

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

A few weeks ago, we started a new project at Holy Cross. As a parish community we want to sponsor a Catholic refugee family from Iraq who are currently waiting in a refugee camp in Damascus. This family includes two parents, 50 and 46 years old and their three children: a son 26, and two daughters, 17 and 15 years of age.

In 2009 the women of this family began to be harassed for not wearing the Muslim headscarf. In 2010 armed men came to this family's home, forcing them to flee. Along with other Christian families they fled to a monastery and from there to Syria.

According to Canadian Immigration workers in Syria, both father and son are eager to work hard and support their family when they come to Canada. The family is motivated to succeed in life and become financially independent. They will have little difficulty integrating into Canadian society.

On Sunday, October 30, 2011, we will have a special collection in order to start our new Parish Project. At the beginning we need to raise at least \$5,000 to show the Immigration Office that we are sincere in undertaking this responsibility. Thank you very much for your generosity!

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED will be celebrated at Holy Cross on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:15am and 7:30pm.

I will be celebrating Mass for All Souls at FOREST LAWN FUNERAL CHAPEL (located in the middle of the cemetery) on Wednesday, November 2, at 10am. This will be a service in English. Blessing of graves and mausoleum crypts will follow after Mass. The schedule is posted on the board in the church foyer for all other services in English, in Croatian, and in Italian at Forest Lawn Funeral Chapel and Oceanview Funeral Chapel, including the 11th annual Memorial Mass sponsored by Bell & Burnaby Funeral at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Saint Helen's.

Our Bishop will celebrate a SPECIAL LITURGY FOR ALL BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS OF THE CHURCH, on Thursday, November 3rd, 12:10pm at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, to be concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. You are most welcome to attend.

As observed annually in our parish, we collect special ALL SOULS ENVELOPES with your requested intentions that Father Chris and myself will offer Masses for later, at a future date. Please fill in the names of your family members on the All Souls envelopes made available in the church vestibule. Place the envelopes, together with your donation for the Mass, in the special basket in the front of the altar (during the month of November) or put in Sunday collection basket.

Our BOOK OF LIFE will be in the church the whole month of November as well. You may add, update, or design a family page in the book.

Please remember that we can assist all the departed by way of ALMSGIVING, INDULGENCES, AND WORKS OF PENANCE on their behalf, too. May God bless you always,

Fr. Maciej Was, SDS
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY

October 31 - November 6, 2011

Mon.	8:15am	++Anna & Raffaele Merola /Family
Tues.	8:15am	+Adriaan Van Essen /Family (All Saints)
Wed.	8:15am	++All Deceased Parishioners (All Souls)
	7:30pm	+Barbara Gasior (1st Anniv)/Gasior Family
Thurs.	8:15am	+Roy Febanske /Paul Thow
	10:30am	Salvatorian Fathers /Dorothy & William (Fellburn Hospital)
	7:30pm	++Members of Familia Bagnolese Society
Fri.	8:15am	+Giuseppe Guttadauro /Giuseppina
	7:30pm	PARISHIONERS
Sat.	9:00am	++Members of Corrado & Pantusa Families /Rosa Corrado
	5:00pm	Special Int. Elizabeth Han /Angie&Ed Han
Sun.	8:00am	+Nick Petrollini /Carmela
	10:00am	+Romano Frigo /Liguori Family
	12Noon	++Maria & Raffaele Aere /Bortolussi Family
	7:30pm	+Rosina & Giuseppe Villella/Family
		<u>November 7 - 13, 2011</u>
Mon.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
Tues.	8:15am	++Luigi & Angela Colonello /Family
Wed.	8:15am	Special Intention /Franca
Thurs.	8:15am	Special Int. Christopher Gunville & Family /Demare Family
	7:00pm	++Members of Council # 5423 /Knights of Columbus
Fri.	9:00am	++Giuseppe Sciortino & Giuseppe Maggiore /Family (Remembrance Day)
	7:30pm	++Rev. John Wronski & Rev. Stanley Lasko
Sat.	9:00am	+Jess Ferrer /Cruz Family
		Special Int. Dolly Thow (65th birthday)/Paul
	5:00pm	++Rev. Vincent D'Souza & Brian Pereira /Joseph & Edna Iorio
Sun.	8:00am	+Vincenzo Malara /Wife
	10:00am	+Rosina Villella /Bond Family
	12Noon	+Miu Ling Sennett /Albert Sennett
	7:30pm	CCO Thanksgiving for WYD 2011 /Sashi

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Total Number of Gifts	366 /1,410	26 % Participation
Total Amount Pledged	\$75,245.00	as of October 26, 2011

Touching Many Lives - Donate to Project Advance
Visit Project Advance on the archdiocesan website at www.rcav.org to see information on the 2011 archdiocesan appeal and get answers to your Project Advance questions.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Parish weekly budget is \$9,460.00

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 16	\$8,722.25	\$1,068.67	\$9,790.92
October 23	\$7,284.50	\$ 936.43	\$8,220.93
World Mission	\$2,541.61	\$ 394.72	\$2,936.33
Refugee Project	\$ 800.00	\$ 91.60	\$ 891.60

Thank you very much for your generosity!

MONEY COUNTERS Nov. 06 Liliana Sartori & Grazia Maggiore
Nov. 13 Lucia Artuso & Marlene Wray

ALTAR WORKERS Nov. 12 Liliana Sartori & Graziana Temolo
Nov. 26 Doreen Merlo & Alba Stevenson

PARISH ACTIVITIES

October 31 - November 6, 2011

- Mon. 7:00pm Iconography Workshop (Classroom)
7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP(School & Church Basement)
PREP Confessions(Church)
- Wed. 7:30pm Bible Study (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Exec. Mtg. (Music Rm)
7:30pm Liturgy of Word for Children Mtg.(Classroom)
- Fri. 6:30pm Challenge for Girls Club (Church Basement)
Conquest for Boys Club (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)
3:00pm RCIA (Classroom)
- Sun.All Masses PETER'S PENCE - Second Collection
12Noon BAPTISMS

November 7 - 13, 2011

- Mon. 7:00pm Iconography Workshop (Classroom)
CWL Executive Meeting (Kitchen)
- 7:30pm HC Prayer Group (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Tues. 7:00pm PREP (School & Church Basement)
Confirmation Parent/Candidate Mtg. (Gym)
- Wed. 7:30pm Bible Study (Music Room & Kitchen)
- Thurs. 7:00pm Youth Ministry (Gym)
Knights of Columbus Gen. Mtg. (Music Rm)
- Fri. Rector/Office Closed (Remembrance Day)
6:30pm Challenge for Girls Club (Church Basement)
Conquest for Boys Club (Church Basement)
- 7:30pm Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
- Sat. 9:00am Divine Mercy Cenacle (Classroom)
3:00pm RCIA (Classroom)
- Sun. STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SCHOOL CORNER

Fri., Nov. 4, 8pm-12:30am - 2nd annual WINE TASTING NIGHT & DANCE (Gym) Tickets: \$30/person. Purchase limited tickets now at the School Office; no tickets will be sold at the door.

Thurs., Nov. 10 - PARALITURGY (Gym)

Fri., Nov. 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY. No School.

Mon., Nov. 14, (pm) - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY
HCS' ANNUAL BOOK FAIR is scheduled in the Gym on:

Thurs., Nov. 24th, 8:30am-4pm & Fri., Nov. 25th, 8:30am-4pm

Sun., Nov. 27th, 8am-2pm & Mon., Nov. 28th, 8am-6pm
REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN for September 2012 will begin in early January 2012. More info to follow.

We would like to thank all parishioners who donated money to the WALK-IN-THE-LAWNS WALKATHON. The walkathon was a huge success and as a result we raised over \$26,000! It is because of your generosity that we are able to accomplish our goals.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF B. C.

There will be a free workshop on the recent document published by the CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF B. C. ON ADVANCE CARE PLANNING. It will be at Saint Michael the Archangel 9387 Holmes Street in Burnaby on Saturday, November 26th, 10am to approximately 12noon. Monsignor Bernard Rossi, Susan House from CHABC and Jim Lane, family physician, will be on the panel to explain the document and the importance of planning from a Catholic perspective in the event one cannot speak for oneself. They will also answer questions. The workshop will be in the Saint Michael Parish Centre, in the lower level of Rectory, back of the property. Light refreshment will be served. Copies of the document will be available. The event is sponsored by Saint Michael's parish nurse Louise Deschênes. No registration is required. For more info, call 604-729-7389.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS All are invited to the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, November 5th at St. Matthew's, Surrey. Archbishop Miller will celebrate Mass at 9am. Bishop of Victoria Richard Gagnon will speak, and Father Tien Tran, Chair of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Commission, will give a presentation on the new translation of the Roman Missal. All-day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibit of Vatican Eucharistic miracles, and benediction at 3:30pm. \$15 includes lunch. Register at www.rcav.org/eucongress. Info at 604-683-0281 or eucongress@rcav.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING will be on Monday, November 7th, at 7:00pm. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET will be on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 10am-3pm and Sunday, Nov. 20th, 9am-2pm. Your donation of sewn, knitted & crocheted items, and good costume jewelry is most welcome. Please bring items to the Rectory or call Nicole at 604.299.4105.

VANSPEC PRESENTATION Sr. Beth Ann Dillon, Director of the Vancouver Special Catechetical Program for young people with learning and intellectual challenges, will speak on Thursday, November 10th, following the Mass at 7pm. Please visit the VANSPEC website <http://vanspeccentre.com> for more info. All are invited. This presentation is sponsored by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The SEMINARY OF CHRIST THE KING in Mission, B. C. is planning a weekend VOCATION LIVE-IN which provides an opportunity to spend two days at the Seminary, and become acquainted with other young men who have the priestly or religious vocation in mind. The Seminary of Christ the King has students in high school (Grades 8 - 12), in college (Arts I - IV), and in Theology. The program will include interaction with priests, brothers and seminarians, daily Mass and prayer, recreational activities, sports, and some reflective reading. VOCATION LIVE-IN is scheduled on November 4 - 6, 2011, February 3 - 5, 2012 and July 6 - 8, 2012. Suggested fee is \$25. For more information, please call 604.826.8715 or e-mail rector_sck@yahoo.ca.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY is hosting it's 9th Annual Gala at the Italian Cultural Centre, on Friday, November 18th. Cocktails at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm, with a live and silent auction, dancing, and a no-host bar. Tickets are \$75. Please contact 604.255.5454 or ldecotiis@ndrs.org for tickets or information.

CHALLENGES AND BLESSINGS OF CROSS-CULTURAL MARRIAGES

This workshop by Sister Cecilia Hong, Counsellor at Catholic Family Services, will explore the challenges and blessings of cross-cultural marriages, on Monday, November 7, 7pm.

HEALING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS Drawing on the experience in counselling families Liz Fong-McLaughlin, Counsellor at Catholic Family Services, will help you to understand your estranged family member differently and interact in a more satisfying way, on Monday, November 14, 7pm. There are ways to heal stressful interactions among family relationships. Both seminars will be followed by Questions & Answers and will be at Saint Joseph's Parish, 140 Moody Street, Port Moody. Fee for each workshop: \$10/person, \$15/couple. All are welcome. For more information or to register, please call 604-443-3220.