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**Служби Божі / Divine Liturgies**

В Неділю / Sunday

8:30 am recited – Bilingual

10:30 am sung – Ukrainian

**У Свята / Holy Day of Obligation**

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Щодня / Daily Scheduled**

7:30 am Matins/Утрєня in chapel

8:25 am in church

**First Friday - 8:25 am** Divine Liturgy followed by  
Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or  
Mother of God

**Сповіді** починаючи десять хвилин перед  
Службою Божою

**Confessions** begin ten minutes before the Divine  
Liturgy or by appointment

**Baptism** by appointment - membership in Parish is  
required

**Marriages** by appointment made at least six  
months in advance. Membership in Parish is  
required

**Funerals** by arrangement in the Parish Office

**оо. Василян/ Basilian Fathers:**  
serving this Parish

Father Josaphat Tyrkalo, OSBM, Pastor  
Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
Bishop Emeritus

*13-а Неділя по Зісланні Святого Духа*

*Матєя 21: 33-42*



*13 Sunday after Pentecost*

*Matthew 21:33-42*

**SPECIAL NOTICE – Do not park in the  
RESERVED stalls in front of St. Mary's  
Gardens when you come for the Sunday  
Divine Liturgy. Your car will be towed.**

*Місячний намір Святішого Отця Папи Римського – на Серпень*

*Загальний намір: "Щоб в'язнів завжди трактували справедливо і з пошаною до їхньої людської гідності."*

*Місійний намір: "Щоб молоді люди, які покликані іти за Христом, бажали проповідувати і свідчити Євангелію до країв землі."*

- Тропарі і читання в зеленій книжці на стор. 7 і 8.

- Кава і солодке Сьогодні після Служби Божої о год 8:30 і 10:30 рано, у вітальні під церквою.

*Спеціальне прохання: після закінчення Служби Божої просимо замкнути молитвенники і співаники і поставити їх на відповідне місце. Рівнож просимо не залишайте бюлетенів і других матеріалів в лавках. Будьмо господарними в нашій церкві і допоможемо, щоби наші лавки були чисті й акуратні.*

**Сьогодні, Неділя, 26 Серпень:**

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

*Просимо всіх Парафіян приносити продукти для потребуючих, які не псуються (non-perishable) в першу і третю неділю кожного місяця. Просимо допомагати!*

**Середа, 29 Серпень: Усікновення Голови Івана Хрестителя (піст)**

- Служба Божа о год. 8:25 рано.

**Неділя, 2 Вересень:**

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**П'ятниця, 7 Вересень: Перша П'ятниця**

- 8:30 ранку – Служба Божа а від так Молебень до Серця Христового.

**Субота, 8 Вересень:**

- 9:30 ранку Сходина Л.У.К.Ж.К. пічнуться молебнем до Пречистої Диви Марії а відтак засідання у вітальні під церквою.

**Неділя, 9 вересня**

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

- Річний Парафіяльний Пікнік почнеться о год. 12-ій полудня. Наші сусіди і співхристияни – наші Корейці також будуть брати участь. На обід буде подаватися: Корейські страви, "Гамбургер" і "Гот дог", ярина і напитки, і морожене на дезерт. Для розваги будуть різні гри для молоді і дітей. Пожертви вільні.

**Неділя, 16 Вересень:**

- Катехитична програма під час Служби Божої в 10:30 рано і буде продовжуватися кожної неділі.

**Понеділок, 17 Вересень:** – 7:00 вечора Сходина Парафіяльної Ради у Борд Румі.

August 26, 2012

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Papal General Prayer Intention for August: "Pray that prisoners may be treated with justice and respect for their human dignity."*

*Mission Intention for August: "Pray that young people, called to follow Christ, may be willing to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to the ends of the earth."*

- Tropar, Kondak & readings for today in the green booklet pages: 7 & 8.

- Coffee and sweets are available today following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Room. All guests and parishioners are invited.

*A SPECIAL Request: At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy, please close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church pews clean and neat. Thank you.*

**TODAY, Sunday, August 26:**

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Wednesday, August 29:** Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist.

- **We abstain from eating meat this day** - Divine Liturgy - 8:25 am.

**Saturday, September 1: Beginning of the Church New Year**

- **10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with our Major Archbishop Sviatoslav, of the Ukrainian Catholic Church**, to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr. Following the Divine Liturgy the Banquet will begin at 12 noon in the Parish Cultural Centre. Advance tickets for \$60.00/each for which a \$30.00 tax receipt will be issued.

**Sunday, September 2:**

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Friday, September 7: First Friday**

- 8:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Moleben to the Sacred Heart.

**Saturday, September 8:**

- **UCWLC Meeting begins at 9:30 am with Moleben** to the Mother of God followed by the monthly meeting in the Fellowship Room.

**Sunday, September 9:**

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

- **Annual Parish Picnic begins at 12 noon. Our neighbours and fellow Christians - the Korean Community within our Parish are also invited.** The meal will consist of Korean foods, Hamburgers and Hot dogs with all the trimmings, Lettuce salad, Potato salad, vegetables, coffee, tea and juices and ice cream for dessert. For entertainment, we have invited "Scruffles" the balloon maker, pony rides for the young and games for children of all ages. A donation for the meal will be accepted.

**Sunday, September 16:**

- **Catechism Program** for Pre-Schooler's during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

**Monday, September 17:** - 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting in the Board Room.

*Food Bank Donations: We encourage all parishioners to contribute to the Food Bank on the first and third Sundays of every month. PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT.*

**Це пригадка для всіх вірних.** Просимо приходити вчасно на Службу Божу. Будьмо готові разом заспівати початковий гімн. Зрозумійте, якщо Ви прийдете до Церкви після Великого Входу, Ви пропустили більшу частину Служби Божої, і дійсно не вислухали приписаної Служби Божої на неділю.

**Церковна Етика:** Будьмо свідомі, що беручи участь у Св. Літургії ми мусимо одержати кінцеве Благословення перед тим як ми залишимо Службу Божу. Ми рівнож просимо не виходити з Церкви перед закінченням Служби Божої. Ми просимо Вас не спілкуватися в Церкві перед, під час і після Служби Божої. Прошу це робити в притворі Церкви або у Вітальні під церквою. Залишім наву (Nave) церкви для вірних які моляться.

**A SPECIAL NOTE to ALL PARISHIONERS:** Please come on time for the Divine Liturgy. Realize that when you come into the Church proper after the Great Entrance, you have missed most of the Divine Liturgy and have not really attended the prescribed service for a Sunday.

**Church Etiquette:** Be aware that to have attended the entire Divine Liturgy one must receive the Final Blessing before leaving the Church Service. We also ask that you do not visit in the main part of the Church before, during or after the service. Please use the Vestibule or the Fellowship room to conduct your conversations – leave the Church proper (the Nave) for those that want to pray.

### *PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS*

*Almighty and Merciful God, Inspire those You have chosen To hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witnesses of Your love and care for the world. May they find support and encouragement in our words and in our prayers. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and all the Saints. Amen.*



### **Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God Metropolitan**

**Andrey:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, You always reward Your faithful servants, not only with special gifts of Your love, but also with the eternal reward of the saints in heaven, and in many cases You grant them the recognition of sanctity by Your Church here on earth. We humbly pray: grant that Your faithful servant Metropolitan Andrey be numbered among the saints. Throughout his just life, “full of suffering and trials,” he was a good shepherd for his flock and a great labourer for Christian unity. And through his beatification and intercession, grant our entire people the great gift of unity and love. Amen.

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**Request for Prayers:** to pray for you, your family member, or friend – please submit the name to the Parish Office by phone 604.879.5830 or by written note on the collection plate.

**Пам'ятайте помолитися:** за Вашу родину, за членів Парафії, а особливо за тих які знаходяться в лікарнях, або тих що очікують Божої відповіді на їхні молитви, або радіють Божою відповіддю, або за тих які відзначають уродини, або роковини, або за тих що покликані до їхньої вічної винагороди, або за родину яку вони залишили.

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** your family; your fellow parishioners; especially the shut-ins or those in the hospital; those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating a birthday or anniversary; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; as well as any other need.

**Please remember in your prayers especially:** Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM, Fr. Vincent Prychidko, OSBM; Fr. Steven Basarab, Joseph Bayduza, Frances Bethune, Mary Earl, Catherine Hladij, Victoria Kuzik, Emily Kuzyk, Bodzie Lawryshyn, Oscar Lyseyko, Ben Marchinkow, Jason Obuck, John Pura, Mary Scott, Wasyl Saik, Kaiya Williams, Leon Woznow, and the Canadian Armed Forces on peacekeeping missions.

**PLEASE VISIT** our Parishioners or phone those that are confined to their hospital beds or their homes. They need your visits, your phone calls, as well as your prayers.

**If there are Parishioners that you visit and we are not listing them for others to pray for them,** please call the Parish office with that information, or to request father to visit them.

**Please remember to pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

### **Volunteer Help for Major Archbishop's Visit - September 1, 2012**

You may still volunteer to help on one of the various committees in preparation of and clean up after in the different facilities. Please call the coordinator to make the arrangements necessary. Coordinators can ask others to help or accept your offer of service for the place and event. For all other places and needs please call: Father Josaphat at the Parish Office. **First and foremost, we need everyone praying** that the Lord provide the weather that is best suited for the occasion: "We would prefer a sunny day."

#### **1. The Grounds** – clean up, weeding, trimming

**Coordinator:** Gerry Ukrainetz - (604) 291-0087  
(grass cutting - Jennifer and Peter Sawka)

#### **2. Recreation Centre** – All Clergy vesting and removal of vestments

**Coordinator:** Gerry Ukrainetz - (604) 291-0087

- **Friday (evening) set up:** Coat Racks, tables, chairs, water

**Volunteers:** Nicholas & Raisa Ukrainetz, Charles & Tamara Ukrainetz

- **Saturday** - light refreshments after the Divine Liturgy before Banquet

- **Saturday** - 2 persons for security - before/during/after

- **Saturday** - 2 persons to assist with guiding ecumenical guests to church seats and assist the vesting clergy.

- **Saturday** - helpers to clear things away after service

### **3. Hall and Kitchen – Banquet in main - Hall Buffet style**

**Coordinator:** Irene Sliziak (604) 255-4408

- **Friday (afternoon and maybe evening):** set Banquet Hall table settings and decorations:

**Coordinators:** Nadia Smigel and Barbara Ballhorn

**Assistants:** Steffie Dorosiewich, Pat Zylich

- **Saturday** - ticket takers - Beverly Pacholko and Theresa Pacholko
- **Saturday** - greeters to assist with seating special guests - Carol Woznow & Adam Kozak
- **Saturday** - buffet table servers - See Irene Sliziak
- **Saturday** - coffee servers - See Irene Sliziak
- **Saturday** - to clear tables and clean up - See Irene Sliziak
- **Saturday** - dishwashers - See Irene Sliziak

**Volunteers:** Orest Kernycky, Pam Morgan, Richard Toporoski,

### **4. Church Fellowship Room – K of C vesting and removal of vestments**

- **Friday (afternoon)** set up coat racks, tables, chairs, water

**Coordinator:** Bogdan Karpinski (604) 728-6534

- **Saturday Coordinators:** Stephanie Toporowski and Helena Galas
- **Saturday** - helpers to clear things away after service

### **5. Church**

- **Cleaned kneelers** thank you to Susan Lazaruk, Maureen Messerli and Tracy Moir
- **Friday afternoon:** set up chairs in Sanctuary
- **Coordinator:** Bogdan Karpinski (604) 728-6534
- **Volunteers:** Andrew Karpinski,
- **Saturday Parking from 8:30 am to 10:30 am** - need at least two (2) Parking attendants:
- **Saturday Procession begins at 9:30 am**
- 10 persons to carry flags and Banners: Carol Achtemichuk, Merrie Evans, Anastasia Messerli, Beverly Pacholko, Theresa Pacholko, need four (5) more
- **Saturday - 8 ushers:** John Melnyk, Peter Stenyck, Barbara Ballhorn, Kay Jeske, Bill Kochan, Maureen Messerli, Nadia Smigel, Fred Sorochnik,
- **Saturday** - helpers to straighten up church after service



- I do not know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
- We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
  - Be ye fishers of men. You catch them – He will clean them.
  - Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
    - Do not put a question mark where God put a period.
    - Forbidden fruits create many jams.
    - God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

## **PASTORAL VISIT OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV TO THE EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER**

**His Beatitude Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk** – is the highest ranking Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. He resides in Kyiv, Ukraine. His visit comes during a very special year: while we are commemorating the centennial of the appointment of Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr, as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for all of Canada. Everyone is invited to participate in the public events during His Beatitude's visit either in New Westminster, Vancouver or Kelowna:

**31 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **Friday, August 31st**

**6:30 PM Moleben at Holy Eucharist Cathedral, 501–4th Avenue, New Westminister, BC**, to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and the 60th Anniversary of the founding of Holy Eucharist Parish. The Moleben is open to the public. Advance tickets are needed for the reception to follow. Call the **Holy Eucharist Parish office 604.526.1261**

### **Saturday, September 1st**

**10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and officially welcome our Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the Eparchy. The Divine Liturgy is open to the public. No pass is required for admission.

Following the Divine Liturgy the Banquet will begin at 12 noon in the Parish Cultural Centre. Advance tickets are \$60.00/each. A \$30.00 tax receipt will be issued. **Tickets MUST be purchased BY AUGUST 25.** Call: **Mrs. Pat Sorochnik – 604.433.0661** or **Dr. Michael Myckatyn or St. Mary's Parish office – 604.879.5830**

### **Sunday, September 2nd**

**11:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Dormition of the Mother of God Parish – 1091 Coronation Avenue, Kelowna, BC.** to celebrate the 100 Anniversary of the appointment of the first Bishop for Ukrainian Catholics in Canada, Blessed Nykyta Budka, Martyr; and the first visit of our present Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Sviatoslav. The Divine Liturgy is open to the public. Advance tickets for the Banquet can be purchased. Call the **Kelowna Parish office 1.250.860.7295**

BAZAAR NEWS – PARISH BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 24, 2012

Наш Парафіяльний Базар зближається чим–раз ближче. Базаровий Комітет ласкаво просить Вас, якщо Ви приготвуєте консерви цього літа, то просимо зробіть декілька “екстра” на наш Базар. Ваша поміч буде оцінена.

1. **The Bazaar “Preserves and Baking” Committee** is requesting any extra **preserves** that you will be making over the summer. Please bring as many as you can spare to the Auditorium kitchen on Tuesdays. They will be sold **at our Parish Bazaar**. Your help is greatly appreciated.
2. **They are also** asking for **Home baking** such as brownies, breads and buns, pies, cakes, cinnamon buns, cookies and any other baking that does not include fillings such as cream or cheese or other dairy products.
3. **The Bazaar “Silent Auction” Committee** is asking for **donations** of all things (ie: Hockey tickets, dinners for two, wine box, etc.) to be bid on **at the Silent Auction**. Please bring them as soon as possible to the Parish Office or place them in the “Silent Auction” box in the Church Fellowship Room.
4. **The Bazaar “Paper Lottery” Committee** is asking for **donations of new items for the children and adult “Paper Lottery”**. Your help is greatly appreciated.
5. **The Bazaar “Crafts” Committee** is asking for **items for the Crafts Corner**; such as small wooden ornaments or boards, knitting, home decorated aprons and other such useful items, and things for scrapbooking. Drop them off at the Fellowship Room.
6. **The Bazaar “Rummage Sale” Committee** need items for the **Rummage Sale** such as clean slightly used clothing, clean kitchen utensils (pots and the like), household items (picture frames, ornaments and the like). Drop them off at the Fellowship Room. We will not accept used TVs, electronic devices, big living room furniture, or any other item that can carry unwanted creatures.

For any other information call the Parish Office or Dr. Michael Myckatyn, Bazaar Chairperson, so that we can direct your call to the right person.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be in the office by Wednesday noon. It is your responsibility to notify the office, do not think that 'well they know', Father or the Secretary may know but do not always remember to put it in the bulletin!

**Monthly Calendar Announcements** for the next two months must be in the office by the 20th day of this month.

**Note to All Parish Members:** Please be on time for the Divine Liturgy. The Fathers are punctual and start on time at 8:30 am or start incensing at 10:25 a.m.

**Be ready to begin the Divine Liturgy when Father begins and not try to play catch-up.**



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We will be offering a **Parish Young Persons Catechism Program** on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding 10:30 a.m. for children from ages 7 to 14 beginning October 7, 2012 and concluding in May 2013.

Classes for children 3 to 6 will continue to be offered during the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy following the reading of the Gospel.

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League – St. Mary's Branch, are the sponsors of this program.

**Please hand in this form to the Parish office or the UCWLC Executive**

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I would like to register my child (Children) for the Parish Young Persons Catechism Program

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents (guardian) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

## **Husband Discovers New Love For Wife**

By Rick Hermann

Recently a friend of mine said; "I have discovered that I enjoy being a great husband more than having a great wife." Puzzled, I asked "What do you mean?"

"Well," he continued, "I used to think the best part of marriage was being married to a great woman. You know, having a gorgeous, wife. I still think she is beautiful, but I have come to realize that I find more pleasure in being a great husband than in having a great wife. You know, like doing special things for her and taking care of her."

He smiled as he spoke and his eyes glistened. "She's been sick for three years now and I have discovered I like being able to help her. I actually enjoy being the one who is there for her, even when she does not realize it or appreciate it." He concluded, "I am not bragging or anything, it is just true. I have discovered a much deeper love for her and a new outlook on life."

As I listened, it dawned on me that I was hearing something special. His words brightened my mind like sunbeams on a stained glass window. I marveled at his discovery and shared his delight. Here was a grown man being born anew, in full view. He was being transformed by the love of God into a new creation.

Here in the body and blood of my friend was a new awakening, a new beginning. This is love in the flesh, love incarnate, the re-incarnation of Christ. This is the love of God, "agape" love, in which the lover seeks only what is best for his beloved. This is the passionate love of Jesus, totally self-giving. In it we both lose and find ourselves. It overflows in us with pure joy.

We find this love only if we seek it with all our heart, like children searching for buried treasure. Once we discover it, we joyfully sell everything to possess it. Those who find this love are truly blessed and they bless everyone around them. Whoever finds this love is radically transformed. Like the weary traveler who climbs the mountain and gasps at the sight of the Promised Land, or the sinner who stumbles into the Cathedral and is astonished by the majesty inside, we discover a love more wonderful than we ever imagined. The man who loves this way is the greatest warrior. He is greater than any general who conquers a city, for he has conquered himself. (Proverbs 16:32)

In my friend we see the reflection of Christ, who sacrificed Himself for the sake of His bride, the Church. As Saint Paul says, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church." (Ephesians 5:25)

This man is a priest to his wife, for he is devoted to her and lays down his life for her. His life is consecrated, set apart from the world and other women, given to her alone.

How many women yearn for a lover like this? How many wives would gladly submit to a husband who loves her so completely?

By giving himself entirely to his bride, he sanctifies her and redeems himself. In return she may give herself completely to him, as to the Lord. This love is perfect, and reminds us that we can indeed "be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

This man shows marriage is more than sexual pleasure and creating babies. He reveals deeper dimensions of marriage in which we glorify God and help each other get to heaven. "This is a profound mystery," says Saint Paul. "I am talking about Christ and the Church." (Ephesians 5:32)

When a man loves his wife like this, he loves her the way Jesus loves us.

## **LOVE IS THE ONLY FORCE THAT CAN TRULY TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

Vatican City, 3 June 2012 (VIS) – At 10 a.m. today, Benedict XVI presided at an open-air Mass at Bresso Park in Milan, Italy, for the closure of the seventh World Meeting of Families. The meeting began on 30 May and has had as its theme: "The Family: Work and Celebration". Extracts of the homily delivered by the Pope to the one million faithful present are given below.

"The liturgical Solemnity of the Holy Trinity that we are celebrating today ... urges us to commit ourselves to live our communion with God and with one another according to the model of Trinitarian communion. ... It is not only the Church that is called to be the image of One God in Three Persons, but also the family, based on marriage between man and woman. ... God created us male and female, equal in dignity, but also with respective and complementary characteristics, so that the two might be a gift for each other, might value each other and might bring into being a community of love and life. It is love that makes the human person the authentic image of God. Dear married couples, in living out your marriage you are not giving each other any particular thing or activity, but your whole lives. And your love is fruitful first and foremost for yourselves, because you desire and accomplish one another's good, you experience the joy of receiving and giving. It is also fruitful in your generous and responsible procreation of children, in your attentive care for them, and in their vigilant and wise education. And lastly, it is fruitful for society, because family life is the first and irreplaceable school of social virtues, such as respect for persons, gratuitousness, trust, responsibility, solidarity, cooperation. Dear married couples, watch over your children and, in a world dominated by technology, transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them towards high goals and supporting them in their fragility".

"Your vocation is not easy to live, especially today, but the vocation to love is a wonderful thing, it is the only force that can truly transform the world. You have before you the witness of so many families who point out the paths for growing in love: by maintaining a constant relationship with God and participating in the life of the Church, by cultivating dialogue, respecting the other's point of view, by being ready for service and patient with the failings of others, by being able to forgive and to seek forgiveness, by overcoming with intelligence and humility any conflicts that may arise, by agreeing on principles of upbringing, and by being open to other families, attentive towards the poor, and responsible within civil society. These are all elements that build up the family. Live them with courage, and be sure that, insofar as you live your love for each other and for all with the help of God's grace, you become a living Gospel, a true domestic Church.

"I should also like to address a word to the faithful who, even though they agree with the Church's teachings on the family, have had painful experiences of breakdown and separation. I want you to know that the Pope and the Church support you in your struggle. I encourage you to remain united to your communities, and I earnestly hope that your dioceses are developing suitable initiatives to welcome and accompany you".

"We may recognize the task of man and woman to collaborate with God in the process of transforming the world through work, science and technology. ... In modern economic theories, there is often a utilitarian concept of work, production and the market. Yet God's plan, as well as experience, show that the one-sided logic of sheer utility and maximum profit are not conducive to harmonious development, to the good of the family or to building a more just society, because it brings in its wake ferocious competition,

strong inequalities, degradation of the environment, the race for consumer goods, family tensions. Indeed, the utilitarian mentality tends to take its toll on personal and family relationships, reducing them to a fragile convergence of individual interests and undermining the solidity of the social fabric.

"One final point: man, as the image of God, is also called to rest and to celebrate. The account of creation concludes with these words: "And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it". For us Christians, the feast day is Sunday, the Lord's day, the weekly Easter. It is the day of the Church, the assembly convened by the Lord around the table of the Word and of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. ... It is the day of man and his values: conviviality, friendship, solidarity, culture, closeness to nature, play, sport. It is the day of the family, on which to experience together a sense of celebration, encounter, sharing, not least through taking part in Mass. Dear families, despite the relentless rhythms of the modern world, do not lose a sense of the Lord's Day!"

"Family, work, celebration: three of God's gifts, three dimensions of our lives that must be brought into a harmonious balance. ... In this regard, always give priority to the logic of being over that of having: the first builds up, the second ends up destroying. We must learn to believe first of all in the family, in authentic love, the kind that comes from God and unites us to Him".

### **Doing Good for No Good Reason**

We can be like angels. It does not take wings, golden halos, or silken white robes to make an angel. It does not require us to be more than human – only more human. By doing good for no good reason, we attain angelhood in the eyes and hearts of our loved ones.

When we act with an agenda of getting something in return, including praise, we are not angels. When we do things out of a sense of guilt or obligation, we are not angels. Only when we act and do because it is in our hearts to act or do, with no thought of any reward or thanks, do we become like angels.

If the opportunity should arise in the course of your day to do someone some good, do it – for no reason other than the joy and benefit it gives that person. Do not let them know it was you behind the generous act. Do not let them see your kindness. Do not let them feel obligated to return the favour. Angels are anonymous for a reason.

Self-centered motives don't sit well with the divine. But doing good for no good reason makes celestial beings sing out in joyful abandon and thus makes the angels up in the heavens welcome you with open arms.

### **Marriages Work If...**

- couples operate more on a thrifty-thrifty basis
  - couples keep their eyes wide open before marriage and half shut afterward
  - couples never speak loudly to each other unless the house is on fire
  - couples admit and apologize when they are wrong
    - couples not only marry for better or for worse, but also for good
    - couples begin to focus on what is on the inside, and not what is on the outside
      - couples say more often, "I Love You"