

# Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time - June 21, 2009



June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 8:30 am - Sandra Smith †  
Tuesday, 8:30 am - Giovanni Ferazzutti †  
Wednesday, 8:30 am - Mass of Thanksgiving (E. Sze)  
Thursday, 12:00 noon - Mary McDonell †  
Friday, 8:30 am - John & Grace Kim †  
Saturday, 4:30 pm - Peter Cullen †

## READINGS FOR - June 28<sup>th</sup>



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom: 1:13-15, 2:23-24  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

## MARYGROVE CAMP:



Our thanks to all who gave so generously to help send needy, inner city girls to camp this summer. Your generosity is appreciated.

## VACATION TIME:



If you hold a position of importance at our Sunday Masses, we would like to remind you that our Masses will continue as scheduled throughout the summer months. By finding a substitute to take your place, you will be helping to ensure that our Sunday Liturgical Celebrations will remain as meaningful as possible for those who attend.



There is a promise of marriage between:  
Matthew Wallace Chan and  
Hye Ree Sophie Seo

This is the second publication.

## YOUTH GROUP:



The Youth Group would like to invite all Grade 8 graduates to attend this year's "**Graduation Pizza Party**". Join us on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

## ANNUAL "SHEPHERD" GOLF TOURNAMENT:



August 15<sup>th</sup> A reminder that fees are now due - Cost \$140.00. We would also like to encourage anyone with prizes to please present them at the Church office as early as possible.

We are grateful for your generosity.

## SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM:



We are delighted to offer a catechetical program for children aged 7 to 12 here at Good Shepherd Church. Classes will be held each Saturday from 10 -11 am beginning July 4<sup>th</sup> and running for 5 weeks. Interested parents are asked to contact the church. We will have a Member of the Legion of Mary get back to you.

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY:



Discovering The Master Plan for Your Life Conference:

Presented by Christopher West. October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Canada Christian College, Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills Rd. & Eglinton Ave.)

Registration is \$30.00 before July 1 and \$40.00 after. Register at [www.godsexandthmeaningoflife.com](http://www.godsexandthmeaningoflife.com) or by emailing [stbreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbreg@gmail.com), or call 416-481-5465.

## SCRIPTURE NEWS:



St. Patrick's Church, Markham is hosting two workshops by the Little Rock Scripture Study Program, on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

1. **Information Workshop:** presented by Sr. Susan McCarthy is an ideal introduction for those who have not previously taken any Scripture Courses.
2. **Enrichment Workshop:** presented by Catherine Upchurch - Executive Director of the Little Rock program.

To secure a spot, interested parishioners should register as soon as possible with Kay Booker at 905-294-4092 or email [kaymax@sympatico.ca](mailto:kaymax@sympatico.ca). Registration forms are also available through the Church office. A cost of \$15.00 includes lunch.

## GOOD SHEPHERD'S FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY:



The Fall scripture study will begin on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> with a study of the Parable. Registration will take place on the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

## *On the Lighter Side!*

Mother bought navy towels to match the new bathroom décor. It was sometime before she noticed that her five-year old seem to be deliberating avoiding using these towels.



When she asked him the reason, he replied: “I can’t tell when I’ve wiped all the dirt off me.”

**“Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey Him.”**

We underestimate the sea at our peril. One day it can be so calm and flat that we are convinced we can cross its immensity in a rowing boat. The next day it can be whipped up to such boiling fury that even taking a step near its breakers may have us swept away and drowned. Down through the ages we have fought it, befriended it, feared it, even loved it. Island nations appreciate the security it offers them, but it still needs to be kept in check as it gnaws away at cliffs and beached.

We have learned to understand its ways through long experience and tried to contain its storms and tantrums. But we are human. We forget, and we allow our hopes of material gain to undermine the wisdom of the past. In some of the great flood disasters of recent years, such as the tsunami in Eastern Asia, the coastal defenses had been weakened. The mango swamps had been removed to enable tourist beaches to be built. But the sea does not forget and it takes advantage of every weakness, whether of land or shipping. It just waits for its moment, perhaps encouraged by global warming or perhaps just following the natural rhythms of the tides and seasons. We ignore its immense powers and resources at our peril.

There is not much love for the sea in the Old Testament. It is its unruly nature that is uppermost in the awareness of the writers. But in the Gospel story, Jesus controls the sea. The sea is told to be quiet and clam, and its accomplice the wind is rebuked and drops its force in obedience to the command. But Jesus is a human being. How can it be that He has such powers? What are we to make of such a man?

The big question for any sailor is: Do you trust your skipper? If you don’t, you should not be entrusting your life to this person. Sometimes it seems that we have no choice. On the whole, we don’t chose our employers, they choose us. In the old days sailors were press-ganged into employment, and we may still feel the same thing has happened to us. Trying to survive bad management is no easy matter.

In addition to whatever skills we can bring to bear on changing such situations, we are also asked to find the deeper centre in ourselves. In the midst of our sense of being overwhelmed by the depths of life’s problems, Christ offers us a way forward. We put our trust in Him. Elsewhere He will offer His disciples the inner peace that the world cannot give, and here we are asked to let go of our fears and accept the same gift. It does not mean that we will not experience life’s storms and challenges. It does mean that we will be able to ride such encounters like a good sailor, accumulating the wisdom that centres us on what matters. Even when Jesus seems asleep in the

boat, our trust in Him can bring about the quieting of the wind and the calming of the sea. We need not be afraid.

**YEAR FOR PRIESTS:**



Pope Benedict XVI has announced a “Year for Priests” (June 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 to June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010) to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Jean Marie Vianney, the Cure’ of Ars – the Patron Saint of parish priests. The theme for the priestly year is “Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests”. During this special year Benedict XVI will officially proclaim St. Jean Marie

Vianney as “Patron Saint of all the priests of the world.”

Jean-Marie-Baptist Vianney (May 8, 1786 - August 4, 1859) was born on the eve of the French Revolution and grew up in an age of failing faith and social upheaval. Already a late vocation with little formal schooling of academic aptitude, he was ordained in 1815 and appointed parish priest of the village of Ars, near Lyon. He was by no means dull, and his lack of intellectual prowess was more than compensated for by his steadfast faith, unwavering pursuit of holiness and heroic commitment to the duties and demands of his priestly office. St. Pius X beatified him in 1905, Pius XI canonized him in 1925. In 1929, only seventy years after his death, he was named the “Patron Saint of parish priests.”

Let us pray for all our parish priests, that they may be like their Patron Saint, Jean Vianney, who was a “true example of a pastor at the service of Christ’s flock”.



**FATHERS!**

On the third Sunday of June, we thank God for our fathers, who hard so that they can take care of us, as St. Joseph took care of the Holy Family.

We should always pray for our FATHERS.

Some of us have lost their fathers, as Jesus lost his foster-father, St. Joseph.

But Jesus had His Father in heaven – and so do we – God our heavenly Father.

And we have our Holy Father here on earth, Pope Benedict XVI, whom love.

And we have still another father, our spiritual father, the priest of our church.

So, when we pray for fathers, we pray for those fathers who are still with us, for those who have died, for Pope Benedict, and for all the Fathers who say Mass for us, so that we can receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

There are so many fathers to pray for in June, but most important is to thank God, our Heavenly Father, who gave us all of our other fathers.

*Happy Father's Day*