

THE GREAT DEBATE

by Alice Camille

All the world loves a debate. When two sides square off—across the family dinner table, at a staff meeting, or on the stage of presidential hopefuls—a thrill of tension ripples around the room. Who will get the better of the argument? Will truth win out over clever rhetoric? As a debate gets underway, some of us harden ourselves against all evidence in favor of a predetermined viewpoint. Others discover a new openness to the opposing perspective, and may change our minds or at least soften our hearts with greater understanding.

From the time Jesus arrives in Jerusalem, the debate regarding his authority is on. There's a tag-team approach to discrediting him. First the Pharisees and Herodians test him about taxes. They represent distinct perspectives: the Mosaic-law-toting Pharisees revile the tax, while the profiteering Herod party prefers to keep the *Pax Romana*. The debate leads to a draw. The response of Jesus baffles both sides.

Next up are the Sadducees. They come at Jesus about resurrection from the dead, a doctrine they reject. Jesus argues biblically for resurrection and raises them one better, casting angels into the ring. Sadducees don't buy angels either, but Pharisees support afterlife *and* spiritual beings. So while the Sadducees go off to sulk, the Pharisees return delighted. Jesus has divided his enemies and weakened the offensive, a classic military tactic!

The happy Pharisees now pose a more candid question: which is the highest law of all? Jesus proposes the love command, which incorporates both law and prophets. To argue against Jesus now would be to argue against their own platform. The Pharisees are trounced.

Jesus denounces both sides for a lack of sincerity. People of good will don't begin in the spirit of opposition. Those genuinely allied to the truth would listen to Jesus instead of setting traps for him in public contests. This sort of religious theater isn't what Jesus is about. There's a bigger stage he's yet to mount, from which he can be seen for centuries to come.

Not all of us belong on a debate team. We may personally shrink from verbal sparring and open conflict. But we're all involved in the greatest debate of history: for or against Jesus Christ. Every action we take testifies to one side or the other. Everything we value and everyone we choose to love (or hate) is another bit of evidence for our primary allegiance. On Priesthood Sunday, we acknowledge the person in our assembly who's taken a very visible stand in that debate. The priest's position doesn't co-opt all others. It invites all others! As we gather around the table, the role of the priest reminds us that our response to this sacrament is part of salvation history's great debate.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT UPCOMING EVENTS**Coffee and Conversation**

Coffee and Conversation is an opportunity for us to gather together for a fresh and compelling look at the teachings of Jesus. Pastor Rob Bell's reflections, related to real-life situations, invite us to search, question and discuss their meaning for us. Join us on **Sunday, November 2, from 9:50 to 10:50 am**, in the rectory dining room for "Breathe - Is our physical breath actually a picture of a deeper spiritual reality?" Babysitting is available upon request at registration. Please register by **October 31**.

Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for **Whale Rider**, the second film of this year's "Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments" series, on **Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! All are welcome!

Please refer to our website and the posters at the Church entrances for additional information. If registration is required, kindly use the appropriate sign-up sheets at the main church entrance or contact Anna at the office.

MASS INTENTIONS OCT. 25 TO NOV.2, 2014

Saturday, October 25: Our Lady's Saturday

4:00 **In Loving Memory:** Leona Clarke, Leonard & Terry Winslade, Angelo Caucci & Luigi Sparapani, Ignazio Ciampini, Aniello D'Addio, Lucille Wong, Angela Nitti.

Sunday, October 26: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Antonio Cavallaro By the Family
Francesco Supino By Tony & Sylvia Supino
11:00 Fioravante Rotiroti By the Rotiroti Family
Bruno Valentini By Angelo & Luisa Falcone

Monday, October 27: Weekday Mass

8:00 Pietro, Giovanna, Americo & Argeo Forlini By Vincenzina & Michele Ferrara

Tuesday, October 28: St. Simon & St. Jude

8:00 Pasquale D'Addio By Franca & Family
Francesco Ciampini By Franca, Marisa, Angela, Gina & Franco

Wednesday, October 29: Weekday Mass

8:00 Giuseppe Fiori By Wife & Family
Michele & Concetta Lalla By daughter Giuseppina

Thursday, October 30: Weekday Mass

8:00 Santa & Pietro Mattei By Giuseppina Fiori
Msgr. T. Mooney & Joseph Mui By the Hyland Family

Friday, October 31: Weekday Mass

8:00 Carlo & Santa Onesi By Giuseppina Fiori
Antonio Palucci By Maria Teresa Palucci

Saturday, November 1: All Saints Day

4:00 ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 2: All Souls Day

8:30 COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

11:00 COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Your Generosity...

Thank you for your on-going support of our parish...Collection for the weekend of October 18/19, 2014 totalled \$3,189.65 and Special Collection for Mission Sunday totalled \$1,220.00.

Join us for a meeting of information and exchange with the: **CATHOLIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC** **APCQ/ENGLISH SECTION**

October 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Consolata Parish
1700 Jean-Talon East, Montreal H2E 1T2
(Facing Fabre Metro Station– door to right of main entrance)

The APCQ (Association des Parents Catholic du Quebec), representing Catholic parents for almost 50 years, is enthusiastic in the opening of its Anglophone chapter. The Association is a fellowship of Catholic parents where we can share our faith and values, concerns and questions, and share our resources. The Association is renowned for representing Catholic parents on social and educational issues, and for offering workshops and information for parents on various topics that concern our families. We will discuss and explore together the needs of parents, how we can guide our children in a secular world, how we can better understand and defend our parental rights, our faith, and other pertinent issues that affect our families.

Please confirm your presence with us at the following:

apcq.englishsection@gmail.com or with Gina Petrozza 514-702-9542 or Sandra Secondo 514-812-4342 To learn more about the APCQ visit: www.apqc.net/fr/index.php

**"Can You Make A
Difference in Your Parish"**
Yes, you can!!! The Parish Vitality Conference will provide you with the know-how!! Come and be a part of this Conference from **November 13-15** in downtown Montreal. Seating is limited! So, hurry and contact **Ken Saldanha** or **Arnel Javier** at 514.481.0267 for registration and further details.



"IN LOVING MEMORY" **ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

You are invited to record the names of your deceased family members and friends in our "Loving Memory" books that are situated around the church. These books will be placed on the altar and your deceased loved ones will be prayed for at all the masses during the month of November.

Also, at the church entrance are "All Souls" envelopes for your donation and to mark the names of your deceased loved ones.

Time to change the Clocks!

SPRING FORWARD
"FALL BACKWARD"
Next Saturday night,
November 1, remember to
move your clocks
backwards one hour before
going to bed.