

## ***Our Lady of Good Hope Roman Catholic Church***

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### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 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**

\$Envelopes  
\$ Loose  
\$Weekly Anticipated Expenses

Thank you for your generous support of your Parish.

**Project Advance:** We sincerely thank the **38 families** in our Parish who have already **donated \$20,770. There are 49.3% of our Parish families that have not yet participated.** There is still time to donate! Please place an envelope marked “*Project Advance*” into the offertory basket. The donations exceeding the Diocesan commitment of \$5,000 will be put into the *Building Fund Account* to cover future building maintenance costs.

#### **Moving! New phone number? New address? New member of the Parish?**

Please notify Father Gordon @ 778.928.1641 or visit the Office to update your personal information. Thank you so much.

#### **CWA meeting Wednesday October 11 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.**

All women are welcomed to join the meeting.

#### **Starting Planning for the Parish Potluck on October 28 after the 4:30 PM Mass**

Bring your favourite dish of food to share with others and have a wonderful evening of meeting other members of your Parish. For more information: Michelle 604.869.2571

**Father Donald Douglas MacDonald OMI** died on September 24, 2017 at the age of 84 at Vancouver, BC. The Funeral Mass was Tuesday October 3, 2017 at St. Augustine's Catholic Parish. He is fondly remembered by many parishioners of our Parish. May his soul rest in peace.

### **Reflection on Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 21.33:43**

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's parable that reveals how the religious leaders fail to take *personal responsibility* to look after the Chosen People of God. He reveals the truth about who the chief priests and elders are through the parable about the landowner who leases his vineyard to some tenants.

The people of Israel have been treated in a privilege manner by God. But privilege brings responsibility. The chief priests and elders failed God. Yet God is not disappointed for His own sake. Rather He is disappointed because His people have squandered the blessings He wants them to enjoy. Sadly, the vineyard is destined to become a wilderness.

What sort of fruits did God expect from His people? God looks for peace from His people, and got war; for true worship, and got idolatry; for justice in their dealings with one another, and got injustice, corruption, and exploitation of the poor and weak; for goodness, and got evil; for caring and sharing, and got greed, for humility, and got pride; for wise godly living, and got a pagan lifestyle. This to some extent is our story too.

The story of the wicked tenants is an allegory, that is, a story of salvation history. God, the owner of the vineyard, leaves His people in the care and protection of the chief priests and elders. Their *responsibility* is to bring the people fruitfulness in knowing, loving, and obeying God's commandments so they may continue to enjoy His love and protection.

It does not take a great deal of imagination to see ourselves in this parable. In the larger picture of community, each of us is a tenant, cultivating a small portion of Jesus' vineyard, His Church. The Church is the vineyard Christ planted and tended with such care that He gave His life for it. He looks to us His followers, the tenants of His vineyard, to produce good fruit.

As tenants we are *personally responsible* for our Church community. When harvest time arrives we are expected to produce the fruits of right living, of loving, sharing and showing forth the charity of the Gospel in our daily lives and continuing Jesus' mission. By doing this we put into practice during the week what we profess to believe at our Sunday celebration of the Mass. During the week, we ask, "How am I tending the faith of our community?" or "How am I serving Jesus in His Church?"

### **The Twenty-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time**

The first readings this week offer again a sampling of several different Old Testament sources including the reluctant prophet, **Jonah**; then **Malachi** ("But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays"); and **Joel**, ("Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain; Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall pass through her no more.")

**Luke's Gospel** continues during the weekdays with some of our most familiar and beloved stories. The Good Samaritan teaches us about loving. In the Mary and Martha story, Jesus nudges His dear friend Martha to calm her spirit and choose carefully what she spends time on. Luke offers a look at Jesus praying alone before sharing His prayer with us. With the story of the friend banging on the door in the night, Jesus encourages us to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." When His opponents try to confuse the people about Jesus' authority, He says, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." We end the week with Jesus emphasizing His relationship with the Father as being stronger than earthly relationships.

**October is the Month of the Rosary – Pray the Rosary for peace and reparation of sins.**

Keep the joy of Jesus as your strength.