

A Reflection from Fr. Joseph

Henry III of Bavaria was a God-fearing king but the demands of being a ruler did not leave him much time for spiritual exercises. One day he got so fed up with being a king that he went to see Father Richard, the Abbot of the local monastery and asked to be admitted as a monk for the rest of his life. *“Your Majesty,”* said Father Richard, *“do you understand that the most important vow in this monastery is one of obedience? That will be hard because you have been a king.”* *“I understand,”* said Henry. *“The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you.”* *“Then I will tell you what to do,”* said Father Richard. *“Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you.”* King Henry returned to his throne, ruled his people with the fear of God, and became a saintly king.

We have one common theme in all readings today: to recognize our calling, the call **“to be saints”** and help others to recognize the **“Lamb of God”**. In the first reading from Isaiah, God is calling the lowest and smallest of nations – Israel – to do something great. He wants them to be a light to the nations. At the time this was written, Israel was in exile in a hostile nation and no one thought there was any future for the Jewish nation. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we are *“called to be saints.”* And finally, in the Gospel reading, John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the **“Lamb of God”** and pointed Him out to his followers and some of them became Jesus’ disciples.

Like King Henry, we sometimes believe that we need to run away from the demands of family and profession and escape to a monastery, a convent or the desert, where it will be easy to become a saint. But, as we learn from the wise counsel of Father Richard, God expects us to be saints in the concrete situations of our personal, family and business or professional lives.

It is not easy to recognize or to accept our vocation or what God calls us to do in life. Sometimes, we just refuse or ignore His voice and choose our own vocation. Sometimes, we are looking for signs to help us determine our vocation, and many times we just misread all the signs that God has given us.

John the Baptist found his reason for existence. He was not a typical person of his time. He was extraordinary. When we consider his life, we realize that it was not John’s dress or preaching that made him extraordinary; it was the fact that he found the purpose for his life. He looked to Jesus and said, **“Here is the Lamb of God.”** We have been called to do the same. God doesn’t call on the mighty and powerful, the obvious and the proud. No, God calls you and me. Our answer should be: **“Here I am I Lord: I come to do your will.”**



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon. Jan. 16th - Heb. 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

Tue. Jan. 17th - ST. ANTHONY, memorial
Heb. 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 18th - Heb. 7:1-13, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 19th - Heb. 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12

Fri. Jan. 20th - Heb. 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19

Sat. Jan. 21st - ST. AGNES, memorial
Heb. 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21

Sun. Jan. 22nd - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is. 9:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-1, 17-18; Mat. 4:12-23



FILIPINO MASS AT ST. JUDE’S

Please Note: There will be a FILIPINO Mass, in honour of Santo Nino, every 4th Sunday of the month, starting next Sunday, January 22nd at 7 pm, in our church. All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun. Jan. 15 th | 9 am Mass for parishioners 11 am Mass for Marvin Torrano, R.I.P. 5 pm Mass for Mabina Castro, R.I.P. |
| Mon. Jan. 16 th | 8 am Mass for Margaret Oud, R.I.P. |
| Tue. Jan. 17 th | 8 am Mass for Louis Reyes, R.I.P. |
| Wed. Jan. 18 th | 9 am Mass for Juan Que, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass |
| Thur. Jan. 19 th | 8 am Mass for Agnes Bustamante, R.I.P. |
| Fri. Jan. 20 th | 8 am Mass for the int. of John Tan |
| Sat. Jan. 21 st | 9:00 am Mass for the dec. memb. of M. Martin’s fmly. 5:00 pm Mass for the int. of Florie Laureola |

IN MEMORIAM

+ *Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Eveline Bernardin, a long time active parishioner, and devotee of St. Jude’s, who past away this week. Eveline had been a parishioner of St. Jude’s from 1958 until 2012, when they moved to Langley. She was a member of the Shrine Committee, CWL, and of the St. Elizabeth’s Quilting Circle. A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 4 pm. May she and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.*

PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Have you picked up your new set of parish envelopes for 2017 from the tables at the entrance of the church? Anyone wishing envelopes for 2017, is asked to call the parish office.





ALTAR SERVERS

Wed. Jan. 18th - 7:30 PM - Volunteers

Sat. Jan. 21st - 5:00 PM - J.Nguyen, Nathan & Noah Nunez, A.Villamin.

Sun. Jan. 22nd - 9:00 AM - J.Ho, Sanghoon & Seohee Lee, Mikayla & Mikylee Reyes. 11:00 AM - M.Balocan, Adrien & Erin Biason, S.Cho, Christine & Ferdinand Dorado, J.Magbanua, Annika & Kristen Morcilla. 5:00 PM - A.Arias, D.Brown, M.Cabuhayan, T.Johnson, Dominic & Katelyn Sussey, V.Velasquez



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

Please Note: The General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th has been CANCELLED.

OPEN CHURCH NEWS

Are you retired? Or perhaps you are a stay at home parent or grandparent? or maybe you work part-time? Do you have **one hour** to spend with the Lord? Our "Open Church Program" is in desperate need of volunteers. If you think you can spare 1 hour a week and would like to volunteer your time please call Ann Ng at 604-438-0868.

SCHOOL NEWS

- **Pro D Day:** No school this Monday, January 16th.

- **School Mass:** This Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!

- **Parent Coffee Time:** This Friday, Jan. 27th from 8:45 to 10:30 am in the music room. All parents and grandparents are welcome to join us



- **Kindergarten Registration:** If you have a child who will be turning 5 in 2017 and entering Kindergarten, please notify the school so they will add their name to the list.

- **Open House:** will be held on Feb. 8th at 1 pm. On this day we begin the registration process for new families. If you know of any family who might be interested in a Catholic education for their child, please let them know about our Open House.

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Annual Open House: Thursday, Jan. 19th, for all students and parents interested in attending the school for the 2017-18 School year. The evening begins at 6pm in the Alumni Hall followed by tours and an opportunity to meet staff and preview all that Notre Dame has to offer.

Placement Exam: will be held on Friday January 20th at 11:30am. Applications to write the placement exam must be returned to the school no later than January 13th with a non-refundable \$25 Application Fee. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Cirillo at scirillo@ndrs.org, or at the school 604.255.5454 ext. 2202.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Up-Coming Events

Stewardship Reflection

Today's readings all in some way speak of our purpose or calling. St. Paul tells us that we are "called to be saints"; John the Baptist was clear about his calling; and, the Psalmist invites us to respond, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will". To be a saint is to be set apart by God. This call comes from God the Father. What purpose or calling have you been set apart for? What unique gifts has God provided to enable you to live a life of purpose? Following God's will may not always be easy, however God always provides...provided we do our part! Being a good steward of our individual calling is doing our part.

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JANUARY 15 - WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2017

Pope Francis urges us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. He wants to "focus attention on the smallest of the small." Children who often arrive unaccompanied in their destination countries, "are unable to make their own voices heard" and "easily become victims of grave violations of human rights." Join us this Sunday, Jan. 15, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey, for the 6th annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB.

24th Anniversary of the Life In the Spirit Seminar

Join us on Friday, Jan. 20th at 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta. Main celebrant will be Bishop Joseph Phuong Nguyen, of the Kamloops Diocese with 10 concelebrants priests. After Mass there will be laying of hands for those who need prayers followed by reception at the Parish Hall. All are welcome. For info please call 604-594-7296

St. Francis of Assisi Preschool is hosting their open house on Wednesday January 25th, 2017 from 10:00-12:00 pm and 2:00-5:00 pm. We offer a nurturing environment to learn, grow and make [friends. Please join us. For further information please call 604-255-9839](#) or email preschool@sfaschool.ca

Second Annual Ordinandi Dinner

Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men in our Archdiocese who are soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan St. Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6 p.m. Cost: \$50.

Bursaries available from CHABC

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding 2 bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2017 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care** on or before March 10, 2017.

