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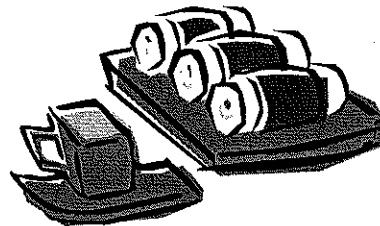
May – June, 2009

Shrine Installation at the Glenbow Museum: May 3, 2009

The Raymond shrine will be set up as a permanent display at the museum and everyone is invited to join us for a dedication service @ 2:00 PM.
Regular admission charges will apply

**Sushi-Making Classes:
May 4 & 11, 2009**

On May 4th and 11th a Beginners Sushi making class will be held at the Temple @ 7:30 pm. Cost 30\$ plus supplies.
Register with Sensei Martin at jlmartin@telusplanet.net or at (403) 988-6857



Mother's Day Brunch: May 10, 2009

"Looking for a Few Good Men!"

Let's show our appreciation for mother's this year with a Mother's Day brunch at the temple. Hopefully the Dharma school kids will bring their moms, but the invitation extends to all moms (past, present and future).

We could use a few volunteers to assist in setting up and cleaning up! (Only men and kids need apply.) Please let us know if you can help by contacting Sensei James at jlmartin@telusplanet.net or (403) 988-6857.

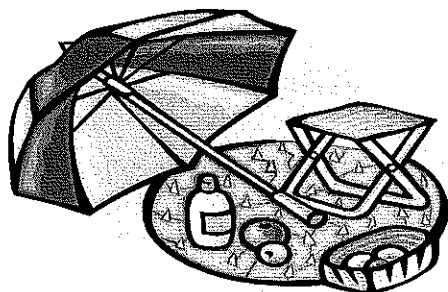
Gotane Service and Keirokai Appreciation: May 24, 2009

Gotanye is celebrated to commemorate the birth of the founder of Jodo Shinshu, Shinran Shonin on May 21, 1173. Various joyful services and events take place at the mother temple. In Calgary we will be observing this service on Sunday, May 24th. On this day as well, the Temple would like to recognize our "older"/Senior members (Keirokai) in appreciation for their many years of support and dedication with a luncheon held at the Temple after the service. Please join us.

Vesak Service: May 31, 2009

The International Buddhist Foundation will hold it's annual Vesak service at the CBT this year. Vesak is the lunar calendar celebration of the birth, enlightenment and death of Shakyamuni Buddha. Our regular 10:30 AM service will be cancelled and a joint Vesak service will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Please note: The early meditation session will be cancelled this day.



Father's Day Family Picnic: June 21, 2009

If it's June, that can only mean one thing ... the return of the Temple's annual Father's Day Picnic at Edworthy Park. This party features games and prizes for the kids and great conversation for the adults. Please bring your own food and drinks ... there's always lots to share. And remember, we've all been fathers in past lifetimes so everyone's included. See you there!

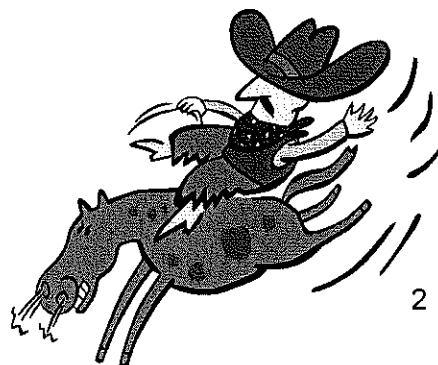
Pet Memorial Service: June 28, 2009

On this special Sunday, we will be remembering our wonderful animal companions who have passed on. Pets truly embody the Buddhist concepts of unconditional love and living in the moment. Please bring a photo or memorial of your pet for our display.

Temple Stampede Breakfast: July 5, 2009

Yahoooo! Join us for our 3rd annual Stampede Breakfast from 9:00-11:00 am.

If you can help flip a pancake or roll a sausage please contact Sensei James at jlmartin@telusplanet.net or (403) 988-6857.



OBON: August 30, 2009

On **August 30th**, we will honour and thank our ancestors through the celebration of Obon. The service begins in the morning with gravesite visits to reflect upon the love and affection that our deceased parents, family members and friends have shared with us. Temple service @ 3:00 pm, followed by potluck dinner @ 5:30 pm and Odori @ 6:30 pm.

Graveside services same as last year:

Strathmore/ 9:00 am

Mountain View/ 9:45 am

Union/ 10:30 am

Edenbrook/ 11:15 am

Queens Park/ 12:15 am



Update from the office of Bishop May 2009
Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada
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May this Update find you all in good health and spirits despite the persistent wintry weather across Canada. Traditionally, May is the month in which we commemorate the birth of Shinran Shonin, known as *Go-tan-ye* in Japanese, as he was born on May 21, 1173.

There are many things we can learn from his life of 90 years during the Kamakura period in Japan. One of the most important events, I believe, is his decision to give up the Path of Sages that he had faithfully followed on Mt Hiei for 20 years before encountering Honen Shonin, who introduced the Pure Land Path to him.

Giving up what you have accumulated for many years is a very difficult thing to do. Today, you are encouraged to begin to learn as early as possible in whatever you do, such as soccer, baseball, golf, mathematics, language, musical instrument and so on. However, there is another important factor which can not be ignored, that is the timely advice from the experienced professional.

In the case of Shinran Shonin he didn't seem to have anyone to consult on Mt. Hiei and he simply followed the traditional way for many years. Naturally, he got stuck in a maze. I understand he had been in a spiritual dilemma; the more he practised, the farther the goal seemed to be.

Zonkaku, the son of Kakunyo Shonin the 3rd Monshu of Hongwanji, wrote to praise the virtue of Shinran Shonin in the **Tan-doku-mon**;

*"Although he did every effort to see the calm water, his mind was constantly waving.
And as he meditated on the moon, the obsessed clouds covered his mind."*

As the rest of the story goes, Shinran Shonin was able to make 180 degree turn after meeting Honen Shonin who was preaching the Buddha's Power instead of self-power.

In gassho, Namoamidabutsu, Orai Fujikawa

四月に入ってもカナダ各地で依然として冬型の異常気候が続いていますが、法友のみなさまにはお変わりなきこととお察し申し上げます。

鎌倉時代に90年の生涯を全うされました宗祖親鸞聖人から多くのことを教えられますが、中でも大切なことは、比叡山で20年間修行されました聖道門を捨てて、法然上人の浄土門に帰依されたことでもあります。永年真剣に積み重ねてやってきたことを、

やめてしまうことは中々難しいことでもあります。今日、何でも若いときから才能を発掘すると言うことで、サッカー、ベースボール、ゴルフ、語学、音楽など習うことが奨励されていますが、その場合専門的な良き指導者との出会いも大切であります。

宗祖親鸞聖人のひ孫に当る存覚上人は、その著『嘆徳文』のなかで、「定水を凝らすといえども識浪しきりに動き、心月を観ずといえども妄雲なお覆う」と比叡山当時の宗祖の心境を述べてあるように、良き指導者に恵まれず行詰まり悩める姿が窺えます。いよいよ決心をされ山を降り、良き師法然上人に出会い、めでたく本願他力の信心に遇われることになりました。

五月二十一日は宗祖の誕生をお祝いする降誕会です。その頃にはもう暑い暑いと不平が出る気候になっているでしょう。合掌。

COMING EVENTS

- Apr 12 Hanamatsuri Service at Montreal Buddhist Temple
- 19 Hanamatsuri Service at Hamilton Buddhist Temple
- 23 JSBTC MA Meeting in Lethbridge
- 24 JSBTC Board Meeting
- 25 JSBTC AGM
- 26 JSBTC Memorial and the Dedication of the new temple of BTSA
- May 16-18 Manning Park Family Retreat
- 27-28 World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council in Kyoto
- Jul 10-25 Hongwanji Youth Tour led by Grant Ikuta Sensei
- Aug 7-9 Vancouver Island Obon Cemetery visitation
- Sep 5-6 Honpa Hongwanji of Hawaii's 120th Anniversary and 750th Memorial of Shinran Shonin
- 15-17 MA Meeting/Seminar in Steveston
- 25-27 BC Buddhist Convention in Kamloops
- Nov 14-15 VBT 105th Anniversary/Alberta Buddhist Convention

Temple Calendar: May - August 2009

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Leader</i> |
|--------------|-------------|------------|---|--|---------------|
| MAY | 3 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Shotsuki Service | Martin |
| | 3 | Sun | 2:00 pm | Dedication Service for Raymond shrine @ Glenbow | Martin |
| | 4 | Mon | 7:30 | Beginners sushi making class | |
| | 7 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 10 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service Dharma School Mother's Day Brunch | Martin |
| | 11 | Mon | 7:30 | Beginners sushi making class | |
| | 14 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 17 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service | Martin |
| | 20 | Wed | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting | McCormack |
| | 24 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Gotan-ye Service and Keirokai Appreciation Dharma School | Martin |
| | 28 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 31 | Sun | 1:00 – 3:00 pm | Vesak Service | Martin |
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| JUNE | 4 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 7 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Shotsuki Service | Martin |
| | 11 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 14 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service Dharma School | Martin |
| | 17 | Wed | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting | McCormack |
| | 18 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 21 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service Father's Day Family Picnic at Edworthy Park | Martin |
| | 25 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 28 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Pet Memorial Service | Martin |
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| JULY | 2 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 5 | Sun | 9:00 – 11:00 am 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Stampede Breakfast Meditation Shotsuki Service | Martin |
| | 9 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 12 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service | Martin |
| | 15 | Wed | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting | McCormack |
| | 16 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |

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| | 23 | Thurs | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Service | Martin |
| | 26 | Sun | 9:30 - 10:00 10:30 am | Meditation Service LAST REGULAR SERVICE UNTIL OBON | |
| | 30 | Thurs | | Summer Recess *No Services* | |
| <i>Month</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Day</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Leader</i> |
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| | 13 | Thurs | | | |
| | 16 | Sun | | | |
| | 19 | Wed | 7:00 pm | Board Meeting | McCormack |
| | 20 | Thurs | | | |
| | 23 | Sun | | | |
| | 27 | Thurs | | | |
| | 30 | Sun | 9:00 – 12:15 pm 3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | Gravesite Services Obon Service Potluck Dinner Odori Dance Celebration | Martin |