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The Two Roads of Religion

A girl posted this question on a website: "OK, what do people think, is religion as important to people now as in the past? Now that science knows why things like meteor showers happen, do people need religion as much?" She got dozens of replies. "Religion has never been necessary. It causes more problems and wars than anything else." Another guy says, "Reality scares people. So religion is like Valium."

I'd bet most of us have heard similar comments about religion, especially since our church was devastated by revelations of sexual misconduct by priests who were entrusted with the care of children. Sadly, Jesus shows us today that there has always been the temptation to make an idol out of religion. Religion can go down two roads: towards selfishness, power, and greed. Or like the widow today, religion led down the road of truth, sincerity, and selfless giving. That is the real purpose of religion, obviously.

The lesson for us is that religion is a means to a holy end, but IN ITSELF, religion cannot make anyone good. This is the terrible lesson we had to learn when we saw the evil deeds of priests and bishops, who had been put up on religious pedestals by believers.

If we go to church, we have to be careful not to use the sins of the Pharisees and our own clergy as scapegoats to relieve ourselves from looking at certain areas of our own lives in which we might be blind. Yes, it's a good thing to worship at church. But every one of us could have a sharper or more humble vision of how to live the Christ life more fully.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy & all sick & shut in of our parish. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Fr Paul will be away from Nov 13 to 16 at the Priest Study week. Thank you to Fr. Anthony Boniface for serving us while Fr. Paul is away.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) - Parent 1st Reconciliation Meeting on Nov. 14th in the school. Parish Bazaar is coming up on Saturday, Nov 24! PREP is running the games so Karla needs lots of youth to help her. This is a great opportunity to get in your service hours. As always if you have questions or concerns, please contact Karla at pbprep@telus.net.

Grade 8 to 12 gathering will be on Nov 24, 5:40 pm. We will meet in CCS. Please bring some food to share!
Youth ushers and readers are needed for our youth masses every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Contact Luisa if you can help. pb youth@telus.net.

Youth Choir Needs You!! We gather/rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 2:00 pm. Food & singing provided. Sing for 4:30 pm mass. Contact Anabella anabellanootebos@gmail.com.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN LWC invites children from 3yrs to 6yrs to participate in the Sunday Gospel in a prayerful and meaningful way designed in language that they can understand. Our Ministry is offered at our 11am mass each Sunday. Adult volunteers are always needed - please email Maria Harkison at mharkison@gmail.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) Topic for Wed, Nov. 14: We are discussing the "People of God"- The Church, a Christian Community. Join us in the Cenacle Room from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Everyone welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 pm in the Columbus room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM - Please note that McDonald's gift cards are no longer available through our gift card program. All proceeds benefit the vestibule expansion. We've collected \$828 to date.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Members are encouraged to contribute baked items for sale at the St. Theresa's Circle table at the Bazaar on Nov 24. No cupcakes please. There will be NO Christmas gathering this year. Instead please join in celebrating Fr. Paul's 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Dec 8, 5:30 pm Questions? Please email preciousbloodcwl@gmail.com.

ST. THERESA'S CIRCLE We are a congenial group of women who are hard working. We could certainly use a few more women in our group. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the parish centre. Our next meeting will be on Nov 20. New-comers are most welcome. Come and see just what we are all about. We will be accepting donations of baked goods for our table at the Parish Bazaar on Nov 24. No cupcakes pls.

TUESDAY PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets 7-8:30 pm in the Columbus Room every Tuesday except 1st Tuesdays of the month. Join us in praising and worshipping our Lord and Saviour. Everyone is welcome.

HOLY DAYS CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES Thursday nights at 7 pm in the church. Please come and join us to make our parish Christmas celebrations special.

Parish Schedule		
Nov 12 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mary Lynn Hyde</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession REMEMBERANCE DAY STAT HOLIDAY No Walking With Purpose Bible Studies No SENIORS SOCIAL
Nov 13 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Gord Aucoin †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 6:30 PM PEC Meeting 7:00 PM PRAYER GROUP 7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice
Nov 14 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Chris Joe & Ian Anton Jerin & those affected by flood & disaster in Kerala, India</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 6:30 PM PREP—Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 PM RCIA 7:30 PM KofC Meeting
Nov 15 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Wilfred Zinger †</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession No Walking With Purpose Bible Study 7:00 PM Holy Days Choir Practice in Church
Nov 16 Fri	9:00 AM <i>Int: Jason & Tonia Borkowski</i>	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 2-3 PM HOLY HOUR
Nov 17 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Leo Aarts †</i> 4:30 PM <i>Int: Otto, Darryl & Ashley</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions
Nov 18 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Brenda Tria †</i>	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 12:00 PM Parenting Course 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 4:00 PM SPANISH MASS 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

Stewardship Reflection

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she, out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."
Mark 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point - we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

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AROUND THE PARISH

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES can be found on the tables in the Vestibule. Offer Masses for your deceased loved ones using these. One Mass per envelope for however many souls you wish to offer for. Masses cannot all be offered on All Souls' Day. They will be offered throughout the year in our Parish or by other priests. It is a virtue to remember the dead and they do need prayers from the church here on earth to go to heaven. Please put the envelopes in the collection basket or give to the Parish Office on weekdays.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY IS HERE!! Finally, we have received the long awaited Photo Directory. Families with their photo in the book get a copy for free. Please pick them up after the Mass or from the Parish Office. If you would like a copy of the directory but do not have your family's photo in it, you may purchase it for \$15 per copy. Contact Rosana for info.



ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR - Sat, November 24 from 9am to 2 pm. Craft tables are available for rent at \$30 each. Contact Lucia at 604-575-3123 for more info or to volunteer. Order your Christmas Poinsettias from the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA is on Dec. 15 following the 4:30 Mass. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$10 for kids 6-12. Kids 5 & under-FREE. Stay tuned for more info.



VESTIBULE EXPANSION Please pray and support this important project of our parish which will roughly cost \$400,000. Donate to Project Advance (pledge card or online), support our shopping card program or use the Building Fund envelopes available in the vestibule.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$53,938.80 with 15.4% (or 152) of our families participating. Gifts can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket. Thank you!

An **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a portable device that can check heart rhythm and can send an electric shock if needed. One has been installed near the organ in the church. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council #7276.

PRO-LIFE CORNER—SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM MONTH 3 - Developing Baby



Your baby is quite active in the womb now - although his/her mother won't feel him/her for another couple of months. If his/her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his/her tongue. He/she can make a tight fist if you touch his/her palm. He/she is breathing fluid which he/she continues until birth. He/she obtains the oxygen his/her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs 28.3 grams.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES Nov. 30-Dec. 2 @ Barnabas Landing, Keats Island. Contact Marc & Candice @ 604-530-6710 for information or to register. To find out more about Retrouvaille, visit www.retrouvaille.org and www.retrouvaillevancover.com.

DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES-Our Lady of Good Counsel Society invites you to come and enjoy their Gala evening Rhinestones & Angel Wings on Sat Dec 1 @ St. Matthew's Elementary School gym. Tickets now available @ 604-585-6688. Great dinner, live music, fabulous auctions & great company!


ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE Wed, Dec 5 @ 6PM @ Star of the Sea Community Centre 15262 Pacific Avenue, White Rock. Get updates about the Archdiocese's newest Catholic high school. RSVP skelly@sjp2academy.com T: 604.560.8210

For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org

Read the Bible in One Year	
Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.	
WEEK 40	
SUN	Isaiah 39-40 ; Sirach 1:16-29 ; Hebrews 1
MON	Isaiah 41-42 ; Sirach 2:1-11 ; Hebrews 2
TUE	Isaiah 43-44 ; Sirach 2:12-18 ; Hebrews 3
WED	Isaiah 45-46 ; Sirach 3:1-16 ; Hebrews 4
THU	Isaiah 47-48 ; Sirach 3:17-30 ; Hebrews 5
FRI	Isaiah 49-50 ; Sirach 4:1-19 ; Hebrews 6
SAT	Isaiah 51-52 ; Sirach 4:20-31 ; Hebrews 7



**HOLY HOUR
EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

on **Nov 16, 2-3 pm.** Come and pray for your loved ones who have passed. Come and spend some time with Jesus. He waits for you in the Blessed Sacrament.

"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Mary Vianney