will continue to support all our good friends' work in Eritrea, Horn of Africa—Education (pre-school, elementary, high school, Agricultural College), clinics, study centres, orphans, the elderly. Please come and enjoy a wonderful lunch, buy items from the Hands and Heart Boutique, and enjoy chatting with your fellow parishioners. A lunch with a Purpose.

## GENERAL

### WORLD FOOD DAY AWARENESS WALK:

**OCT. 16** From 10am-noon, over 1400 students in Catholic schools, staff, Clergy, parishioners, as well as SVDP members, staff and volunteers will be walking up to 5km along routes set by the schools. Meet at the parking lot of one of the Catholic Schools in your area (poster on the St. Elizabeth's bulletin board). Donations of food and funds for poverty relief will be accepted at the school location.

### 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF D&P: OCT. 19 & 20

Come celebrate the D&P 40th Anniversary at the Fall Fundraiser and Fine Art Show on Oct. 19th & 20th. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 2060 Haultain St. Friday from 7-10pm and Saturday from 10am-3pm. Free Admission. Refer to poster on Bulletin Board at St. Elizabeth's.

The D&P meeting for Oct. 18th has been changed to Oct. 25th at 7pm at St. Elizabeth's.

### ONE DAY TOURS: OCT. 25, 30, NOV. 1 & 6

Tour the Ismaili Jamatkhana and Centre, Burnaby. These one day excursions from Victoria will provide an opportunity to tour the centre and learn more about the religious and social life of the city's Ismaili Muslim community. Lunch and transportation from the Tsawwassen ferry terminal included. For more details and to reserve see: [www.csr.s.uvic.ca](http://www.csr.s.uvic.ca) or call 721-6325. See bulletin board.

### REEL SPIRITUALITY FILM SERIES: OCT. 26

Films with issues arising from the human spiritual journey. Held the last Friday of Oct. & Nov. at the UVic Campus, Fine Arts Bldg., Room 103 at 3:30pm. Oct. 26th: "In This World". More info on the bulletin board at St. Elizabeth's.

### FAMILY ENTREPRENEUR FAIR: NOV. 10

If you have a business you want to advertise or a product to sell you are invited to book a table for only \$25 (before Nov. 3). Fair location— Sacred Heart Hall Parish, 4040 Nelthorpe St. on Sat. November 10th from 9am-1pm. For more information contact Marilyn at 479-1611.

## WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

**QUEENSWOOD** 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria  
[www.queenswoodcentre.com](http://www.queenswoodcentre.com)

For Registration or Information call 477-3822

### HEALING MANDALA WEEKEND

**RETREAT: OCT. 19-21** with Mary Jane Wilson, cnd, Sharon Miller, csj and Bill Wilson, sj. Fee \$175 includes meals, accommodation and art supplies.

### CARING FOR EARTH VIDEO SERIES:

**OCT. 25-Nov. 15.** With Judy Schachtel, 4 Thursday evenings, 7-8:30pm. \$30 for all 4.

**REIKI II: OCT. 26** with Sr. Eileen Curteis

### SILENT RETREAT: OCT. 26-28

Radical Women, Fierce Faith with Sr. Doreen McGuff. Fee \$175 includes meals and accommodation.

### WORDS & MUSIC SERIES: OCT. 27

From 7:30-9pm. An intimate evening with Arthur Vickers, self-taught, humble artist. Tickets \$25

### LANSDOWNE LECTURES: OCT. 22

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Monday, Oct. 22, David Strong Building, Rm C116 at 4:30pm. Speaker: Dr. Russell McCutcheon, Chair, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of Alabama. Theme: *They Licked the Platter Clean: The Role of the Sacred/Secular Binary and the Future of Religious Studies*. Free and open to the public.

### PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: OCT. 24

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society UVic. Wednesday, Oct. 24, David Strong Building, Rm C118 at 4:30pm. Speaker: Marie Vautier, French Dept., UVic. Theme: *Catholicism, Post-colonialism, Consensus: Religiosity and the Imaginary in Novels of the 1990s*. A 40 minute talk, followed by discussion, free, open to the public.

### "LAY BROTHERS OF MOTHER TERESA"

**TODAY** Please support the Lay Brothers of Mother Teresa, to feed the poorest of the poor in the border towns of Mexicali, Mexico.