

HOLY LAND & JORDAN PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Monday, April 16 - Thursday, April 26, 2012

Tour Guide: Ms Terry DiCredico

Spiritual Guide: Fr. Michael Pace S.D.B.

Israel: Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Jordan River, Tiberias, Mount of the Beatitudes, Baniyas, Mount Tabor, Jordan Valley, Jericho, Dead Sea, Mount of Olives, The Way of the Cross, Emmaus, Bethany, Mount Nebo. **Jordon:** Petra & Amman.

Price per person: Min. 30 passengers, Double occupancy \$2,909.00 + \$ 440.00 airport taxes. Single supplement \$510.00

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Looking at the
Text of the Roman Missal
Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts

What do angels do?

We might think of Gabriel visiting Mary at Nazareth or be aware of guardian angels. The prophet Isaiah had a vision of the angels worshipping God chanting 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts (Chapter 6 verses 1-3). We repeat this at Mass to show that our worship is united to this heavenly praise. To remind us of this the priest ends the Preface with words such as 'with the Angels and all the Saints we proclaim your glory, as with one voice we sing...'

And we are joined not only to the worship of angels. Jesus offered to his Father a perfect sacrifice of loving obedience, the most perfect act of worship possible. The heart of the worship of heaven is Jesus' sacrifice of praise. Every Mass unites us to his offering.

The new translation replaces 'power and might' by 'hosts'. It is closer to the passage in Isaiah and to the Latin Missal where the word used means the heavenly army. There is more to it than being accurate. 'Power and might' means not just any kind of strength or power, such as nuclear, electric or mechanical power. It is God's power found above all, in people, all those who worship and serve him.

In heaven, the angels and saints worship God and here on earth we join with them in the sacrifice of praise. We are part of a great host or army of servants, who do not seek to dominate or intimidate but who join together in love, worship and praise. In singing or saying the Holy, holy we remember that we are united to the living and the dead, a great multitude throughout history and beyond.

Be a Voice in the Wilderness: Speak out against Euthanasia

Last year, Canada's parliament rejected Bill C-384, a bill to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide, by a vote of 228 to 59. After losing the political battle, the suicide lobby is bringing their demand for legalized killing to the courts.

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has challenged the Attorney General of Canada to discard Canada's protections from euthanasia and assisted suicide. In *Carter v. Canada*, the BCCLA has asked the court to legalize "the administration of medication or other treatment that intentionally brings about a patient's death by the act of a medical practitioner." *If accepted by the courts, this definition would clearly legalize euthanasia.*

Here's How You can Let Your Voice be Heard:

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition provides a petition to enable all people in Canada to speak out in opposition to the attempt to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide through the courts. *You are strongly encouraged to either sign an online petition or print the petition (both sides) and have it signed by friends, family and members of your community: see*

<http://www.ncln.ca/blog/petition-to-the-attorney-general-carter-v-canada/>

Please return petitions before December 31.

Petitions that are returned to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition will be used in upcoming efforts to defend our society's weakest and most vulnerable members against the threat of euthanasia.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Entertainment Coupon Book sale. We reduced our parish debt by **\$2,292.**

Congratulations to the following parishioners who bought or sold 5 books or more and qualified to win one of our great prizes. The draw was held December 19th at the church office and Fr. Mike drew the names of the lucky winners.

<i>Dinners for two at Canyon Creek</i>	Tammie Cancelli, Susan Peresso
<i>Future Shop \$50 gift certificates</i>	Romila Gomes, Suzanne Thibeault
<i>Superstore \$25 gift certificate</i>	Catherine Mercuri
<i>Giant Tiger \$10 gift certificates</i>	Joe Chiapetta, Wolf Hartmann, Carlo Sala
<i>Shoppers Drugmart gift baskets</i>	Mary Fay, Rosina Di Felice

...and more thanks...

Thanks to everyone who gave of their time, energy and creativity to decorate our church for Christmas!

St. Benedict students: Justin R., Patrick B., Tim V., Vincent D., Joseph G., Nicholas P.

Heavy Lifting team: Joe Galluzzi, Paulo Ferreirinha, Steven Wibley, Tim Dunning, Murray Milton, Rick Walker, John Pace, Jack Paties

Decorating Team: Mary Ann Dunning, Linda Walker, Nelia Melo, Melanie Keane, Shirley Checa, Cathy Lynn Dresser, Brandon Gordon, Helene Kramer

Photos: Kelly Milton

Sunday December 25, 2011 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD



*Dear Parishioners & Friends
of St. Benedict Parish,*

*These festive days of Christmas
draw us into the mystery of
God who chose to come as close
to humanity as possible:
in Jesus, God became one of us,
in all ways but sin.*

*To allow this miracle of intimacy to happen, Baby Jesus entered our world
through the Virgin Mary, his mother. In a similar way, Jesus allows us to
enter God's world through the Mother he gave us, the Church.*

*In this context, let us reflect on these words, which Pope Benedict addressed
1.5 million youth at World Youth Day 2011, words that speak beautifully of
the Jesus alive in his Church:*

*"Christ himself speaks of her as "his" Church. Christ cannot be separated
from the Church any more than the head can be separated from the body
(cf. 1 Cor 12:12). The Church does not draw her life from herself, but from
the Lord. ... As the Successor of Peter, let me urge you to strengthen this
faith, which has been handed down to us from the time of the Apostles.
Make Christ, the Son of God, the centre of your life. But let me also
remind you that following Jesus in faith means walking at his side in the
communion of the Church. We cannot follow Jesus on our own. Anyone
who would be tempted to do so "on his own", or to approach the life of faith
with the kind of individualism so prevalent today, will risk never truly
encountering Jesus, or will end up following a counterfeit Jesus."*

*May the quiet peace and gentle love of the first Christmas draw each of us
into a deeper sharing in the life of the Church, where Jesus is continually
born in our world.*

*Wishing you a Blessed Christmas season
from your Parish Pastoral Team,*

*Fr. Michael Pace, Fr. Joseph Ho, Fr. Joseph Occhio,
Fr. John Puntino, Br. Benie Dube, Fr. Frank, Kelly,
Antoniette, Annette, Rosella, Susan, Jack, Foster & Veronica*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

8:00am Olga Vucko by Natalia & family

Tuesday, December 27

7:30pm Domenica Marchini by Anna & family

Wednesday, December 28

8:00am Healing Paties Family Tree by Paties family

Thursday, December 29

8:00am Brother Malachi by Benedict Malby

Friday, December 30

8:00am Devi & Vito Cecavac by family

Saturday, December 31

8:00am Giovanni & Giovanna Sala
by Carlo & Adelaide & family

5:00pm Gaetano & Maria Bucci by Cascioli family

Sunday, January 1

8:00am cancelled

9:30am Salvatore & Vittoria Galluzzi by Giuseppe Galluzzi

9:30am For the People

11:00am Maria Teresa Papandrea by Prestia family

12:45pm Deceased members of the Mascetta family
by Lucchitti family



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD, ESPECIALLY:
GASPARE SANCLIMENTI, MARIA SANTOS**

PHILIPPINES – FLOOD RELIEF

Nearly 1000 people are reported dead and hundreds more are still missing after flash floods in the Philippines after Typhoon Washi hit southern Mindanao Island and surrounding areas on the weekend. An estimated 40,000 people, many of whom were already desperately poor, are now living in evacuation centres after losing their homes and possessions.

Working with our partners at the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace/Caritas Canada, the Catholic Church's official relief representative in Canada, funds will be channelled to Caritas organizations on the ground in the Philippines. Caritas teams are travelling through Mindanao to help families affected by the flooding. In particular, Caritas Philippines, known within the country as NASSA, has sent a team to the Diocese of Iligan, where the local government is said to be running out of relief supplies. Teams are assessing the damage and coordinating the emergency response.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
- By phone through the Development office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

St. Benedict Parish – Philippines – Flood Relief

We offer our prayers for the victims of the floods, those who have died and those who will struggle in the coming months to rebuild their lives and their communities. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION	CAPITAL FUND TARGET: \$760,000
SUNDAY OFFERING \$9,130	SECOND COLLECTION \$701.00
Average Env. Donation \$15.33	TOTAL \$333,241.25

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!