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10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 9, 2024



SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

9:00AM & 11:00AM

DAILY MASS:

MONDAY

9:00AM

TUESDAY — FRIDAY

8:00AM

SATURDAY, HOLIDAYS

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY

4:00PM OR BY APPOINTMENT



From Sin to Salvation

Sacred Scripture treats us to strong readings today! We hear that sin enters the world by not listening to God but by listening to another. Sin creates conflict in the world which will never end until we choose to follow the Lord Jesus. It is the Lord Jesus who can remake us in the image of God and restore to us a loving relationship with God. The devil is never as powerful as the Lord Jesus and his Spirit. It is Jesus himself who invites us to follow him by being his family.

Today's first reading from the Book of Genesis sets forth the first experience of sin that initiated our later sinful experiences. Sin is contagious in so many ways. So often we blame sin on others instead of accepting our own responsibilities. The author of this passage from Genesis foresees a future battle between sin and the offspring of the woman through whom salvation will finally come to humankind.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us, "The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence." God will indeed place us with Christ Jesus, but must first remake us in his image, which we have lost through sin. This life, for all of us, is a matter of allowing God to remake us, but we must be patient. We may hope that we are ready to see God now, but most of us recognize that we are not yet so full of love that we may simply enter into the full presence of the Lord.

Just as in Genesis, so also in this Second Letter to the Corinthians, we discern an awareness of the spiritual combat which must take place in our world and in each of us personally so that we may become truly ready to "see the Lord as he is" and come to be like him. For many people today, life is simply about enjoying as much as we can get. For us who follow Christ, life is about becoming as much as possible like Christ so that we may reflect the glory of the Father.

The Gospel of St. Mark today is a delight: It shows that the family of Jesus believes that he has truly lost his mind. It also shows us Jesus completely frustrated with what happened in the temple. Jesus wants the House of God to be a house of prayer, not a business enterprise. We can understand why the family of Jesus does not understand him. He is so different! Jesus is so completely caught up in doing the work of his Father that he pays no attention to anything else. This looks like insanity to any normal person. Jesus is not getting enough to eat, and he is probably not getting enough sleep. He seems obsessed with healing people. All in all, his family decides that Jesus has lost his mind. And thus Jesus irritates and bothers his family.

With the Scribes and Pharisees, it is worse. Jesus seems to have an understanding of the Law that is completely different from theirs. They want to challenge Jesus but recognize how popular he is among the ordinary people. They think that Jesus is possessed by the devil, but they fear saying anything like that, thereby risking a revolt by the people.

For us, all of this is a renewed call to follow the Lord, no matter what our families or other religious people may think about us. We are challenged to do the works of God, to recognize that the fight between good and evil is still going on in our own time. We must also recognize that it is God who is at work in us, and so we must trust that we are being remade in the image of Christ.

Adapted from a reflection from the Benedictine Monastery of Christ in the Desert, Abiquiu, New Mexico

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MONTHLY MASS AT BERKELY CARE CENTRE:

Working in conjunction with the Parish, our CWL members, along with our Parish priest celebrate Mass on the first Wednesday of each month. This Mass is celebrated with the Catholic residents as well as any other interested residents who would be comforted by the prayers. Spiritual care is not solely for those who identify with a religion, but also for anyone who would find peace and comfort from attending a church service.

The staff have observed that the mood of the residents is much calmer and more cheerful after returning from our Mass. They look forward to our monthly visit to the facility.

Our members and volunteers collect the residents from their rooms (most of them are in wheelchairs), sit with them during the celebration of the Mass and socially interact with them on a one-to-one basis.

If you wish to volunteer two hours, one afternoon a month, not only CWL members, but also, their spouses and all parishioners, are welcome to participate in this important outreach ministry which fulfils a joyful and essential role of spiritual care in a long-term facility. Please contact Carol Landy at 604-929-6235 or e-mail at glandy@telus.net

MANY THANKS:



To everyone who volunteered and attended the Pancake Breakfast after Sunday Masses last weekend. The food and company was a huge success! Plans in the making for another one closer to Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." -Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

We will miss you, Mrs. B!

After 34 years of dedicated service in the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese, our very own Mrs. B has announced her retirement. **Mrs. Brassington's** contributions to Catholic education and sports in elementary schools, particularly as one of the founding educators of St. Pius X School, are significant and valued. ***Please Save the Date:*** June 19th to celebrate Mrs. B's retirement with an evening Mass at 7pm, followed by a light reception in the school gym. All past students of Mrs. B are invited.



CATHOLIC WOMEN UNITE

52 Reasons to Join the CWL

#22 Humanity: Love on another. Catholic Women's League members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of injustice. Come share the love!

FASHION SHOW—JUNE 13TH AT 6:30PM

***Lights, runway, models, fashion,
door prizes and more!***

Have you Got Your TICKET Yet?

A Very Thrifty Fashion Show – June 13 at 6:30 pm

Our CWL is hosting a fashion show in support of DAS (Domestic Abuse Services). Appies, drinks, raffle and door prizes are included in the price of the ticket. Tickets are on sale and going quickly – so purchase one so you don't miss out. The evening is open to all parishioners, friends and family!

ARISE YOUTH RETREAT:

All youth born in 2009 and 2010 (going into Grades 9 and 10 this September) are invited to the annual Arise Youth Retreat at Camp Jubilee in North Vancouver on August 26-30! By combining practical skills, a faith perspective and spiritual development, participants will learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities, presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. We will explore self-identity, how to build community connections, and how to make Jesus Christ the centre of our lives. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



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OUR SCHOOL IS A VIBRANT FAITH AND LEARNING COMMUNITY DEDICATED TO DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF EACH CHILD USING CHRIST AS OUR CENTRE. WE ARE BLESSED WITH CARING AND DEDICATED EDUCATORS COMMITTED TO INSPIRING LIFE LONG LEARNERS IN ALL AREAS. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE MANY ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 10AM-1:30PM
 604-929-1404
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REGISTRATIONS AND DONATION ENVELOPES:
 REGISTRATION TO THE PARISH AND REQUEST FOR DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OR YOU MAY CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

REQUESTS FOR MASSES:
 FOR THE LIVING AND DECEASED.
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.
 SUGGESTED MASS STIPEND IS \$10.
 MASS CARDS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.
 FOR A COST OF \$3.00

MARRIAGES:
 TO BEGIN THE SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, PLEASE CONTACT FR. JEFF AT LEAST 9 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

BAPTISM:
 PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:
 Please call the parish office when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized or housebound to arrange visitation, Holy Communion and Anointing.

BERKLEY CARE CENTRE:
 Every 1st Wednesday at 1:30pm.
 Mass or Prayers with Communion.

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PARISH GROUPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION & TO VOLUNTEER:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BARBARA JOHNSTON
 236-999-1286

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CECILIA McLAREN
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GREETERS

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE USHERS/GREETERS

AT ALL THE MASSES

PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE
TO VOLUNTEER
 604-929-1404

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To volunteer for Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament please contact Lisa Miller
 adoration.spx@gmail.com

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Come and pray the Rosary every Saturday morning before Mass at 8:30am

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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

FOLLOW US – See what's happening!
 Check out our Bulletin Board in the Church vestibule.

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DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

Our Lady of Good Counsel: 604-640-7543

BIRTHRIGHT:

MONDAY—FRIDAY,
 110-207 West Hastings St. 604-687-7223

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: 604-525-0999