

Pope at General Audience: 'we are called to be gifts for others'

By Linda Bordoni

Pope Francis urged Christians who receive the many gifts of the Holy Spirit to give back to others, and not to keep those gifts only for themselves "as if the soul were a store-room".

Addressing the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Wednesday (June 6) **General Audience**, the Pope continued in his series of reflections dedicated to the Sacrament of Confirmation, calling on all faithful to never stop sharing the Holy Spirit's gifts for the good of all.



Christians are gifts for others

Reminding all Christians that they are called to be "a gift for others", he said one of Holy Spirit's gifts allows us to share in the life and mission of the Church "uniting the faithful evermore strongly" as living members of the mystical body of the Church.

No masters and simple workers in the Church

Explaining that we must think of the Church as a living organism, composed of people, Francis highlighted the fact that in the Church "there are no masters or simple workers", but arm-in-arm, all together, we all share the responsibility to sanctify each other and care for each other.

Gossip destroys the work of the Holy Spirit

Pope Francis reflected on how the gift of the Holy Spirit, received during the Sacrament of Confirmation, is conferred upon the faithful by the diocesan Bishop in a sign of its ecclesial dimension.

And he highlighted the fact that it is the sign of peace that concludes the rite saying that in that moment we receive "the Holy Spirit and peace" and it is that peace that we must give to others. One vice that destroys that peace, Francis continued, is the habit of gossiping, of speaking badly of others. "Gossip is war" he said describing its intention to destroy and wreak damage, while Christ's disciples are called to be "men and women of peace," not to destroy the work of the Holy Spirit "with the tongue".

The Holy Spirit is infinitely creative

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis saying Confirmation is received only once, but "because the Spirit is creative and not repetitive, the spiritual dynamism aroused by the Holy anointment perseveres in time."

"We who have received this Sacrament, he said, must never stop opening our hearts to the liberating breath of the Holy Spirit and fan into flame the gifts we have received" for the good of one another, of the whole Church and of the world in which we live."



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From the beginning, God has promised his people redemption. His love is stronger than sin and prevails over evil. Jesus is the embodiment of that love and set an example for us to follow. He shows us the way to the Father is by doing His will and calls us to do the same on our journey to eternal life.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In Genesis, sin enters the world as Adam and Eve yield to the serpent's temptation. Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians, urging believers not to be discouraged: our earthly dwelling fades, but life in the Lord is eternal. Jesus in today's gospel promises that doing the will of God makes us his brothers and sisters.

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Today's Readings:

1st: Genesis 3.8-15

Psalm: 130

2nd: 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Gospel: Mark 3.20-35

PASTOR: **Rev. Robert Wong, SJ**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 1 pm / 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULES

WEEKDAYS: **9:00 am**

SATURDAYS: **9:30 am & 5:00 pm**

SUNDAYS: **9:00 am & 11:00 am**

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: **4:30 pm – 4:55 pm**

CONFESSIONS: 10 MINUTES BEFORE DAILY

MASS OR BY REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

WEDNESDAYS: **7:00 pm**

MASS FOLLOWED BY NOVENA
& BENECTION

BAPTISM COURSE

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT **6 pm**

BAPTISMS

4th SATURDAY AFTER 9:30 am MASS

HOUSE BLESSINGS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

PARISH UPDATES

Confirmation – Congratulations to our candidates who had been conferred with the Sacrament of Confirmation and blessed with the sevenfold of the Holy Spirit. A special thanks to their teachers, parents and sponsors.

Welcome to St Monica – We welcome back Fr. Pat Davis, S.J., from Ireland who fills in for Fr. Robert from June 10 to 18, when he is away for his annual retreat.

Garage Sale – In the parish hall today, June 10, after the first morning Mass until 3pm. Your support is much appreciated. God bless you and thank you!

CWL invites Millennials, Gen X and All to “Financial Literacy: Opportunity or Necessity?” on **Saturday, June 23, 11 am** at the South Room, Woodhead Rd. side. Speaker is Ritchie Ang, from World Financial Group. Admission is Free.

There will be **FREE Blood Screening** for parishioners regarding Hepatitis B by the Canadian Liver Foundation on **June 17, 2018 from 10am to 2pm at the Hall’s South Room**. Register now at the foyer.

Center of Our Hearts

O God, what will you do to conquer the fearful hardness of our hearts?
Lord, you must give us new hearts,
tender hearts, sensitive hearts,
to replace hearts that are made of
marble and of bronze.

You must give us your own Heart,
Jesus.
Come, lovable Heart of Jesus.
Place your Heart deep in the center of
our hearts
and enkindle in each heart a flame of
love
as strong, as great, as the sum of all the
reasons
that I have for loving you, my God.

O holy Heart of Jesus, dwell hidden in
my heart,
so that I may live only in you and only
for you,
so that, in the end, I may live with you
eternally in heaven.
Amen.

-ST. CLAUDE LA COLOMBIERE, SJ

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—
Tuesday, June 26th, 7 pm is our next
meeting before the summer break.
Representatives of our parish groups,
please make this meeting a priority.

ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES

Estate & Memorial Planning Presentation

These presentations by the Archdiocese of Vancouver Catholic Cemeteries deal with matters you may not have thought about before but will help you gather your thoughts before you write your Will or prepare to update your Will. Learn about the beauty of the funeral rites and how to formulate pre-need arrangements. FREE guides and loads of practical advice. No investment services or insurance promoted or sold. **Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at Corpus Christi Parish, Vancouver. To register visit rccav.org/events

Mass Wedding for Civilly Married Couples

Have your church wedding this summer! If you got married civilly and would now like to have your marriage recognized by the Church there will be a great opportunity to do so again this year on **Saturday, August 25, at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Surrey**. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will be celebrating a wedding Mass for a large number of civilly married couples (participants must be both baptized and married only once). You will need a copy of your marriage registration, a recent copy of your baptism certificates, and to complete some forms. **Registration deadline: July 31**. To register or for more info, contact the parish office at 604-278-0844 or Deacon Greg Barcelon at 604-771-2975 or email filipinoministry@rcav.org.

Stewardship Reflection

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Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden because of their disobedience. But Jesus says in today’s Gospel that when we are obedient to God’s will — when we use our gifts to serve one another — we are part of His family. “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” This is the gift, and fruit, of Baptism.

See Mark 3:35

Mass Intentions

June 10 - 16, 2018

Mon, Jun 11—	Pepita Mendoza (TG)
Tue, Jun 12—	Fe Bautista (RIP)
Wed, Jun 13—	9am, Joseph Laureta (RIP) 7pm, Wilbur Victoria (TG)
Thu, Jun 14—	Marcelino Revita (RIP)
Fri, Jun 15—	Remelda & Redelma Belisario (RIP)
Sat, Jun 16—	9:30am, Fernandez & Tauro Family (RIP) 5pm, Rowena Saquilayan

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 – “Support the Faith - Continue the Legacy” is the theme for this year’s Appeal. Our share is \$25,000.00. We have met the goal of the Archdiocese. Thanks to all our pledgers. We need your support to reach our goal of \$75,000.00, the same as previous year. May the Lord bless your generosity! *Our Project Advance volunteers are available in the foyer to assist with your gift donation. You may make your pledge online at www.projectadvance.ca*