**Weekly Events**

**Monday**
9:00 p.m. • Holy Hour • Main Church

**Tuesday**
9:00 p.m. • Chi Rho Bible Study • St. Old Kitchen
9:30 p.m. • Rosary Club • Martyrs’ Chapel

**Wednesday**
3:30-4:20 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room

**Thursday**
3:30-4:20 p.m. • Song of Praise Choir • Music Room
12:00-1:00 p.m. • Chi Rho Lunch Fellowship • Wannam Court

**Saturday**
5:30 p.m. • Main Church

**Sunday**
6:00 p.m. • Vespers • Martyrs’ Chapel
8:00-9:00 p.m. • Student Ministry Team • Jack & El’s

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**St. John’s Worship Schedule**

**Monday-Friday**
7:30 a.m. • Martyrs’ Chapel
Noon • Main Church
5:00 p.m. • Lower (Fr. Halley) Chapel

**Thursday**
9:00 p.m. • Protestant Evening Worship, Main Church

**Saturday**

**Sunday (Main Church)**
8:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m. • 10:00 p.m. (Candlelight)

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**Vocation and the Holy Longing**
Fr. Ronald Rolheiser
September 21
7:00 p.m. • Rigge Science 120

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**Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey**
September 21
7:00 p.m. • Student Center Ballroom

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**Campus Ministry Hospitality Night**
September 21
9:00 p.m. • Kiewit, Gallagher, Swanson & Degelman Residence Hall Lobbies

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**Call to Peace**

By Tracy Davies

Isaiah’s pep talk assuring us of the justice of the Lord and the equality of all people could not come at a better time as we venture into a new year of academia. Isaiah gives us an idea of how to direct our energy and excitement of being on campus and jumping into a new year full of opportunity. Portraying the Lord as a wise, strong, and just figure, Isaiah presents us with a model to follow for our own lives, and a challenge to take on: “Justice shall be a band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.”

With the images of the wolf being a guest to the lamb and the leopard lying down with the kid, Isaiah presents us with a timeless challenge to society. The wolves and lambs around us are readily identifiable; watching the nightly news identifies many, and a moment of reflection will easily spot them in your own life. What would it look like if the cow and the bear were neighbors, and their young rested together? Perhaps realizing this gives even more momentum to Isaiah’s pep talk.

As Creighton students we have been given a great opportunity to make a difference. With education as our fuel, we are propelled forward to live the Gospel. Isaiah gives us a good idea of how to go about this, and goes on to proclaim that “The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.” What does this knowledge consist of? If the Lord is such a just figure, knowledge of the Lord would be the realization of that undiscriminating love. Thus, Isaiah gives us something to work toward, a view of the Lord and the Kingdom of God that calls us to action…1, 2, 3, GO TEAM!

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**September 13, 2006 • Mass of the Holy Spirit**

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**Today’s Readings**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

“The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord…”

**Psalm 104**

“Lord, send out your Spirit”

**Luke 6:20-26**

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.”

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**Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way.**

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what you get out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything.

~Pedro Arrupe, S.J.
A Call to Prophecy
By James F. Anderson

In our first reading, we find Isaiah speaking to an exiled people, exiled because Israel had ignored God's commandments, a course of events we should take heed of. However, we don't find Isaiah simply condemning, but foreseeing a future where things are turned upside down and where "the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord." With the arrival of a sprout from the root of Jesse, this new order will be realized. In our Christian tradition, we interpret this sprout to be Jesus. If this interpretation is true, then why do we live in a world where the powers at be are still allowed to oppress the poor and commit acts of injustice?

We celebrate today the Mass of the Holy Spirit and reflect upon the gift given to all of us at Pentecost. The spirit that Isaiah says rests upon the one that will usher in this new order is the same spirit that has been given to us.

The spirit has not finished its work. The role of the prophet is to speak to power; that same spirit that filled Isaiah and Jesus, two men who spoke out against the powers that be in their society, has filled us. We are called to be prophets and speak to those in power, both condemning the wicked while also proclaiming an alternative vision of our society. If we must struggle for our civilization, let us be certain we are also struggling for a world not led by false prophets, but a world filled with justice and faithfulness to the Lord's commandment.

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Ask A Jesuit

Q: "Why do the Jesuits value the Mass of the Holy Spirit?"
A: "The Jesuits have committed themselves to education at all levels. Very few of our schools worldwide are limited to Christian students only. In fact, in countries like India and Nepal, Jesuit schools are primarily made up of Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim students. Only a small percentage of their enrollment is Catholic. Yet they, too, begin the school year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit, invoking the presence of God in one of the most sacred of all human endeavors—learning. I am very proud of this time-honored practice, which recognizes that God's Spirit, which is a Spirit of Wisdom, is not limited to any one religion or culture. I am also very grateful for the late Pope John Paul II, who reminded us that all religions and all people are inspired and empowered by the same Spirit as we Christians.

It is my hope and prayer that we can continue to make this special celebration, though it is a Catholic liturgy, as inclusive and universal as possible. For we are all one people of God and, learning, above all other human activities, should bring us ever closer together."

-Fr. Bert Thelen, S.J.

If you have a question, we would love to hear from you! E-mail your question to bleach@creighton.edu

The Univeristy of Justice
an interfaith dialogue

In the first reading today, the Prophet Isaiah writes, "But he shall judge the poor with justice." Is this only Christian teaching? What do some of the other major world religions have to say about how the poor are to be treated and judged?

Buddhism: In the Buddhist text, Cakkavattī Sisunāra Sutta of the Dīgha Nikāya, it is written, "And whosoever in the kingdom is poor, to him let wealth be given." However, in this particular Sutta, the king ignores this command. Elizabeth Harris, a Buddhist, writes, "By overlooking this, the king denied the poor a living, and from this -- a refusal to create economic justice." The failure to treat the poor with justice, in this sutta, leads to violence and perdition. The sutta teaches us that "violence and social breakdown are inevitable if people are denied the means to live with dignity." Often times, Buddhism is seen as an individualist religion, however, it is clear in many of the teachings, that social justice is an essential component of Buddhist way.

Islam: An essential virtue in Islam is justice. Written in The Qur'an are these words: "We sent aforetime our messengers with clear Signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance, that men may stand forth in justice." [Al-Na'udh 57:25]. In addition, a Muslim journalist writes, "The sole purpose of sending the prophets was to establish Justice in the world and end injustice." Similarly, Isaiah, along with the other Old Testament prophets, was sent to establish justice in the land.

Judeo-Christian: In the sacred scriptures of Jews and Christians, the idea of justice permeates the texts. Both traditions, to this day, maintain a strong emphasis of justice, especially in regards to how one is to treat the poor. The prophets provide the prophetic challenge to the Israelites to challenge the unjust quo, and Jesus continues in the prophetic tradition, as we see in the reading from the Gospel of Luke, to stand and defend the poor. In the Catholic tradition, this is reiterated and strengthened in the pastoral letter written by the USCCB in 1986, "Economic Justice for All," which states, "As a community of believers, we know that our faith is tested by the quality of justice among us, that we can best measure our life together by how the poor and the vulnerable are treated. This is not a new command for us. It is as old as the Hebrew prophets, as compelling as the Sermon on the Mount, and as current as the powerful voice of Pope John Paul II defending the dignity of the human person."

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 13 September
CLC Information Session for New Faith-sharing Groups
1:00 p.m. • Jesuit Gardens

Thursday, 13 September
CLC Information Session for New Faith-sharing Groups
1:00 p.m. • Jesuit Gardens
Liturgical Ministry Formation Meeting
9:00 p.m. • St. John's Church

Tuesday, 26 September
Ignatian Family Teach-In/SAO Vigil Info Meetings
9:00 p.m. • Student Center 105

Tuesday, 28 September
Ignatian Family Teach-In/SAO Vigil Info Meetings
11:00 a.m. • Student Center 104
Thomas Mazzaro, S.J.
Faithful Citizenship: How to Mix Religion and Politics (and How Not to)
7:30 p.m. • Lied Center Theater

Tuesday, 19 September
Liturgical Ministry Formation Meeting
7:00 p.m. • St. John's Church