

Pastor's corner - June 21, 2009

On Friday evening you celebrated with me the 40th Anniversary of my ordination by Archbishop Plourde back in Ottawa on June 7, 1969. I want to thank you for taking time to come and honor me with your presence, with your words of gratitude and encouragement, with your generosity but especially in sharing my own joy and gratitude for God's grace over those years. As a member of the Dominican Order for the past 47 years I have been able to find happiness and peace both in religious life and in the priesthood. Of course, this was not always easy. The exuberance and promises of the Holy Spirit present at the Second Vatican Council which we shared with one another as young Dominicans back in the 1960's has at times given way to disappointment and frustration because of misunderstanding and lack of depth, because of false traditionalism and political manoeuvring. We still are living through these. But disappointments and challenges also can make us stronger and can ultimately bring us to greater refinement and trust in God's ways. Here is another example:

In my last bulletin I related how, while I was in Indonesia from 1989-1993, I could see God calling us Dominicans to return to Indonesia in order to help build the local Church in the formation of the clergy and lay leaders, especially in the impoverished areas of Sulawesi, Flores, Sumba, West and East Timor. Unfortunately, my own brothers in the Order were not willing to join me in this Gospel venture. The Canadian Dominicans were overstretched with our missions in Japan, Rwanda and Burundi. My attempts at attracting Dominicans from the Philippines ended in failure because the brothers were used to pastoral work or teaching in a Catholic and Filipino milieu. Faced with a different culture, with a largely Muslim population and with the Indonesian Government restrictions of only allowing us to teach, they decided not to take up the challenge. One brother did join me for six months but then returned! Frustrating for me since it had taken me almost nine months to obtain the necessary visas for him and another brother: this meant days and hours in government offices, at times traveling from one jurisdiction to another. All this while I was also trying to teach philosophy at the STFT in Malang. When it became clear that no one was going to join me, I conferred with our Master of the Order in Rome and the decision was made to abandon that attempt. I sometimes regret that decision: after all it was a missed opportunity, a misreading of the Signs of the Times. Other religious communities were bolder and more trusting and they were able to establish themselves with numerous Indonesian vocations. It was the Dominican women who showed again the way!

In 1996 Missionary Dominican Sisters of the Rosary from the Philippines went to open an orphanage in Dili Bidau and in Soibada to help some of the children affected by the continuous fighting between the Indonesian army and freedom fighters for an independent East Timor, now known as Timor Leste or Timor Lorosae. For a number of years our parish has provided funds for these people in need.

A young Indonesian, Adriano Adiredjo, who I had met when he was in a minor seminary in Bogor, eventually entered the Dominican Order in Manila and was ordained together with a second Indonesian, Robini, in 2005 when I met them in Pontianak, Kalimantan. They are now teaching at the Diocesan seminary there; the local Franciscan bishop comes from the fierce Dayak people of inner Borneo (Kalimantan), head hunters for years. You never know where the Spirit will lead!

Before returning to Canada in 1993 I journeyed by boat to Sumatra to visit my birth place, Pematang Siantar, as well as to visit the places where we had been interned by the Japanese. The local populations could not point to the precise areas. I also visited Nias, the little island which was later to be devastated by the Tsunami of 2004 and which I visited again in May 2005. For several years our parish has helped financially local people in the small villages of Teluk Dalam, Lahusa, Gunung Sitoli (all on Nias) served and taught by local Sisters of Charity. You know how our money can do so much more in those countries. Thank you for your support. May God bless you.

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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10030 Third Street, Sidney

Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 10:30am

Daily at 9am Tuesdays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays and First Fridays

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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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JUNE 21, 2009

Job 38.1-4, 8-11 / 2 Cor 5.14-17 / Mk 4.35-41

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: JUNE 28, 2009

Wis 1.13-15; 2.23-24 / 2 Cor 8.7, 9, 13-15 / Mk 5.21-43

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
June 14	\$4,871.50
PAD's (40 donors)	\$3,190.00

We offer condolences to the family and pray for the repose of the soul of **Agnes Salvador** who died on June 19 at Resthaven Lodge

FR. JAI'S

last weekend with us is June 27/28. After two weeks holiday he will be in Lake Cowichan as pastor of St. Louis de Montfort Parish and Administrator of St. Ann's in Duncan. He will be living in an apartment in Duncan. Join us after Mass on June 28th for a "Best Wishes Tea".

FR. ROLF

will be on holidays in Winnipeg from June 23-30.

CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS:

The Association of Peninsula Christian Churches, of which our Parish is a member, decided to donate the proceeds of our common Good Friday service at the Mary Winspear Centre to three very worthy ministries: \$1,000 to the Refugee Bus Ministry coordinated by Rick Wismer, which reaches out to First Nations People on several reserves, \$1,000 to a new ministry on the Tsawout First Nation Reserve, and \$1,000 to the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry (Joy Hunter).

COVENANT

ST. MARY & STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCHES

June 28 9:00 St. Stephen's BAS Holy Communion
10:30 St. Mary's BCP Holy Communion

IN OUR PARISH

FRIENDLY HOURS LAST DAY: JUNE 23

The last day for the season will be Tuesday, June 23rd. Will re-open on Sept. 10th.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: JULY 4

There will be a memorial service for Mike (Mile) Basic at St. Elizabeth's on Sat., July 4 at 12:00pm.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IN THE PARISH

	MONDAY, JUNE 22 & 29
1:00PM	Memory Plus
	TUESDAY, JUNE 23 & 30
7:45am	Eucharistic Adoration (1 hour)
9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Friendly Hours (last Day June 23)
	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 & JULY 1
9:00am	Mass
10:00am	Taiji Qigong (June 24 only)
	THURSDAY, JUNE 25 & JULY 2
9:00am	Mass
2:00pm	Prayer Group
6:00pm	Taiji Qigong (June 25 only)
	FRIDAY, JUNE 26 & JULY 3
11:00am	NO Mass at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital (June 26)
9:00am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
	SATURDAY, JUNE 27 & JULY 4
5:00pm	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
	SUNDAY, JUNE 28 & JULY 5
8:30am	Mass at OLO Assumption
10:30am	Mass at St. Elizabeth's
11:30am	Au Revoir Tea & Cake for Fr. Jai (June 28)

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to Mr. Ron George who will be 100 on June 22. Congratulations!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday mornings during the months of July and August.

ROOFING AT ASSUMPTION

Haley Roofing will begin replacing the main roof of Our Lady of Assumption church with a new cedar shingle roof on June 28th after mass. Work should be completed by Friday, July 3rd.

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 him at sparish@shaw.ca.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP), ST. ELIZABETH'S CONFERENCE

Conference members of St. Elizabeth's SVP will continue to host hospitality after the 10:30am mass this month. Please talk to them and ask questions about the Society's ministry displayed in the foyer. We need volunteers to assist in the Social Concern Office (Victoria) preparing food hampers for the growing number of needy clients. We also need volunteers to keep Vinnie's Victoria Thrift Store issuing free clothing (the only such store in the area), and to assist in our own Thrift Store in Sidney. We will also need volunteers to assist a major fund-raising drive to construct Rosalie's Village - a 50 suite complex in Royal Oak for 'homeless' single women and their children. And we need new (younger!) members for our Conference. Contact John Morrissey at 250-382-2767 or volunteer@svdpvictoria.com if you are interested in volunteering at the SCO or Vinnie's clothing store. Thank you.

GENERAL

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING,

based on the Sunday June 21st Readings:

Partners and Co-Creators. God created everything that was made. As human beings we are called to be partners in God's creation, seeing new opportunities to create what will benefit the common good of humankind. God has given us this responsibility. What can you provide for the common good in *your* part of the world today?

and

based on the Sunday June 28th Readings:

Give Her Something to Eat. Jesus often shows us the example of how important basic human needs are - for food, shelter, good health. Making sure our government policies and structures support basic human needs is all of our responsibility as Christians, followers of Jesus' way. Having at least "the basics" allows people to live with human dignity.

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 (tax receipts available).

VOCATION LIVE-IN: JULY 3-5

On the weekend of July 3-5 there will be a Vocation Live-In at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC, for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life. For more information call 604-826-8715. There were 28 young men who attended last May.

DIOCESE-WIDE SUMMER CAMP: AUG. 4 - 9

For diocesan youth in grades 5-7, come to a Marvellous Mystery camp from August 4-9 at Camp Barnard, Sooke. To register call 250-479-1331, ext. 232 or email sftzmaurice@cisdv.bc.ca.

CAMP COLUMBIA FAMILY CAMP

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.

WORKSHOPS / LECTURES

QUEENSWOOD 2494 Arbutus Road, Victoria

For Registration or Information call 250-477-3822
Or e-mail info@queenswoodcentre.com

Making Friends with Death Retreat: June 29-July 2: Facilitators: Rev. David Howells, Rev. Lucy Reid and Peter Renner.

MERTON & SPIRITUALITY: A UNIFYING VISION

A one-day seminar with Dr. Patrick O'Connell, Saturday, July 4 from 9am-4:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. The cost is \$40 (includes lunch). For registration or information call 604-669-2546, or email tmsc@telus.net.

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