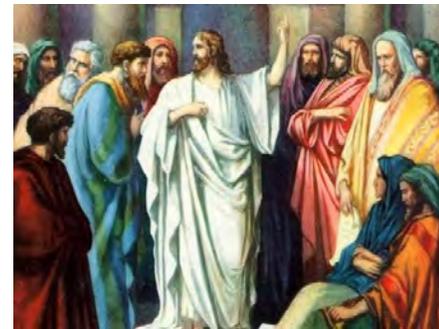




FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME July 4, 2021



From a commentary on the gospel of John by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

(Lib. 10: PG 74, 434)

If I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you



After Christ had completed his mission on earth, it still remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the Word. We had to give up our own life and be so transformed that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life that would be pleasing to God. This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit.

It was most fitting that the sending of the Spirit and his descent upon us should take place after the departure of Christ our Savior. As long as Christ was with them in the flesh, it must have seemed to believers that they possessed every blessing in him; but when the time came for him to ascend to his heavenly Father, it was necessary for him to be united through his Spirit to those who worshiped him, and to dwell in our hearts through faith. Only by his own presence within us in this way could he give us confidence to cry out, Abba, Father, make it easy for us to grow in holiness and, through our possession of the all-powerful Spirit, fortify us invincibly against the wiles of the devil and the assaults of men.

It can easily be shown from examples both in the Old Testament and the New that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell; he so transforms them that they begin to live a completely new kind of life. Saul was told by the prophet Samuel: The Spirit of the Lord will take possession of you, and you shall be changed into another man. Saint Paul writes: As we behold the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, that glory, which comes from the Lord who is the Spirit, transforms us all into his own likeness, from one degree of glory to another.

Does this not show that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell and alters the whole pattern of their lives? With the Spirit within them it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become men of great courage. There can be no doubt that this is what happened to the disciples. The strength they received from the Spirit enabled them to hold firmly to the love of Christ, facing the violence of their persecutors unafraid. Very true, then, was our Savior's saying that it was to their advantage for him to return to heaven: his return was the time appointed for the descent of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORY

John 16:7, 13-14

If I do not go,
the Advocate will never come to you,
but if I go, I will send him to you.
– When he comes he will teach you all truth, alleluia.

He will not speak on his own,
but he will tell you all that he hears
from me and will proclaim to you the things to come.
– When he comes he will teach you all truth, alleluia.

BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Bible Studies via virtual meetings:

1. Gospel according to Matthew – Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
2. Bible Timeline - Saturdays at 10:30 am
3. Mary: A Biblical Walk with Mother Mary – Saturdays at 10:00 am
4. Symbolon 1 – class begins on July 17



For info, call Chito 604-808-4129 or Beth 604-231-9190

Reflections on 2 Ephesians 2:19-22

In the new Israel (the Church) privileges based on race, culture or nationality cease to apply. No baptized person, be he Jew or Greek, slave or free man, can be regarded as an outsider or stranger in the new people of God. All have proper citizenship papers. The Apostle explains this by using two images: The Church is the city of saints, and God's family or household. The two images are complementary: everyone has a family, and everyone is a citizen. In the family context, the members are united by paternal, filial and fraternal links, and love presides; family life has a special privacy. But as a citizen one is acting in a public capacity; public affairs and business must be conducted in a manner that is in keeping with laws designed to ensure that justice is respected. The Church has some of the characteristics of a family, and some of those of a polity (St. Thomas Aquinas, "Commentary on Ephesians").

From a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop

(Sermo 108: PL 52, 499-500)

Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest



I appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity.

Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not

cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no less to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. I appeal to you, he says, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice. By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

Paul says: I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy. The prophet said the same thing: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity. Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unfailing protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

RESPONSORY

Revelation 5: 9, 10

Worthy are you, Lord, to take the book and open its seals,
for you were slain for us.
– With your blood you have purchased us for God, alleluia.

You have made us a kingdom of priests to
serve our God.
– With your blood you have purchased us for God,
alleluia.

Stewardship Reflection:

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’” Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.



Reflection
July 4, 2021
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Solomon Nguyễn

Let Jesus Surprise You

It always amazes me how often a young child can watch the same movie or hear the same joke. And rather than get bored of it, watching it over and over again makes it more enjoyable. Now that I'm older I wish that I had that same kind of wonder, but instead, knowing more can shut me off from experiencing something different from the movie or whatever.

We see this in the Gospel. Jesus can do no great works of power in His hometown because no one there had a strong faith in Him. The reason they did not have faith in Him is because they thought they knew Him already. They saw Him grow up, played with Him, ate with Him, worshipped at the synagogue with him and were probably in that caravan when He stayed behind in Jerusalem as a child. They were not willing to be surprised by Him or to have their expectations shattered by who He really was and what He could really do. In short, they let what they knew about Him stop them from seeing anything new.

We can be the same. We have our religious routines: The set prayers we say, the time we go to Mass, we have heard all the readings at Mass before; we have heard the words of consecration more times than we can count. All these things can lead us to be lukewarm since there's no surprise, we think we know it all. I want to make it clear, I am not saying we should not have habits of prayer or have some prayers we say every day. What I am saying is, are we still open to being surprised when we go to Mass or when we say our rosary? Do we still actively engage when we pray at Mass or are we just along for the ride?

St. Paul in the second reading shows us what it is like to be surprised by Jesus. He prays that God might take away this one weakness he is struggling with. Paul most likely expected God to take it away, after all God answers prayers. But the response is surprising: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Paul could have just shrugged this off. But instead, he was willing to embrace this surprise and even go so far as to say he is content with all hardships. Paul was open enough to be surprised by his prayer. If we are open God surprises us, even changing our weakness into strength.

This is all well and good to say, be open and be surprised, but how does one stay open? I think it is similar to how one stays in love. In a relationship you want to learn everything about the person and the more you learn the more reason you have to love them. And when you learn something new, you realize "hey that's one area I don't know yet, let's learn more." What there is, is a certain curiosity to keep learning more and more. Our relationship with Jesus has to be the same. We have to keep learning more and more. This may seem counter-intuitive since earlier I said that our knowledge can make us lukewarm, but if we look again, it is not knowledge that makes us lukewarm, but thinking we know it all that makes us lukewarm. Once we start diving into the meaning behind the Mass and doing research on the faith, we realize there is so much we do not really know. And just like how knowing more about your partner can feed your love, so can knowing more about the faith.

Take some time to dive into one thing about the faith you have been curious about. Not just to find an answer to a controversial question but something like the meaning behind the words at Mass. This may seem like work and in one sense it is. But like in a relationship, you want to learn more about the person, their past and their reasons for doing certain things. So, if we learn more about the prayers we say or the actions at Mass, we might be surprised by the meaning behind them and in turn once again rekindle that childlike awe of things.

PRAYER CORNER



A Prayer to St. Agatha, for Nurses

NURSE PRAY

Dear Virgin and Martyr, whom the Church recalls in her liturgy, you heroically resisted the temptations of a degenerate ruler. Subjected to long and horrible tortures, you remained faithful to your heavenly Spouse. Saint Peter, we are told, gave you some solace and so you are invoked by nurses. Encourage them to see Christ in the sick and to render true service to them. Amen.

Come O Holy Spirit,
beloved of my soul,
I adore You. Enlighten me,
guide me, strengthen me, and console me.
Tell me what I must do. Inspire me with what I must say.
Give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to You
in all that You ask of me and to accept all that You permit
to happen to me. Let me only know Your will, and do
Your will. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit



Prayer to St. Anthony for Healing

Dear St. Anthony, you loved God so much when you lived upon the earth. You were known, even then, as a great Wonder-worker, so great did His power live in you. Now that you are in heaven, you share in God's glory and in His power in a more perfect way. Look on me with kindness as I come to you in my need. I pray for healing for myself and for those whom I love. Amen.

POETRY CORNER

I Had a Dream Last Night

I had a dream last night.
It was a simple dream.
Really all I remember is the call from God, or an angel:

“If you want to be great in God’s Kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.”

Simple words. A child’s words.
But they weren’t simple in the dream;
They came with all the majesty and force of heaven.

The atmosphere was dark with a golden glow;
And hints of fire and smoke filled the bordered field of vision my brief glimpse afforded.

It was like the heavenly Solomon’s temple of Isaiah’s dream;
With the fiery glow of seraphim and burning embers lighting the scene.

Something misty in the atmosphere gave light its dimension:
length, height, width, depth;
Smoky, but not smelling of smoke;
Steamy, but not hot and wet;
Misty, but not cold and damp.

And God Godself was powerfully there.

I was like iron in a forge.
My soul shook and my body rocked at the grandeur of divine presence, -my spirit reshaped like metal;
Poured into a new mold, but a moving one, not a static cold.
The majestic grandeur of the moment left no other response than to shape my body down;
Down before the radiant gravity of the Ground of All Being.
I saw myself low, knees and toes and tibia, elbows and forearms, and the heels of the palms of my hands;
All touching the dirt floor-, or was it made of marble, cold and hard against my fingers?
My robes were painted by the radiant warmth. Robes!
Earth-stained and reflecting the gold light.
And the burnished color touched my beard. Beard!
A longish scraggle mixed of gray and curly black.
My loose turban, too, autumn-hued by the shining forth of that fire.

Turban!

A torn cloth circled and dangled with my uncombed, unwashed, dark hair.

I was no longer the blue-eyed, fair-skinned Euro-American mutt of a me I have always been: mild;

I was a Holy Prophet bowed in the visceral presence of the real God;

The God of Isaiah and Jeremiah and Ezekiel, of Amos and Zachariah and Haggai;

The recipient, -the victim -of a vision, an oracle of great and grand import;

Of world-changing, life-transforming consequence;

Like the wheel within a wheel, the throne chariot of God:

The call from God, or an angel;
Simple words. A child’s words:

“If you want to be great in God’s Kingdom, learn to be the servant of all.”

John Clay Bangs



What's happening in Saint Paul's Parish...

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLENTION:

Charitable Works

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Elaine Winkler, Christine Bay, Bertha Romero, Myrna Moffat, Peter Murtagh, Jaime Pestano. *(Please notify the parish office of any changes)*



INFANT BAPTISM COURSE

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - please call the Convent at 604-275-2844.

LIVESTREAM MASSES

SUNDAY: 10:00AM

<https://stpaulparish.ca/livestream>



YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569

LIFE TEEN has gone virtual with weekly Zoom nights! Contact Jiggy for the link.

Keep checking our social media for updates!



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www.instagram.com/stpauls.spirit/

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 10 - 11am and 3 - 4pm



THANK YOU!!!

A huge **Thank You** to all who volunteered as helpers during the pandemic. Whether it was greeting people at the door, ushering or cleaning, your acts of service appreciated greatly.

PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

Online registration for the 2021/22 school year is available now on the parish website. Register by July 31 to receive a discount.

We will notify you once First Communion and Confirmation certificates are ready for pick-up from the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Clay Imoo (PREP Director) at clayimoo@shaw.ca.



SCHOOL CONNECTION

St. Paul School wishes all our school families, and the parish community, a joyful, relaxing summer! See you on September 7!

ACCESS TO THE PARISH OFFICE

If you need something from the office such as Mass cards, paperwork signed, parish registration, etc., please email us at parish.stpaulr@rcav.org or call 604-277-3213. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2021

Our Way Forward

Our annual archdiocesan appeal is here once more. There are many ways to give: complete the pledge form you receive in the mail; come to the parish office to make your donation; give online at <http://rcav.org/giving/>

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**Congratulations to the children of
our parish who have made their
First Communion:**

Cyan Aberin	Michael King
Travis Arguelles	Keira Kwong
Sam Asis	Valerie Lau
Geoffrey Bernal	Haley Lee
Gaberiel Billedo	Reese Lee
Carlos Calizo	Matthew Lee-Son
Rocco Castillo	Isaiah Lim
Shane Casupanan	Emma Lo
Anika Cecilia	Elise Mondejar
Mathieu Cha	Marcus Nguyen
Desmond Chan	Christine Park
Anderson Chen	Melissa Redondo Rodriguez
Fiona Chen	Belinda Rijo
Joanna Chen	Zoe Rivera
Suzanna Chen	Jaeden Secord
Connor Chiu	Natalia Sy
Aryanna Cruz	Gilliana Tapang
Royce Delos Santos	Teo Tinsay
Sofia Devora	Tali Tinsay
Emily Fowler	Serena Tong
Christian Gayap	Bosco Tse
Pik Ching Hui	Jaelyn Tuazon
Aiden Hsu	John Paul Ursua
Alyssa Hsu	Jeffrey Wang
Ana Lucia Jimenez-Diaz	Willis Yam



**Congratulations to the following who
were Confirmed by Father Thomas
Smith in June:**

Gabriella Baco	Christine Jewel G. Mata
Joshua Luigi Guillermo Bautista	Andrea Gayle Mendoza
Kaithlyn Victoria Billedo	Isabella Autumn Ngan
Marta Bettina Guballa Bravo	Cole Aloloysius Rodricks
Nolan Joshua Bryson	Marc Remy Rivera Santos
Jayden Aaron Chan	Alyssa Anabella Secord
Iris Chong	Ewan William Sinclair
Amanda Joyce Chui	Gabriel Augustine Tabay
Alexis Myles Espiritu Cruz	Josh Thumb
Klyde Felix De Souza	Mya Angelica Tombocon
Petra Dmitrovic	Caydon Kwan-Ho Tse
Luke Gabriel Heathe Estrada	Adrian Lik Heem Wong
Kyle Matthew Foster	Samuel Bradshaw
Joachim Andre Galano Tan	Erizyan Camasosa
Tristan Isaiah Garcia	Daniel Lobo
Etienne Keenan C. Guevarra	Kylene Quinones
Krislene Armie Guiao	Jonathan Rodrigues
Naomi Jocelyn Henry	Catrissa Sarino
Samantha Jaimee Hernandez	Jaymee Tuazon
Amarissa Hong	
Sarah Anne Martha Ison	
Mialyn Grace King	
Andrea Maria Lachica	
Hailey Alexandra Law	
Isabel Liu	
Rebecca Arceli Mallari	



ST. PAUL PARISH - DONATIONS



Since the beginning of the pandemic, it has been possible to make your regular offertory gift online, either by credit card or direct bank debit. Your parish relies on your regular offertory giving to both sustain itself and grow.

By making your pre-authorized offertory gift, you are providing crucial support to carry your parish during this difficult time.

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If you have questions regarding the process, or would like to make changes to your gift, please contact the Archdiocese of Vancouver Development Office at 604-683-0281 (ext. 50323).



What's happening in the Archdiocese...

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Year of the Family

On March 19, the church celebrates five years since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the beauty and joy of love in the family. Pope Francis announced that a special year dedicated to the family will launch on the same day, which will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. "This special Year will be an opportunity to deepen further the content of the document *Amoris laetitia*, through proposals and pastoral tools. These will be made available to ecclesial communities and families, to accompany them on their journey." Learn more and view resources at rcav.org/year-of-the-family



Catholic Health Association of BC (CHABC)

Join us for this CHABC webinar on September 16 from 9-11am PDT. We are thrilled to be able to offer these presentations with province-wide availability and minimal cost for attendance (max. \$20). Attendance fees will be used to cover an honorarium for the speakers and the webinar software fee. Any surplus will be used to supplement parishes who apply to offer the [Spiritual Care Series](#) training program.

More information will be sent out to all parishes and CHABC members around mid-July and will also be posted at www.chabc.bc.ca. Mark this in your calendars. You won't want to miss these amazing speakers!



48th ANNUAL OUR LADY OF PEACE INSTITUTE IN CATHOLIC TEACHING

JULY 12-16, 2021



For more information full course description, and to register, please visit our website at <https://bit.ly/3b7Qlh1> or email: Sr. Maria Benedicta, OSF srbenedicta@fmsolp.org or Phone 503-649-7127.

If you choose to join us via Livestream, please complete your registration online and you will receive an email with details on how to join the Institute virtually. While we are making the livestream available for free, the Sisters appreciate your donations to support them in their ongoing retreat house ministry. We thank you for any donation you give!



500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES CELEBRATION CONTINUES.....

Join us on Friday, July 9 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm for the live stream of our Second Quarterly Virtual Celebration "Salamat 2"

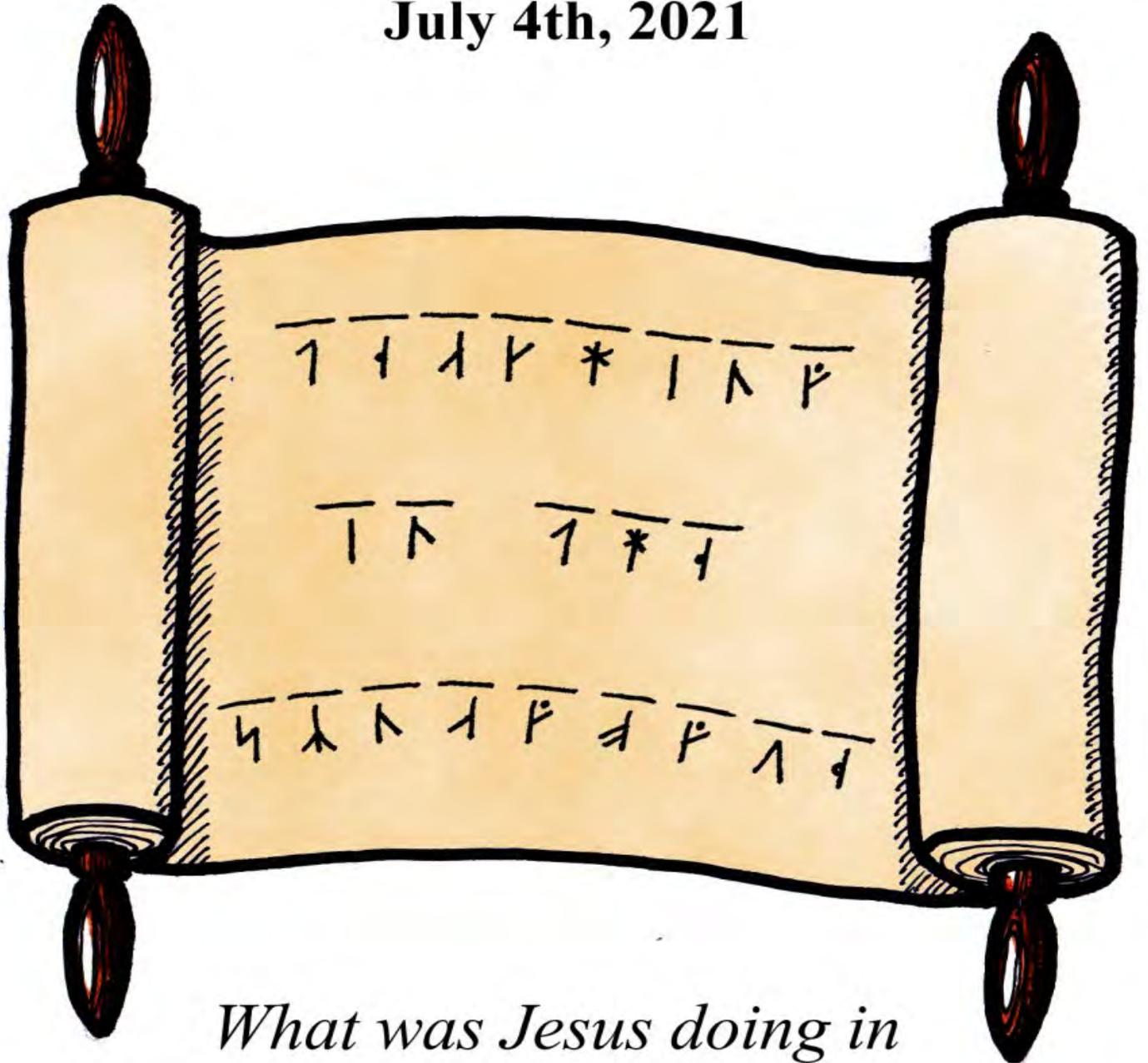
- titled **Receiving the Gift**. Watch how the Filipinos uniquely received the gift of faith and continue to bring faith globally - featuring Fr. Dennis Flores, pastor of St. Anthony's in Agassiz and hosted by a young Filipino couple, Anton and Genifer Brosas. Link will be provided closer to the date.

Vancouver Life Soldiers - Friday Night Zoom Rosary

Pray the rosary with us each Friday on Zoom at 8 p.m.

Sign-up at beholdvancouver.org/events

July 4th, 2021



What was Jesus doing in today's Gospel reading? Use the secret code to find out!

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St. Joseph Prayer

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life.

Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death.

Amen

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Saint Paul Accepts Suffering from God

P O W W E B O A S T P
 R P E R F E C T C H E
 G R A C E G L O R D R
 L R K H I G E S P T S
 A I N R M E A A A C E
 D N E I Y D V L U O C
 L S S S I P E V L N U
 Y U S T R O N G E T T
 O L E I N W M A D E I
 U T S D W E L L M N O
 E S A K E R M O S T N

Find the words in CAPITALS, The leftover letters tell you why Saint Paul said he would boast of his weakness.



Saint PAUL tells of asking God to take away his suffering: "Three times I BEGGED the LORD about this, that it might LEAVE me, but he said to me, "My GRACE is sufficient for YOU, for power is MADE PERFECT in weakness." I will rather BOAST MOST GLADLY of my WEAKNESSES, in order that the POWER of Christ may DWELL in me. Therefore, I am CONTENT with weaknesses, INSULTS, hardships, PERSECUTION and constraints, for the SAKE of CHRIST; for when I am weak then I am STRONG."

"That the _____ of _____ ."

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal July 4

ELIZABETH WAS A SPANISH PRINCESS IN THE 1200'S. AT THE AGE OF 12 SHE WAS GIVEN IN MARRIAGE TO KING DENIS OF PORTUGAL.

SHE WAS DEVOTED TO HER HUSBAND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS UNFAITHFUL TO HER.

I'll be away for a few days.

ELIZABETH WAS KIND TO THE POOR AND SICK AND RAISED HER SON AND DAUGHTER WELL.

Give these to the beggars when they come to the door.

O Jesus, please help my husband!

SHE WENT TO MASS AND PRAYED FOR HER HUSBAND EVERY DAY.

FINALLY THE KING ADMITTED HE WAS LIVING AN EVIL LIFE AND CONVERTED.

I'm so sorry! Will you forgive me?

ELIZABETH HAD MADE PEACE MANY TIMES BETWEEN ARMIES AND KINGS, AND NOW SHE BROUGHT PEACE BETWEEN HER HUSBAND AND GOD.

Let God be your example as King.

The king has agreed to the terms of peace.

Ah, Thanks be to God!

AFTER HIS DEATH SHE BECAME A FRANCISCAN. SHE DIED AFTER A LONG JOURNEY ON WHICH SHE MADE PEACE BETWEEN HER SON AND ANOTHER KING.

SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL IS AN EXAMPLE TO US BY HER LIFE OF VIRTUE AND LOVE OF PEACE. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN ALL GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE CAN ALSO LEARN FROM HER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WE LOVE WHO HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD.

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Priests Take the Place of Jesus



In today's Gospel reading Jesus was preaching in the synagogue. (A synagogue is kind of like your local church building.) The people there didn't believe in Him because they thought they knew Him. They didn't take Him seriously because they knew His family.

Do you know the priest at your church? He takes the place of Jesus at every Mass and when you go to Confession. God gave him a very special job.



However, even though priests have a very special job, they are still people like you. They need lots of help from God to do their job well. We should pray for our priests every day!

Here is a prayer you can say:

Dear Jesus, Please bless all priests. Make them be like you. Give them all the help they need to lead us to Heaven. Thank you for all the priests who have helped me, and please send more good priests to the Church. Amen.



Answer to Word-Find: "That the POWER of Christ may LIVE IN ME."

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JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

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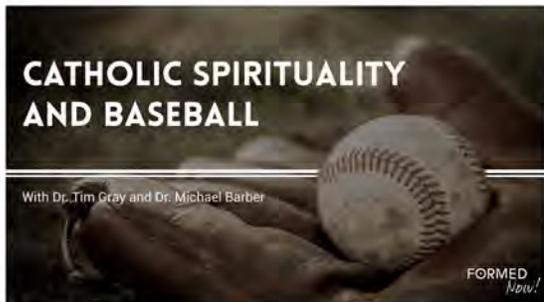
The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the “Pilgrim Pope.”



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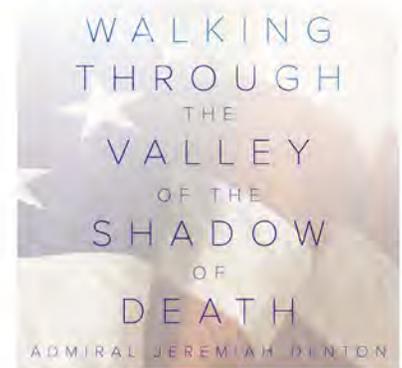


What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

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WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON <https://bit.ly/2Up7Jha>

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