

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It appears that our summer is almost over. We are now busy gearing up for the new school year and scheduled parish activities. Perhaps, for many of you, it was a quiet and relaxing time, but here at Holy Cross Parish, many projects were undertaken.

I would like to share with you what were accomplished in the summer of 2011:

- The picnic tables in the backyard were renovated and repainted. Hopefully, this will provide us with many more years of service.
- Many new plants were added at the front of our church and some trees trimmed in front of the School and Rectory.
- This school year, our Kindergarten class made the transition from half to full day (from 15 to 30 children). To accommodate this number of students, the existing classroom in the church basement had to be extended to another room. New floor and appropriate furniture were added.
- New cabinets were installed in the church basement Kitchen and Music Room to support the need of additional storage space for different activities and groups.
- Finally, the roof on the gym was replaced, as well as the canopy in front of the school.

All of these undertakings, big or small, were done because of your ongoing financial support. Many, many volunteers worked on the above-mentioned projects, donating their time, talent, and equipment. Thank you very much for your generous support!

Of course, there are many more projects on our "To-Do-List"; but I will share that with you in the near future. For now, let us focus and be thankful for what we have accomplished.

Fr. Maciej Woz, SDS
Pastor

FAITH FORMATION

NEW ROMAN MISSAL LITURGY

Beginning with this issue and for the next 4 issues of our Sunday parish bulletin, we will provide inserts to help Catholics understand and enter more completely into the celebration of the New Roman Missal Liturgy, which will come into use on the 1st Sunday of Advent. Please take the time to read this valuable general instruction of the Roman Missal.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPT. 18

To love the kingdom of heaven is to love this landowner and the way he acts. The temptation is for us to measure our life and "the way things should be" by a standard at odds with God. Instead, "seek the Lord while he may be found, and call him while he is near," because for us, "life is Christ."

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPT. 25

If someone "turns from wickedness and does what is right and just,he shall surely live, he shall not die." Because it means that the person has found Jesus Christ who is infinitely more attractive than even the most powerful allure of evil.

~ Magnificat

MASS INTENTIONS /REQUESTED BY

Sept. 19-25, 2011

Mon.	8:15am	Thanksgiving to Blessed Virgin Mary /Paul Thow
Tues.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
	10:30am	FUNERAL Mass +Harry Seifert
Wed.	8:15am	+Bienvenido Cruz /Cruz Family
Thurs.	8:15am	Thanksgiving Safe Return of Keinan Hebert
	9:15am	SCHOOL MASS Special Int. to All Saints /P. Thow
Fri.	8:15am	Special Int. Dr. Bruno Orsatti /Giuseppina
	7:30pm	Special Intentions /Viveiros Family
Sat.	9:00am	Special Intention to Blessed Virgin Mary /Paul Thow
	5:00pm	+Fortunato Veltri/Family
Sun.	8:00am	Norma & Ron Gatto (50th Wed. Anniv.) /Pazdera Family
	10:00am	+Steve Maruzs /Margaret Molnar
	12 Noon	++Federico & Natividad Sarabia /Family
	7:30pm	Father Leon Kotsko Scholarship

Sept. 26 - Oct. 02, 2011

Mon.	8:15am	Special Int. Hyacinth Wettasinghe /Lucille
Tues.	8:15am	Special Int. Dorothy Lim & Melissa Hong /Kathleen Hong
Wed.	8:15am	Special Intention for Giuseppina
Thurs.	8:15am	PARISHIONERS
Fri.	8:15am	Special Int. to Most Sacred Heart of Jesus /Paul Thow
	7:30pm	Thanksgiving for Kathleen Hong / Bill & Hy Yang
Sat.	9:00am	++Albertina & Georg Norman, & Cirilo Castro /Mary & Hank Killeen
	5:00pm	++Angelo & Rosa Iorio/Joseph & Edna Iorio
Sun.	8:00am	+Rinaldo DiLullo (1st Anniv) /Tina & Family
	10:00am	+Silvano Garcea /Family
	12 Noon	+Kurt Schenker /Schenker Family
	7:30pm	++Roy & Anton Brown /Bert Brown

PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE

Anyone who is interested in joining this Pilgrimage to Prague, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Wadowice, Krakow, and Czestochowa with Father Maciej Woz, SDS on April 30 - May 11, 2012 is cordially invited to attend a Travel Plan Presentation on Thursday, September 29, 2011 - 7:00pm at Holy Cross Parish, in the church basement Music Room.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

CWL will host an annual Christmas Market on Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20, 2011. For table rental and more info, please call Nicole Pek, 604.299.4105.

*Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord:
I was ill and you comforted me. I tell you, anything you did for one
of my brothers, you did for me. ~ Matthew 25:34, 36, 40*



Francisco Arreolla, Vincenzo Bortolin, Giuseppe Capozzi, Cyril D'Souza, Elga De Roza, Lew Glavina, Kathleen Hong, Harold Hopkinson, Francis Javier, Steven Kastro, Irma Kowalczyk, Ines Cappon-Lomas, Donna Losorelli, Ted Lund, Diana Marino, Marcy McCarthy, Francisco Nery, Alice Quek, Margaret Rozario, Carmela Sorace, Bill Yang, and Normita Yumul.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sept. 19 - 25, 2011

Mon.	7:00pm	Baptism Course (Classroom)
	7:30pm	HC Prayer Group (Music Room & Kitchen)
Tues.	7:00pm	PREP Begins (Church)
Thur.	7:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal - Christina Bolognese & Mark Gomes
	7:00pm	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree (Basement)
Fri.	7:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat.	9:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle (Basement)
	12Noon	Wedding - Christina Bolognese & Mark Gomes
	3:00pm	RCIA (Music Room)
Sun.	All Mass	Needs of the Canadian Church 2nd Collection
	10:00am	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Begins (Church)
	A.M. & 12N	K of C 1st PANCAKE BREAKFAST (Gym)
	2:00pm	New Roman Missal Music Workshop for All Parish Musicians & Choir Members(Basement)

Sept. 26 - Oct. 02, 2011

Mon.	7:00pm	Refugee Sponsorship Project (PREP Office)
	7:30pm	HC Prayer Group (Music Room & Kitchen)
Tues.	7:00pm	PREP (School & Church Basement)
Thurs.	5:00pm	Rehearsal - Denise Wong & Cris D' Angelo
	7:00pm	Pilgrimage to Europe Meeting (Music Room)
Fri.	6:30pm	Challenge for Girls Club (Basement) Conquest for Boys Club (Basement)
	7:30pm	Divine Mercy Novena (Church)
Sat.	9:00am	Divine Mercy Cenacle (Basement)
	1:00pm	Wedding - Denise Wong & Cris D' Angelo
	3:00pm	RCIA Begins (Music Room)
Sun.	All Mass	Project Advance 2011 Final Push
	12Noon	Baptisms

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

Total Number of Gifts	347	17% Participation
Total Amount Pledged	\$71,865.00	as of September 14, 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

	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sept. 04	\$6,593.30	\$995.01	\$7,588.31
Sept. 11	\$7,793.00	\$985.00	\$8,778.00
School Support	\$2,841.00	\$286.00	\$3,127.62

Thank you for your generosity!

MONEY COUNTERS	Sept. 25	M. Costales & M. Baldonero
	Oct. 02	Lucia Artuso & Marlene Wray

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Archdiocese of Vancouver

- *General Staff, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
- *Administrative Assistant, St. John the Apostle Parish
- *Caretaker, In-Residence, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
- *Part-time Assistant Cook, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
- *Part-time Student Recruiter, Corpus Christi College

Please visit www.rcav.org/employment for full details.



PLEASE PRAY FOR CHILDREN OF AFRICA

Thurs., Sept. 22, 9:15am

- School Mass /Grade 6

Wed., Sept. 28 - NO 2pm Early Dismissal

Sept. 21, 2011 - May 23, 2012

- Italian Classes for children at HCS

call 604.430.3337 or visit www.iccvancouver.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL GIRLS AND BOYS IN GRADES 5-7! Girls, you are invited to join the CHALLENGE CLUB to make new friendships, learn more about your faith and make a difference in the lives of others through apostolic projects. Boys, come and join the new CONQUEST CLUB! Through the weekly activities and projects, the club provides you with a fun and wholesome atmosphere where you can grow in virtue, develop character and grow in your spiritual life. Your adventure starts here! Are you ready to make a difference? Both clubs will meet on Fridays from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the church basement. Our first night will be on September 30. Contacts: Priscilla 778-688-7401 (Challenge) Bernardo 604-904-1384 (Conquest). Are you in High School and interested in being a group leader? Please contact us!

PREP REGISTRATIONS for 2011/12 will be accepted until Thursday, September 29. For more info, please call the PREP Office, 604-291-7946.

FATHER J. LEON KOTSKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP/ BURSARY AWARDS We wish to congratulate Jessica Chen, this year's recipient of the Fr. J. Leon Kotsko Memorial Scholarship. Mass will be offered on Sunday, September 25 at 7:30pm to commemorate this occasion. Well done. With our prayers for continued success, the Scholarship Committee.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN September 28 to November 6, 2011 at Women's Hospital in Vancouver. A peaceful public witness to help bring an end to the tragedy of abortion. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/vancouver-bc or call the Respect Life Office at 604-683-0281.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROJECT As a parish community we want to sponsor a Catholic refugee family from Iraq who are currently waiting in a refugee camp in Damascus. Many Iraqi Catholics flee to Syria to escape persecution and death in Iraq. However, in Syria they have no legal status and cannot get work. We want to help our Catholic brothers and sisters in Iraq and, as a parish community, sponsor a Catholic Iraqi family to come to Canada. We need new Refugee Committee Volunteers in order to realize this project. If you are willing to help us, please, approach the priest after Mass and give him your name and phone number. The first meeting will take place on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the PREP Office located in the church basement.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP After a very successful beginners class in writing an icon of Our Lord, Steve Knight will be offering a second workshop both for beginners and intermediate adult students. The classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00pm beginning on October 3. To complete an icon will take about 40 hours or about three and a half months. The cost of the course is \$500.00. The fee includes all material. \$250.00 of fee will be donated to the parish. You do not have to be an artist or artistic to participate. None of the students in the first class we artists and yet all of them wrote a beautiful image of Christ. Come and join us and enjoy a unique artistic and faith experience. Interested individuals can contact me at 604-294-5958 or s_knight50@hotmail.com.