

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that if we want to follow him, we must hate our father, mother, spouse, child. This seems awfully harsh, doesn't it? It's the word, "hate." Some of us were taught never to say we hated anything, certainly not any person.

MEDITATION

Scripture commentaries explain that this is a Semitic exaggeration, employed by Jesus purposely to startle his listeners. (It works.) What is meant by "hate" is "to prefer less." That is, to be a disciple of Jesus, we must "prefer less" everything else, everything and everybody. But the emphasis in this passage is on our possessions.

Jesus is saying, if you must "prefer less" your spouse, even your child, then of course you must "prefer less" your mere things.

Most of us are not called upon to renounce our loved ones to follow Jesus, though it is conceivable. But we are all (yes, ALL!) called to renounce something and we are all (again, ALL!) holding on to something, pretending that it is not REALLY a conflict and he couldn't have meant it LITERALLY and it's just an IDEAL isn't it, not a realistic way to live in the REAL world, for God's sake—well maybe not for GOD'S sake, but you know what I mean! Right.

What do you want more than to be a disciple? Whatever it is, you probably have it. I do. You may wonder how in the world there could be a conflict between having a church lady job like mine and following Jesus. Be assured, there are often conflicts and very often I don't choose Jesus, I don't like it when people are mad

at me. I bend the truth. I take the cautious route. I want to keep my stuff—and my health insurance.

Where are you compromising? You're a good person. You're reading the church bulletin! But if you are a person to whom Jesus is preaching this morning, then there is something you're preferring to being a disciple. We may not be ready to let go, but it's good to notice what we're holding on to.

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Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.

Mychal Judge, OFM

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What's it gonna cost?

You've been offered your dream life: the perfect house, millions to spend, wonderful clothes, gourmet foods. All you have to do is move in empty-handed. Leave everything behind, absolutely everything and step into a guaranteed paradise. Wouldn't you do it?

Today's gospel has an even better offer. As Christians we're offered heaven, eternal peace and joy in God's presence. But like all precious things, it comes with a price tag. Not a large figure, just one small word: everything. Heaven is ours. The cost: Every single item we possess, every cent in the bank, our stock certificates, retirement funds, property, vehicles, residences. A pretty high price for some of us, when you calculate by currency. But really, the price is just one word: Trust. Jesus says the first step for believers is trusting Him to provide for *all* our needs. He will be our security here on earth and in His kingdom to come. It's a scary bargain, but worth every cent.

Mass Intentions for the Week	
Tuesday	+Jules Bouvier
Wednesday	+Ted Fraser
Thursday	+Lucia Stella
Friday	+Henri Dussault
Saturday	Fr. Vince James
Sunday	Intentions of Notre Dame Parish

Ministries – Sept 14, 2019 - 7:30pm	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	J. Reschny
Lectors	A. Reschny, E. Paulson
Servers	G. Stanek, C. Depositar, K. Lenart
Ushers	L. James, C. Hastie, P. Bates
Greeters	I. Franke
Ministries – Sept 15, 2019 - 11am	
Ex. Ord. Min. Comm	CWL
Lectors	CWL
Servers	A. Parsons, T. Williams, R. Briones
Ushers	CWL
Greeters	CWL

Church Foyer Cleaner: R. Briones

Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

RCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office



- Sept 10** 10:15am CTW Bible Study
12:10pm Mass
7pm NDP Parish Council
- Sept 11** 10:30am Mass - Rotary Manor
6pm Choir Practice
3:30pm RCIA – For Teens
3:30pm RCIA - For Adults
- Sept 12** 12:10pm Mass
3:15pm 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Classes
- Sept 13** 11am ND School Mass
3:15pm Confirmation Classes
- Sept 14** 10am Rosary/Stations of the Cross
6:30pm - 7pm Reconciliation
7:30pm Mass
- Sept 15** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass

PARISH SICK LIST: Please pray for....
Gerry York, Rose Palfy, Carol Dufour, Margaret Lowther, Cathie Carver, George LaJeunesse, Violet Thomas, Bill Thomas, Isabel Ong, Fr. Eric Swearigen, Bernadette Redgate, Jane Spent, Jerome Reschny, Sandra Hoisington, Cheryl McLeod, Jaspar Dokken (Names will be removed after 1 month unless contacted)

Food Banks

Please remember that food banks are always in need of donations. There are baskets in the foyer for anyone wishing to drop off their food items to the Food Banks.



DIOCESAN CONVOCATION to be held October 3 - 4, 2019 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. Founder of Catholic Christian Outreach Andre Regniér, will be the presenter. All members of the diocese are invited and welcome to attend. To register go to:
<https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/2019-diocesan-convocation/>



The movie "Unplanned" will be shown on Friday, September 20 at 7pm in the church lobby. Admission is by donation.

FAITH STUDY PROGRAMS

Whether you are looking to grown in your Faith or just learning about the Catholic Church for the first time, *Symbolon* will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic Faith and reveal God's incredible love for us—the story of our salvation! *Symbolon* – part 2 will be starting up again this year. It will be once a month – every 3rd Thursday at 7:30pm at the church. First meeting is Thursday, Sept. 19.

BIBLE STUDY – Starting Sunday, Sept. 22, at 3pm in the meeting room of the Church

RCIA Classes – for teens will be Wednesdays at 3:30pm at the Church basement starting September 11.

Camp Emile AGM

Sept 21st at 10.30 am

Moberly lake, 6740 Mission Road.
So you Sept 21st, 2019, Camp Emile, 6740, Mission Road, Moberly Lake, BC

**Ministry Appreciation Supper
September 27 at 6pm
Make sure you sign up!**

Prayer for Our Teachers

Lord, we pray that you will empower our teachers, with your wisdom, your patience, your compassion. Keep them close to you, Lord as they walk into their classrooms so that the students will see a living example of your love and your peace; that our children may learn to choose the path of mercy and faith instead of violence and anger. Grant that our teachers may see the needs of those tender souls they guide, and be ready to meet each day with your strength and inspiration. Bless them O Lord, in their mission, so precious, to help us raise those lambs we have brought into your fold.

Celebrating Mary's birth

The feast of Our Lady's birth originated in Syria or Palestine at the beginning of the 6th Century, becoming a formal feast some 100 years later. Mary's birthday has been described as "the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation." St. Alphonsus de Liguori in the Glories of Mary wrote:

"Having been destined to become the Mother of the Eternal Word, this child was enriched with so great a grace that, even at the moment of Her Immaculate Conception, she exceeded all the Saints and Angels in sanctity, for she was given a higher order of grace, which corresponded to her dignity as Mother of God."

A great saint even at her birth, this feastday celebrates the gift of Mary, which prepared the way for God's greatest gift, our Lord Jesus Christ.

