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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 30, 2018

*“For he who is not
 against us
 is for us...”*

(Mark 9:40)

**What do I do with my life?
 Do I create unity around me?
 Or do I cause division by gossip,
 criticism, or envy?**

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 6:30pm First Friday

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 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday

Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

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 10:30am Sunday

Confession: 8:30am-9:00am
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Weekend Mass:
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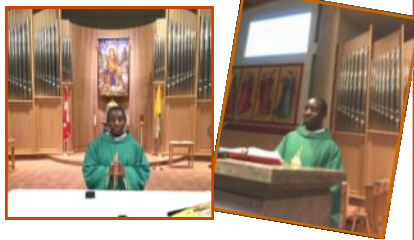
Dear Parishioners,

I would like to remind the parents of our elementary school children, who are from grades 3 and up, to encourage these young students to volunteer to become altar servers in the parish. Fr. Ajin is hosting a series of training sessions to prepare them for this special role, and it always involves the support of the parents when the children are scheduled to serve at our Masses on the weekend. It is a way of helping these young people to learn more carefully about the Mass, to deepen their own faith life, and to contribute to the well-being of the community in a way that is unique for them. So please talk to the kids about becoming an altar server and sign them up for their training program.

It was a joy to host Fr. Gosbert Mgina in our parish last weekend, and his presentations seemed to touch the hearts of our parishioners in his plea for help to build a medical dispensary in his parish back in Tanzania.

Our special collection for this project has brought in just a little over \$38,000 so far, so we are well on our way to helping him with the success of his efforts. And on Fr. Gosbert's behalf let me extend a huge thank you to all who have contributed to this worthy cause.

Our special collection "Mission Appeal 2018" envelopes will be available for another week. And for those who missed Fr. Gosbert's presentation last weekend, brochures about his parish in Madege, St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish of the Diocese of Iringa, in Tanzania, are also available.



Have a great week,

Fr. Dion

Week at a Glance

see bulletin cover for our regular weekday Mass schedule

Oct 1 Monday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm SOURCE Faith Study (5 of 6) - GS
- 6:30pm Comfort Coat Sewing - School Gym
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS Cry Room

Oct 2 Tuesday

- 9:00am Drop-off, Drop-in Coffee (school parents)- GS
- 4:00pm King's Banquet Soup Kitchen - SOS Hall
- 7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Meeting - GS
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS Library
- 7:00pm CWL General Meeting - GS Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Consoling the Heart of Jesus (week 4 of 11) - GS

Oct 3 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- Priests at 1st Wed. Communion Visits
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - GS Welcoming Area
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm Alpha (4 of 8) & RCIA - GS
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Oct 4 Thursday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 1:00pm Bible Study ~(Psalms 2 of 10) - GS Meeting Room
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP - School
- 6:30pm Confirmation Parents Meeting - GS
- 7:00pm Bible Study ~(Psalms 2 of 10) - GS Meeting Room

Oct 5 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS Fireside
- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 9:15am School Mass - GS
- Priests at 1st Fri Communion Visits
- 9:30am Seniors Café - SOS Hall Chambers
- 11:00am Altar Server Training (1 of 4) SCHOOL STUDENTS- GS
- 3:00pm Altar Server Training (1 of 4) PREP STUDENTS- GS
- 6:30pm First Friday Mass - GS
- 7:00pm JOURNEY Youth Group (Gr.6 & 7's) - School Gym

Oct 6 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
- 8:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Prayer Group - GS
- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 5:00pm Confirmation Investiture Mass - GS

Oct 7 Sunday

This Sunday's Mass Readings

1ST READING: Numbers 11:25-29

RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 19: 8, 10, 12-14

2ND READING: James 5: 1-6

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-48

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus turns the spotlight on the disciples when they complain to Jesus about a rival exorcist whom they tried to stop. Jesus tells them to lay off, because *"For he who is not against us is for us."* (Mark 9:40). We get the clear message that the disciples' finger-pointing will not get far with Jesus. While they are eager to bring judgment on this outsider who is acting in Jesus' name, Jesus wants his disciples to pay attention instead to their own behavior.

In fact, in verse 42 Jesus immediately turns the tables on the disciples, warning them that they are the ones in danger of doing harm. It's as though Jesus says, *"The problem is not the folks outside our group. Don't worry about others -- they are not the problem. Rather, look to yourselves. How are you getting in the way of the gospel? How are you a stumbling block?"*

We can imagine that the first audiences who received the Gospel of Mark would have recognized themselves in the disciples' sense of competition over who can use Jesus' name - who is right, who has authority. Early Christian communities struggled in the midst of persecution, conflict over Jewish-Gentile relations, and all the growing pains of an infant church seeking identity and faithful witness. Christian groups disagreed with one another, contested each other's claims, and even sought to censure one another.

Into this context, Mark's Jesus warns that finger-pointing and scrupulosity about others can distract us so that we do harm and cause others to stumble. Sometimes, even our best intentions to reprove others can have unintended consequences for innocent bystanders. Indeed, **great damage is done to the Gospel when Christians are preoccupied with infighting and self-righteous proclamations about others. Jesus wants us to return the focus back to our own behaviors, the ways we speak and live good news, and the ways we place obstacles in the way of that Good News.**

Bible scholars note that the Greek word *skandalon* (σκανδαλον) is used in each verse from 42 to verse 47. A *skandalon* is an obstacle that people trip over, and is usually translated "stumbling block" due to the decidedly moralistic tone the word "scandal" has taken in modern times. **Jesus could not be more clear: he is talking about the danger that his own followers can do, and he uses the dire image of drowning to get his**

point across: *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea."* (v.42)

It's interesting that Jesus lays bare the minefield of church, real dangers within Christian community particularly between more mature disciples and *"the little ones"* (v.42). The followers who are closest to Jesus in these verses (i.e. the disciples) carry a huge responsibility as a result of their intimacy with Christ. Others look to them, follow their examples, are susceptible to their claims and practices, are perhaps especially vulnerable to their critiques and conflicts. Carelessness in discipleship can do irreparable damage to those most vulnerable within the body of Christ.

Verses 43, 45, 47 each point to stumbling blocks

that are part of us: *hands, feet, eyes*. Things we hold dear. Things we think we need. Through images of body parts, Jesus makes clear that **stumbling blocks are not other people or things outside of us. They are part of us** - our self-righteousness, our hypocrisy, our pride. These stumbling blocks can also be events, practices, "the way we've always done it," or our own pet causes.

Stumbling blocks that come disguised as precious body parts are so dangerous, Jesus tells us they should be severed! The violence of Jesus' hyperbole here is inescapable; he uses this to get the disciples', and our, attention. We are likely to think there's nothing worse than losing a hand, a foot, or an eye. But Jesus says there is. The consequences of causing another to stumble are far worse than self-maiming. When the very things we hold dear and believe lead to abundant life become instead obstacles to *"the little ones"*, it leads to the death of *"unquenchable fire"*.

This week's Gospel invites each one of us to examine the stumbling blocks we place, often unknowingly, often in faithful enthusiasm, in front of the most vulnerable among us. Let us ask our Lord to reveal our true hearts to us, and ask for his mercy where we have been stumbling blocks to others.

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

Brennan Manning



Our newest parishioners:

Gayle & Bryan Ediger
Susan Elizabeth O'Connor
Emily Small

Isidro Family: Edison, Sharleine,
Audryleine, Ashley & Aiden

Why Register in a Parish?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another. There are many reasons to register:

- * A sense of belonging and identity in parish community.
- * Provides the parish community with a way to welcome you.
- * In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- * It is a commitment to practice your faith.
- * Gives a chance for you and your family to be counted and heard in the parish.
- * Being included in the demographics of the parish helps in the planning for needs.
- * Gives the parish a way to connect with you.
- * In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.
- * For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.

Parish Registration forms are available at all 3 churches. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection basket.

Congratulations to those recently baptized:

Janelle Wai Ying Lai



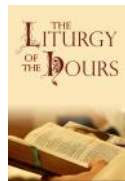
Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

Juliette Jacks, Sheetal Basra, Davinder Munday, Chuck Lafaive, Dennis Rushinko, Marie Geiger, Dermot Dunne, Ken LaHaie, Magdalena Coombs, Luka Volentier, Lynn Carruth, Leslie Jones, Tracey Antchak, Barbara Demers, Mario Conte, Charlotte Sears, Alice Anderson, Van Huguet, Catherine Dempsey, Andrea Egan, Catharina Noble, Marian Nadelko, Derek Ridsdale, Graham Shore, Fran Caparo, Pat Flickinger, Sophie Cosgrave, Dan Hof, Joanna Boomars, Joyce Henderson, and Bernadette Deeley.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of:

Teresa Campos



The Lord has commended us to "pray always". One way we can do that as community is by joining our priests in reciting the

Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours. The purpose of the Liturgy of Hours is to sanctify the day and all human activity. Together with the Mass, it constitutes the official public prayer of the Church not only of the clergy but of the "whole People of God". (Apostolic Constitution) Come at **7:30am to Good Shepherd Church on every morning there is 8AM Mass** to join the priest(s) and some parishioners in reciting the Morning Prayer. The set of prayers takes about 12 to 15 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



"WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CRUCIFIX, YOU UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH JESUS LOVED YOU. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SACRED HOST, YOU UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES YOU NOW."
~ ST. MOTHER TERESA ~

Holy Hours needing a weekly visitor:

- Sunday, 2:00am-3:00am
- Sunday, 4:00am-5:00am
- Monday, 12 noon-1:00pm
- Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am
- Thursday, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Friday, 5:00am-6:00am

Hours needing a substitute:

- Sundays, Oct. 7 & 14 - 4:00-5:00pm
- Mondays, Oct. 1, 8, 15 - Noon-1:00pm
- Tuesdays, Oct. 2 & 9 - 5:00-6:00am
- Tuesday, Oct. 2 - 4:00pm-5:00pm
- Thurs, Oct 4, 11 & 18 - 2:00-3:00pm
- Thursdays, Oct. 4 & 11 - 7:00-8:00pm
- Fridays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 - 5:00-6:00am
- Fridays, Oct. 12 & 19 - 4:00-5:00pm

For more information please call:
Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or
Donna Sali 604 542 3070



Members of Star of the Sea Parish gather together to pray for the needs and the initiatives of the parish. Come join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 7:00pm**, Good Shepherd Church

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Welcome all Ladies

to our CWL meeting this **Tuesday, October 2**

after the 6:30pm Mass at Good Shepherd Church.
Fr. Ajin will be our guest speaker.



Next Seniors & Friends Café is **Friday, October 5th, 9:30am.**

Coffee & Goodies... at the Star of the Sea Chambers (enter off Star of the Sea Church Parking Lot).
Come for coffee and make new friends!
Everyone welcome.



Flu Clinic

Friday, October 26

9:00am - until supplies last
at **Good Shepherd Church**



Flu Shots are administered by a pharmacist at **NO CHARGE** to all **parishioners over 65 years of age**. Please remember to bring your care card with you. No appointment necessary.

King's Banquet Soup Kitchen Ethnic Polish/ Ukrainian Supper

is on
Tuesday, October 30th
at Star of the Sea Hall

More Volunteers Needed

If you are Polish or Ukrainian or if you like to cook or serve, please consider volunteering for this ethnic supper. Pls. call Carolyn at 778-277-2533 or email cawharton73@gmail.com to discuss further. Thank you!

Altar Server Training

starts on **Friday, October 5th**. Open to all children in Grades 3 & up who are baptised and have received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Contact the Parish Office for a registration form parish@starofthesea.ca
Registration is due on **Monday, Oct 1st**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FLEA MARKET



on the first Saturday of each month (**October 6th**) from 8:00am - 1:00pm at Star of the Sea Hall.

REMINDER:

Application deadline for bursaries to **Post-Secondary Students** is Oct 21st.



100 years ago, Our Lady of Fatima requested:

"Pray the Rosary"

As human efforts fail to solve Canada's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.

Public Square Rosary Rally

When: **Saturday, Oct 13th**
at 12:00Noon

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(bring a chair if you need one)

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Teen Music Ministry

If you...

- ◆ are in Grades 6-12 and *love* to sing and make music
- ◆ Want to use your talents for our teen music ministry
- ◆ Want to have some fun with other teens who share our Faith... **We want you to join us!**

Our next Mass will be on **Sunday, October 14th, 7:00pm** at Good Shepherd Church. Come for practice before Mass in the Meeting Room **5:45pm-6:45pm**.

For more info, please contact Evon Olsen at evono@starofthesea.ca



This is a day of remembrance for pregnancy loss and infant death, which includes, but is not limited to, miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, and the death of a newborn. **October 15th** is observed annually in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Italy and parts of Australia with remembrance ceremonies and vigils, the "Lights of Love" International Wave of Light, a worldwide lighting of candles that encompasses and spans the globe.

We remember our little ones who have gone too soon. To honor them Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB will be celebrating Mass at the Evangelist Chapel at the Gardens of Gethsemani, **Monday, October 15th**, 7pm. We will light up the cemetery in their honour, so please come and join us for this special mass .

Love One Another, As I Have Loved You. John 15:12

As men and women of God we are to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness." We are called to keep his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Is this evident in our lives and marriages? How do we live this out in our marriages?

Sign up for the **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** being held in Deroche BC (just east of Mission). **October 26-28. Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament.** Steve and Mary Bohnen 604 876-7298 or wwmevancouverbc@gmail.com



Interested in volunteering for Gala? email: jenniferkudryk@outlook.com

This year it is simpler than ever to get your tickets for the *must attend* Gala event of the year.

The new Star of the Sea Gala website will go live on October 1st at 10:00 am

To order your tickets:

- Go to "URL" <https://www.staroftheseagala.com>
- Click "Purchase Tickets"
- Select ticket type and quantity you would like
- Enter the required information in the yellow text box
- Click Order
- It will prompt you to enter your email. Enter email and click Next
- If you have not registered yet, fill in required fields and click "Register". If you have registered it will ask you to enter your password

Please note: To purchase a full table, you are required to list all 8 guests names at your table.

Gala 2018 ticket prices:	Individual Tickets: \$125
	Table of 8: \$1000
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