

*A Reflection from Fr. Joseph*

**A husband and wife are in church. Father Johnny notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, “Wake your husband up!” The wife answers, “You’re the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!”**

There are many lessons we could learn from the story of the Magi in today’s Gospel. We could point to their courage for beginning the journey, for their perseverance in bringing it to completion, for their faith in seeking out the Christ child. But today I would like to focus on a quality that is every bit as important as the ones I just mentioned and also more relevant to our lives. That quality is the virtue of dependence.

For all their skills and resources, the wise men were dependent on forces outside of themselves. They depended on the star, which led them to Jerusalem. They depended on Herod and his advisors who sent them to Bethlehem. They depended on the message they heard in a dream that sent them home by another road. As wise as they were, the Magi could never have made their journey alone. They would have never found the newborn King of the Jews if they did not have the virtue of dependence.

Now it might seem strange to call dependence a virtue. But what is a virtue? It is a good habit, a tendency to do a good thing. Dependence can be a very good thing. This may sound peculiar to us because we live in a culture that extols independence as the highest of good things. We all want to be self-sufficient. We all want to make our own decisions, care for our own needs, and determine our own future. There is nothing wrong with any of these desires. Being independent is a value. But because we so extol the value of independence, it makes the value of dependence more difficult to see.

Frequently, people who are aging want to assert their self-sufficiency. They say, “I don’t want to be dependent on others. I don’t want to be a burden on my children. I don’t want to ask of others for the things that I need.” Now I sympathize with all those desires. I do not want to be a burden either. But when we only look at the value of being independent, we can easily overlook the goodness that is also present in dependency.

There is a value and even a beauty in realizing that we have needs and that there are people in our lives who are able and even eager to meet them. There is nothing wrong with self-sufficiency but when that self-sufficiency is pushed to an extreme, it can lead to isolation. It can cut us off from those who wish to love us. Behind such extreme self-sufficiency lies a sinful pride that says, “I can do things on my own. I really don’t need anyone else.” This is why dependency is a virtue. When that humble humility is exercised, it provides an opportunity for others to love us. It can lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude for the people God has placed in our lives.



In a society that sees independence as the highest of goods, the story of the Magi reminds us that dependence is a virtue. There is no shame in knowing our needs and asking for help. The three gifts that the Magi gave the Christ child were gold, frankincense and myrrh. If we follow the Magi’s example, they can offer us the gifts of dependence, humility and gratitude.



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Mon. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** - BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast  
Is. 42:1-4, 6-7; Mat. 3:13-17

**Tue. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Heb. 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

**Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Heb. 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

**Thurs. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** - ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, memorial  
Heb. 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

**Fri. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Heb. 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:-12

**Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

**Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>** - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Is. 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor. 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

**FILIPINO MASS AT ST. JUDE’S**

**Please Note: There will be a FILIPINO Mass every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, in honour of Santo Nino. All are welcome to attend.**

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend at all the Masses for Notre Dame Loan reduction.**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for Raymond Farwagi, R.I.P. 11 am Mass for the dec. memb. of Imelda Campos fmlly. 5 pm Mass for parishioners
Mon. Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for Dante Cordone, R.I.P.
Tue. Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for the int. of Jennifer Clado
Wed. Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9 am Mass for Abilio Campos, R.I.P. 7:30 pm Novena Mass
Thur. Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for all the souls in purgatory
Fri. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 am Mass for the int. of Purita Tecson
Sat. Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Mass for Maggie Siu Ching Law, R.I.P. 5:00 pm Mass for Aida Clado, R.I.P.



## IN MEMORIAM

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Helena Chinn, a long time parishioner, and devotee of St. Jude's, who past away this week. Prayers will be held this Tuesday at 5:30 pm and her Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. 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? They are arranged in alphabetical order. Anyone wishing envelopes for 2017, is asked to call the parish office at 604-434-6700.



## ALTAR SERVERS

**Wed. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM** - Volunteers  
**Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM** - C.Barraca, Jennifer & Matthew Fierro, Carter & Chloe Tsang.  
**Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM** - Janna & Ryan Huang, K.Tuginay, Joshua & Natasha Yuen.

**11:00 AM** - Emily, Kaitlyn & Vivian Chan, J.Largo, L.Soliman, James & mark Tran, K.Tria, V.Yen.

**5:00 PM** - M.Breaker, M. De Leon, A.Ferreira, D.Giuliano, K.Ogatis-Saboco, Deanna & Jolin Ruan

## SEXUALITY AND YOUR CHILD

Very important meeting for parents of students in Grade 4-7, will be held this Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school gym. This is a mandatory meeting.

## SCHOOL NEWS

- **School Mass:** This Wednesday at 9 am. Join us!
- **Bottle Drive:** The school bottle drive has been extended. You can still drop off your cans, bottles, tetra packs this week from 8:30 to 9 am and 2:30 to 3:15 pm in the school cafeteria. We appreciate your support.
- **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.



## NOTRE DAME REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Annual Open House:** Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Applications to write the placement exam must be returned to the school no later than January 13<sup>th</sup> with a non-refundable \$25 Application Fee. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Cirillo at [scirillo@ndrs.org](mailto:scirillo@ndrs.org), or at the school 604.255.5454 ext. 2202.

# ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

## Up-Coming Events

### Stewardship Reflection

Today we celebrate the Epiphany – the revelation of Christ to all peoples. The Magi came to pay Jesus homage. The two essential elements of ‘paying homage’ are adoration and service. It’s not good enough to simply adore our Lord. Being intimately close to Him, as the Magi were that night, naturally inspires in us a desire to also serve Him. God has given us all awesome gifts. What treasure chest of gifts will you open up this year in the service of our Lord and His Church? We have been given an incredible gift in Jesus. How are you stewarding the gift of our Saviour? Why not share that gift in a way that brings even just one person who does not know Christ into the Church this year – now that’s a New Year’s Resolution!

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### 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.

### Vancouver College Open House

Vancouver College is a K-12 Catholic school for boys established by the Christian Brothers in 1922. Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Vancouver College – Alumni Gymnasium, 5400 Cartier St.

### 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 on 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.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Life In the Spirit Seminar

Join us on Friday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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.

