

Pastor's corner – June 14, 2009

In the last two bulletins I related ever so briefly some of the reasons which brought me to consider the priesthood and especially religious life in the Order of Preachers (OP) or the Dominicans, founded by St. Dominic in two moments, first in 1208 as a monastic community of contemplative nuns in southern France in Cathare country, in the small villages of Prouilhe and Fanjeaux, close to Carcassonne and the Pyrenees. Then in 1216 Pope Honorius III gave approval to the masculine side of the Order of Preachers, even though Rome wandered how this band of "bishops" would preach since up to then only bishops were ordinary ex officio preachers!

Well, as I related the last time, when I made my vows as a Dominican in 1963, I was not thinking primarily about the ministry of preaching by word. Initially, I saw my calling in living, as a small Dominican community, with ordinary people in poor neighbourhoods, working as a worker-priest, trying to bring about change while working together with people from different religious and ethnic backgrounds. I have to be honest those years from 1969 to 1985 were some of my happiest, fulfilling, challenging and yet full of human and spiritual growth. As a street worker with youths, as a family worker with a great variety of families, as a community organizer and politician, as a house father/mother to the disadvantaged youths living with me, I learned more about God and God's grace, I learned more about Jesus and the Gospel of love and compassion, I learned more about priesthood, prayer and religious life in the concrete, I learned more about myself and God's call to me, than I had ever imagined was possible.

Those years of experience helped me when in 1989 I was asked to return to Indonesia (4th largest nation in the world; some 230 million people, 86 % of whom are Muslim) to see whether it was possible to restore the Dominican presence there. The first Dominicans had arrived near the Spice Islands (the Moluks) around 1545, had settled on the little islands of Flores, Solor, Adonara, Lembata, Timor (East and West), but they had been kicked out by the Dutch by 1610! After learning some Bahasa, the national language of Indonesia, I traveled by local ferry, small buses and even on foot for months to these islands, met with people (even if I could not always understand their local languages), religious and bishops who were very welcoming and open to our possible coming. They wanted Dominicans to come to teach the local clergy but also the many committed lay catechists who did most of the work in the desas or in the outlying mountainous areas. I was convinced that God was calling us there, helping the local Church and people to grow despite their poverty and total lack of resources. I remember university students in Kupang and Dili spending part of the day trying to find some food, while they lived in two by three meter shacks. Three thousand students with a library full of often outdated books donated by embassies; the library, the size of the crying (play?) area of St. Elizabeth. Despite it all they studied hard, were eager to learn, always there with eyes full of wonder and expectation, coming up with a thousand questions, furiously writing with pencils!

Indonesia would only allow us to come in if we contributed to the formation of the clergy and the lay people. We could not preach or be missionaries in the classical sense of the word: no sacramental work. After much research, talks and negotiations with local people I proposed that we teach in one of four small universities: Ujung Pandang on the Island of Sulawesi, Kupang in West Timor combined with Dili in East Timor, the STFT in Malang, East Java. Bishop Belo of East Timor (at that time under Indonesian oppressive rule) had invited us to take on the formation of the local clergy in East Timor; the same Bishop Belo who would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Who was willing to join me in this truly Gospel venture? (to be continued)  
Shalom. Fr. Rolf, OP

*fr. Rolf*

# Saanich Peninsula Parish



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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

**EUCHARIST AT**  
**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

7742 West Saanich Road, Saanichton  
Sundays at 8:30am  
Last Friday at Saanich Peninsula Hospital at 11am  
Remaining Fridays at 9am in a private home  
See inside bulletin

## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### JUNE 14, 2009

Ex 24.3-8 / Heb 9.11-15 / Mk 14.12-16, 22-26



### 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 Visitation Team, please call the office (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Need Pre-Authorized Debit package? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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

## PARISH REPORT

### COLLECTIONS

June 7	\$4,016.10
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$1,028.10
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,190.00

*We offer condolences to the families and pray for the repose of the souls of:*

**Mike Basic** (memorial service on Sat. July 4th)  
**Anna Grypma**, sister of Willie Van Dungen  
**Maria McCluskey** (wife of Bernard McCluskey)

## COVENANT

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

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

## IN OUR PARISH

### FR. ROLF'S 40th CELEBRATION: JUNE 19

There will be a celebration of Fr. Rolf's 40th anniversary of his ordination on Friday, June 19th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Tickets available after mass.

### FR. JAI'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Fr. Jai, who has been with us since last October, has been appointed Pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish, Lake Cowichan and Administrator of St. Ann's, Duncan. His last weekend with us will be July 18 & 19.

### GREETERS WANTED

There are a few people who presently welcome fellow parishioners to the Saturday 5:00pm Mass in the church lobby. We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to commit to be a welcoming presence before this Mass. Please call Helene Dizy at 250-656-0572, or email [helene.dizy@shaw.ca](mailto:helene.dizy@shaw.ca).

### WELDER NEEDED

We are looking for a welder to repair the metal frames on about a dozen chairs. Call Gary at 250-656-7433, or email [sparish@shaw.ca](mailto:sparish@shaw.ca)

### THANK YOU

To Gary & Lynn Koett and Roy Battilana for organizing the Parish Picnic. A Great Success!

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

1:00pm Memory P.L.U.S.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

7:45am Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)  
9:00am Mass  
11:30am Friendly Hours  
7:30pm K of C General Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:00am Mass  
1:00pm Faith Reflection Group

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

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

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:00am Mass at St. Elizabeth's  
9:00am Mass at the Legion Manor, East Saanich Rd., Saanichton  
6:30pm **Fr. Rolf's 40th Anniversary Celebration**

### SATURDAY, JUNE 20

5:00pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:30am Mass at OLA (Assumption)  
10:30am Mass at St. Elizabeth's

### C.W.L. BAZAAR

The CWL Bazaar was an overwhelming success, over \$1,300 was raised for our various charities. A big round of applause to all those who participated at the tables and behind the scenes. Another round of applause for those parishioners who supported our efforts by eating and buying our wares. Thanks to Gary K. for bulletin notices, and the promotions from the altar by Fr. Rolf and Linda M. The names of the raffle winners are as follows (all winners have been notified): 1<sup>st</sup> Jo W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen Y., 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Blore, 4<sup>th</sup> Teresa, 5<sup>th</sup> Teresa Tether, 6<sup>th</sup> Sharon Waylinckawsh, 7<sup>th</sup> Jo W., 8<sup>th</sup> Linda Wiebe, 9<sup>th</sup> Rhoda W., 10<sup>th</sup> Rhoda W., 11<sup>th</sup> Pat Holly, 12<sup>th</sup> Rhoda W., 13<sup>th</sup> Elaine Lunn, 14<sup>th</sup> Freddie Brand. (Rhoda bought a lot of tickets). God bless you all. Rhoda Waddington, President.

## GENERAL

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, based on this Sunday's Readings:

**Giving of Yourself.** In sharing his body and blood with us, Jesus offered the whole of himself for our benefit. We too offer ourselves when we do things for others they cannot do for themselves and when we speak up for those who are voiceless. What will you offer of yourself this week?

### ABBEYFIELD SING-A-LONG: JUNE 15

The Sunshine Singers will be leading a sing-a-long at Abbeyfield, 10017 Fifth Street at 6:30pm on Monday, June 15th. There will be refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome.

### OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH LOBSTER DINNER: JUNE 20

Please note that the date in the Diocesan Messenger Paper is incorrect. Come one and all, "LOBSTER DINNER" on Saturday, June 20th at 6:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre. Cost is \$25.00 for Lobster and \$10.00 for Ham. Dinner includes Lobster or Ham, an assortment of salads, buns, dessert and beverages. Purchase tickets (deadline Friday, June 12th at noon) through the Queen of Peace office at 250-384-3884 from Tues - Fri. 9am - 4pm.

### BIRTHRIGHT GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 17

Want to learn more about Birthright? You are cordially invited to attend Birthright Victoria's Annual General Meeting on June 17, at 9:30 AM, at St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish Centre.

### DIocese-WIDE SUMMER CAMP: AUG. 4 - 9

For diocesan youth in grades 5 to 7 - come to a Marvellous Mystery camp from August 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Barnard, Sooke. It is an adventure-filled, action-packed week of camping fun. Meet new friends, play active games, go hiking, swimming and canoeing. Make crafts, sing camp songs, share funny skits and campfire activities. Sleep in a rustic cabin and enjoy some authentic summer camp food! Let your Catholic faith come to life as you discover what it means to be called by Jesus to be Fully Alive! Space is limited. To register email [sfitzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sfitzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca), or call 250-479-1331, ext. 232. Family rates available.

### VICTORIA HUMAN EXCHANGE SOCIETY

Mr. Wes Mellors of the VHES, a non-profit organization is gratefully accepting donations of furniture or money to support the residents living in VHES houses. Call Linda Mayo, Board Chair at 250-658-0170.

### CAMP COLUMBIA FAMILY CAMP

Established as a summer camp for children in 1947, Camp Columbia resides on beautiful Thetis Island. You can enjoy a walk along the beach or through forest trails. Camp Columbia is run by the Anglican Diocese of BC. The camp's primary function is to seed and nurture a relationship with Jesus Christ for children, youth and adults in a welcoming environment. A number of camps are scheduled from June - Aug, such as: Family Camp, Theatre Camp, Juan de Fuca Trail Camp, Mini Adventurers Camp, Girl's Camp, Boy's Wilderness Camp, and Teen Camp. Additional information and a schedule of events can be found at [www.campcolumbia.com](http://www.campcolumbia.com).

### OTHER CLERGY APPOINTMENTS (effective August 1, 2009)

Bishop Richard Gagnon has, in consultation with the Priest Personnel Committee, made the following appointments:

**Fr. William MacDonald OMI**, appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands Missions.

**Rev. Anthony Divinagracia**, appointed Pastor of the North Island Catholic Communities, including Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Port Hardy and Port Alice.

**Rev. Oscar Paraiso**, appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Chemainus and St. Mary's Parish, Ladysmith.

**Rev. Scott Whittemore**, appointed Assistant Priest at Holy Family Parish, Ucluelet and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Tofino, with outreach to the Aboriginal communities on the West Coast.

**Rev. Mel Bayron**, appointed Assistant Priest at Christ the King Parish, Courtenay/Comox.