

Guardian Angels Parish

December 18, 2011

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PARISH INFORMATION:

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Office hours:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm
(Mon. & Tues.; Thurs. & Friday)

Church Open:

Mon. Tues, Thurs., and Friday
8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).

Church Closed:

Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday	7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	9:00 am
First Friday	7:00 pm

Devotions / Prayers :

Morning Prayers:

Tuesday-Friday	7:40 am
Sat. & Sunday	8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays	7:00 pm
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Infant Jesus of Prague:

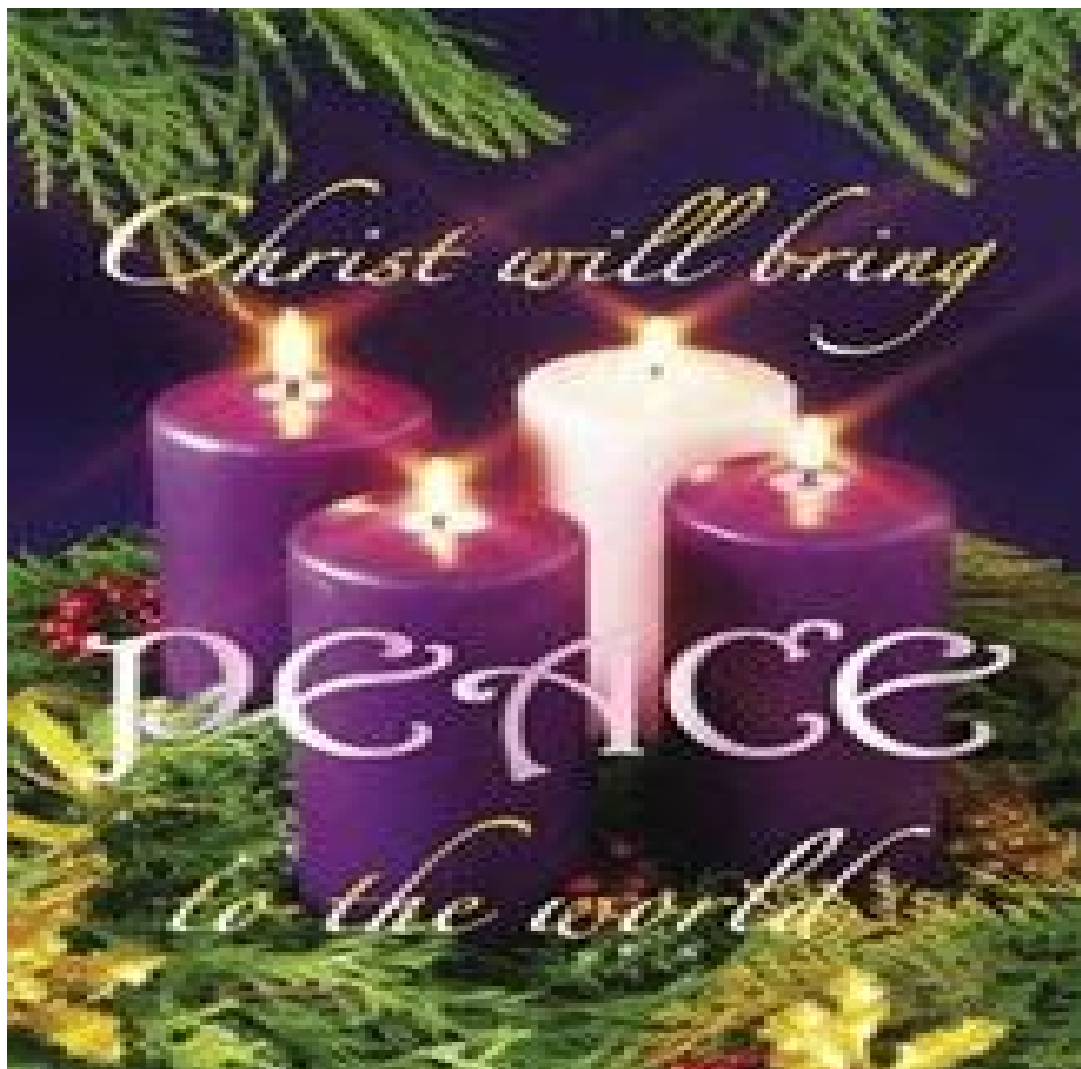
Mondays	6:30 pm
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Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays	1:30 pm
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First Fridays:

All Day Adoration after morning Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass follows at 7:00 pm (except during Lent)



Fourth Sunday of Advent 2011

Baptism -

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Marriage -

One of the parties applying for marriage must be a parishioner for at least one year. Marriage Preparation Course is a pre-requisite. Please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals-

Please contact the Parish Office

Confessions-

Every Saturday between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Holy Communion for the Shut-in - may be given at home upon request. Please book with the Parish Office.

P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Program)

Sundays. 10 am to 11 am.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults who wish to be baptized and received in the Catholic Faith. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. Contact Tom Weaver 604 408-2125

Bible Study

The next schedule will be announced in the parish bulletin

New in the Parish? Have you registered yet? If you are new or have not registered yet, please fill out a Parish Registration Form available on the table in the church foyer. Drop it off in the office or in the Collection basket at Mass.

**MASS INTENTIONS
This Week
Dec. 20-25**

Mon. - 7 pm:
+Paul Lam+
By: Helen Lam

Tues.- 8:00 am:
+Louis Michel De Germon+
By: Albane De Germon

Wed., - 8:00 am:
+Eva Francik +
By: Sol Vlado

Thursday: 8:00 am
All Souls in Purgatory

Friday: 8:00 am
All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday
9:00am:
+Frances Mascarenhas+
By: Theresa Dagenais

7:00 pm:
+Jose Samson+
By: Joyce Silva

Sunday: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:00 am:
+ Luz & Antonio Cuyugan +
By: Family

11:00 am:
+Edward John Stephenson +
By: Family

12:30 pm:
Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

PARISH GROUPS

**Knights of Columbus
(Council # 14723)**

- Meeting every first Thursday of each month. For more info: Sean Hinton 604 374-0172

Legion of Mary (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

- Marivic Escribel - 604 434-8280

Legion of Mary (Mother of our Savior)

- Rufina Amandiz - 604 325-9921

Divine Mercy

- Marivic Escribel - 604 434-8280

Infant Jesus of Prague

- Susan Hauck—604 278-6346



Advent Penitential Service -
Monday, Dec. 19—6:00 pm

Christmas Vigil— Saturday, Dec. 24
7:00 pm (Children’s Mass)

Evening Mass- Saturday, Dec. 24
11:00 pm (Christmas Caroling starts at 10:00 PM)

Christmas Day-
Sunday, December 25
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2012
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm (Anticipated Mass on Sat. at 4:00 pm)

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 8, 2012 -
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Office will be closed starting December 22, 2011 and will re-open on January 3, 2012. Church will also be closed after Mass during those days.

Reminder: Donations (check & cash) to Project Advance should be received by the parish office by Friday, Dec. 23. Credit card pledges may be mailed directly to 150 Robson St., Vancouver V6B 2A7

Scriptural Readings

4th Week of Advent



Monday: Dec. 19
Judges 13:2-7,24-25;
Psalm 71; Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday: Dec. 20
Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Psalm 24;
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dec. 21
Zeph. 3:14-18; Psalm 33;
Luke 1:39-45

Thursday: Dec. 22
1Samuel 1:24-28; 1Samuel 8;
Luke 1:46-56

Friday: Dec. 23
Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6; Psalm 25;
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday: Dec. 24
2Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,16; Psalm 89;
Luke 1:67-79

Pastor's Corner

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nothing More than Nothing

Not too long ago in a place not too far away, a field mouse asked a wise old owl what is the weight of a snowflake. "Why, nothing more than nothing," answered the owl. The mouse went on to tell the owl about the time he was resting on a branch in a fir tree, counting each snowflake until the number was exactly 3 million, 471 thousand, 952. Then with the settling of the very next flake—crack. The branch suddenly snapped, tumbling mouse and snow to the ground. "Humph ... Such was the weight of nothing," said the mouse.

Ordinary to Extraordinary

Oliver Napoleon Hill was born to a poor family in 1883. He fought his way out of his backwoods Virginia town with a burning desire to be successful. He was always searching for ways to improve himself and was involved in numerous ventures, including managing a coal-mine, practicing law, and becoming a business journalist. His big break came when he had the opportunity of meeting Andrew Carnegie, the "Steel King". Andrew Carnegie asked Napoleon Hill if he would take up the challenge of devoting 20 years of his life in order to prepare a formula of success for helping others to become successful. Andrew Carnegie would provide him with letters of reference to meet hundreds of successful people in the likes of Woodrow Wilson, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Theodore Roosevelt, John D. Rockefeller, to name a few. Napoleon Hill made his decision to take up the challenge in less than 60 seconds. Later he came to know that Andrew Carnegie had given him 60 seconds to make up his mind, failing which he would have lost his chance of undertaking the important assignment.

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Let Us Pray for the Sick

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. We pray for the sick and infirm priests, our brothers and sisters,

Gerald Thompson, Rudolph Walters, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Dick Herring, Eddie Bilek, Margaret Stepler, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Marjorie McLaughlin, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, Ollie Korinetz, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not know by name.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who heal those who believe. Amen.

"Growing Through Suffering"

By Sr. Ann Shields, an internationally known speaker, author of many books and radio host of 'Food for the Journey'. 'Do not let your suffering be wasted.' Come listen to Sr. Ann Shields on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, inside the Church of St. Mary's Parish Vancouver (5251 Joyce St.- 200m south of Skytrain Station on Joyce). Free coffee and snacks; BRING BAG LUNCH Tickets \$10 – may be available at the door. Call 604 435-9611 ext 0 or 604 454-3143 to order tickets and for more information.

Donations of Clothing and Books to Catholic Charities Men's Hostel

The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel now with 102 beds provides a safe refuge for destitute men since its inception in winter of 1959. Donations of new socks, underwear, and other clothing items will greatly help these men who are in need. There is a small library that has free reading materials. The men at our shelter are also in need of more books. To donate please call the men's hostel at 604-443-3292 or e-mail menshos-tel@rcav.org

Devoutly Religious and Critically Scientific - Can You Be Both?

A presentation by St. Mark's Continuing Education - Is it possible to be devoutly religious and critically scientific? Fr. John McCarthy, S.J. will claim that you can. However, the popular voice still speaks of the conflict between science and religion, as if two solitudes exist that will never meet. Join as this assumption is examined and learn the Catholic view of science and faith. St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **January 7, 14 and 21 - 10 a.m. to noon.** Cost \$50 includes all materials. For more information or to register, email continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca or call [604-822-6862](tel:604-822-6862)

New Year's Eve Dance by St. Paul's Catholic Singles

New Year's Eve Dance is being sponsored by St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club on **Dec. 31** at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Live music. Guests \$45. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Doors open at 8:15 p.m. For more info. call Lina at 604-433-0055.

Catholic Directory 2012 (with new features)

The expanded 2012 B.C. and Yukon Catholic Directory is hot off the press, with important 2012 dates, RCAF info, upcoming parish announcements, and recent updates to departments and parishes. Order from The B.C. Catholic at 604-683-0281 or <http://bccatholic.ca/contact>.

Misa De Gallo (pre-Christmas novena)

A special novena of evening Masses will be celebrated at St. Patrick Parish (2881 Main St., & 13th Ave., Vancouver) from December 15 to December 23. Festive music, Filipino food and guest preachers will make this novena a memorable event and an ideal spiritual preparation for Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 pm Monday to Friday, 4:30 pm on Saturday and 5:00 pm on Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Catholicism on Salt & Light

Catholicism is an unprecedented television series produced by Fr. Robert Barron of Word on Fire Ministries that explores the Catholic faith like never before. Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The production is touted as one of the most important media projects in the history of the Catholic Church and is now featured weekly on Salt & Light Television and Salt & Light's live web stream. Information: www.saltandlighttv.org/catholicism



4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 18, 2011

Mary said "yes" to God's call. In doing so she gave the world an incredible gift! All of the baptized are called to share the gift of her son with the world. How are you responding to that call? How are you sharing the gift of Jesus? We can best share the gift of Christ by the example of our lives as disciples and stewards.

Stewardship Office,
The Archdiocese of Winnipeg
www.archwinnipeg.ca

Father, you make the event of your Son's incarnation pass through my freedom. May the prayers of the Virgin Mary grant me your grace and help me say yes for the sake of my salvation and that of the whole world.

(The Magnificat Advent Companion)

Pastor's Corner continued:

So the next time you think your contributions, your acts of charity, your works for justice, your gifts of love, and your talents are nothing, or that they are small in comparison to those of others, remember that when one is added to another, and then to another and so forth, great things can happen from nothing. In the same way, what seems to be ordinary can be transformed into something extraordinary with just a little extra nothing.

Your mission is to create great things once again out of nothingness, to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

The Humble Handmaid of God

Some years ago a vandal attacked Michelangelo's *Pietà* with a hammer, seriously damaging the face and arm of the figure of Mary. A magazine article suggested that the act was a parable of the violence done to Mary by the church - by Roman Catholics who have idolized her and by Protestants who have ignored her. While Protestants have criticized Catholics for coming close to ascribing to Mary the lead role in God's salvation drama. Protestants could be accused of making her into a prop. But we can be thankful that Luke's witness to the annunciation (Luke 1.26-38) stands as a corrective.

One of the great delusions that goes with wealth, power and status is to think we are in control of our lives. The most difficult lesson for most people to realize is that God values the heart, not what we possess. Everything we have is on loan to us. We are only stewards of His possessions. He is really not interested in appearance, performance or status. Not even in the church.

How would you like to be on the board of trustees of the Kingdom of God telling God what to do and how to do it? Don't respond too hastily. Far too many of us in attitude and actions are that way. God's timing is always perfect, and He really does know what He is doing.

The Fulfillment

As we look at Luke 1.26-38 let's keep in mind that the central figure is Jesus Christ. The Scriptures are abundant in their testimony that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophetic promises of the coming of the Deliverer (Lk 4.16-21; Acts 2.16-21, 25-36; 3.12-18, 22-26; 7.2-53; 13.16ff). Luke and Matthew make it clear that the historical events they are reporting are seen as the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures. The first coming of the Messiah was to be an advent of humiliation while the second is one of consummation and glory of the kingdom of God. The day draws near when Christ shall take His great power and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. His kingdom alone shall possess an everlasting kingdom and His dominion will not pass away. However, it must first come in deep humiliation. But even if the Son of God, the heir of all things, had come to reign on the earth as a king at the first advent, even that would have been condescension to come on earth as king.

Fr. Rudy

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