

Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2017

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday – 4:30 PM (anticipated Mass)
Sunday –9:00 AM

Confessions

Weekdays Tuesday to Saturday – 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM
Saturday - 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Always available upon request.

Please pray for our sick and shut in parishioners.

May Our Lord sustain, comfort and heal them through their faith.

Mimi LaBossiere, Ann Vinet, Don Appel, Lew and Dolores Hampton, Marilyn McKay, Galdino Berti, Yunha Kim, Gerard Born, George Stock, Jerzy and Irena Klimczek, Rita Rocan, Theresa Witjes, Dolores Azevedo, Amanda Paller.

Last Sunday Offering

\$ General
\$ Building and Maintenance
\$ Average Weekly Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

Project Advance: Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners who have made a gift to Project Advance 2017. ***To date, we have received 20 gifts (26.7% of the parishioners) totaling \$10,070. (67.3% of the Parish Goal).*** Remember that funds received over our Diocesan goal (\$5,000.) will be returned to the Parish. Please continue to respond in prayer and generosity. Our sharing reflects our caring. Thank you.

Marian Consecration at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Canada's bishops will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation by re-consecrating the nation to Mary on Canada Day. In dioceses across Canada, bishops will consecrate their individual diocese or eparchy. Join Archbishop Miller for a special Mass on Sunday, July 2, at 11 a.m. as we celebrate and pray the national Prayer of Consecration to Mary at Holy Rosary Cathedral. For more info., visit: <http://rcav.org/marian-consecration/>

Rose Prince Annual Pilgrimage – July 7th, 8th and 9th

For more information, please see the poster at the back of the Church

Our victory is in Jesus Christ alone.

“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” 1Corinthians 15:57)

When David put a stone in his sling to come against the terror of the mighty warrior, Goliath, David did not put his trust in the stone he had gathered from the river, in the sling he had made with his hands, or in the skill he had developed through practice. Instead, David put his total trust in the aim of God’s guiding hand, the impact of God’s awesome power, and the strategy of God’s perfect plan to defeat the enemies of God’s people.

Jesus has won the complete victory over every enemy we will ever face, or every temptation we will ever encounter, and over every circumstance we will ever walk through. The victory is not found in our talents, our strengths, or in any natural resource or ability. Our victory is in Jesus Christ alone.

We are victorious because Jesus defeated Satan, died upon the Cross, conquered death, rose from the grave and ascended to the right hand of His Father. We are victorious because we are in Jesus. His victory is our victory, His peace is our peace, His life is our life.

The Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist

In the Holy Eucharist Christ offers His Body and Blood as food under the signs of bread and wine. The bread we eat and the cup we drink is truly Jesus Christ. Yes, it is Jesus. It is His real presence. He is present to us in many ways. The Eucharist is His most powerful and intense presence. It is always worthwhile, especially in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, to spend some time meditating and focusing on what truly happens at the Eucharist.

Reflection of Sunday’s Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is instructing His Apostles to “fear no one. . .” nor to be intimidated. Jesus is preparing them for the day He will no longer be with them. The Apostles are feeling fear in their hearts because Jesus is leaving them. They have good reason to be fearful, knowing that they will have to face a lot of hardship and persecution and even death for proclaiming Christ to all nations. So, not once but three times Jesus says to them, “*Do not be afraid.*”

Fear can paralyze us. It can freeze us and make us immobile. It can prevent us from both thinking and acting according to our Catholic convictions. We may want to keep still and say nothing. We may not want to rock the boat. Many people today are living in some kind of fear in proclaiming and living out their faith and commitment to the teaching of Jesus.

From today’s readings, we discover that *courage* is a necessary virtue in leading a life of committed faith. As people of faith and trust in God, we believe that He will give us the courage to overcome whatever fears happen in our lives. Jesus tells us these words in today’s Gospel, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

If we are to be steadfast witnesses to our faith, we can find strength in the realization of Christ’s authority and power. In Philippians 4:13 we read, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” *Christ can do all things!* We must allow Christ’s love to be poured into our hearts so that fear will not cripple our lives and prevent us from being the kind of person we want to be in living our Catholic faith.

The fear we have of being laughed at, scorned or regarded as weaklings can cause us to fail to stand up for what we know in our hearts is just and right, even though as bearers of the Word of Christ we may suffer ridicule and rejection. Jesus urges us to bear witness to Him openly and to be fearless in making a stand for truth and justice. As baptized Catholics, we are called to have no fear to proclaim the Good News of God’s Kingdom not only in words, but by the way we live today through our actions and by loving our brothers and sisters.

Remember that Christ is in us! Christ’s love surrounds us! Christ will never abandon us! If we remain faithful to Christ, He will acknowledge us before His Heavenly Father. Do not lose heart! Remember that the Spirit of Jesus who is in us is greater than any evil and fear in the world.