



Guardian Angels Parish

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While awaiting the coming of the Lord, may our gentleness be known to everyone. For the Lord is near. (Phil. 4.5) May we not neglect to meet together, encourage one another, all the more as we see the Day approaching. (Heb. 10.25) "For yet 'in a very little while the one who is coming will come and will not delay.'" (Hab. 2.3; Heb. 10.37)

PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

Liturgical Celebrations

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

Weekday Mass Times:

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

Sacraments:

Confessions– Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home Communion / Funeral - Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 am

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Pastor's Corner - Third Sunday of Advent



I Resign from my Post

One day a parishioner approached me and said that he is going to resign from Coordinating an important ministry in the parish. I asked him why he was doing so. He said that he was fed up of people complaining against him. Then I said to him, "if you were in my place what would you do? Run away from here? Here I am dear friend, day and night listening to complaints of people. They will never see what good you have been doing. They will only see what you have not done. All the good you have done will be unnoticed, because it is good, and normally good things are just over looked. Here I am attending sick calls, listening to people with problems of marriage falling apart, family life, sons and daughters into all sorts of problems: some into drugs, others into different crimes and many others neglect their studies. Problems about bickering among volunteers of different ministries. Moreover, there are some who do not like to listen to others Reading. They feel that they are born lecturers, each time some one else is Reading, they are dissatisfied. A few who are never satisfied about the Liturgy in the Church, and at times even not understanding what the word "liturgy" means, and they are the ones when they do something wrong accept themselves as perfect Liturgists. Well, there is not point in satisfying all. Just take it with a sense of humor and things will be alright." "If you were in my place", I told him "you would have run away from this parish. Work for the Lord and do not work for people who criticize you. Just love them with Christ's love. Things will be fine." The gentleman shook my hands and left the office with a smile never to complain and think about his resignation.

Do not Judge

These words echo the Words of Jesus, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." (Mt. 7.1-2) When someone does something extraordinary, a sense of awe spreads easily. Then people start speaking about the person performing it. Well, that was the case with Jesus. People were speaking about him. He became popular. But the disciples of John the Baptist did not hear that much about Jesus, and they were simply not knowing about Jesus. So Jesus himself enlightens them saying, look, all these things have been happening and this you can report to John and he will certainly perceive that the promised one is here amidst you.

Transforming a Prison Camp

Ernest Gordon has written a book entitled *Through the Valley of the Kwai* in which he describes spending a large part of World War II as a prisoner in Thailand on the banks of the river Kwai. He worked on a railway which the Japanese were building. Over 12,000 allied prisoners died of starvation building the railway. Gordon says their worst enemy was not the Japanese but themselves. The law of the jungle took over among them. They stole from each other, and informed on each other to win favors from the Japanese. Morale was at rock bottom. Two men whose faith kept them going decided to try to do something. They organized Bible reading and discussion groups (pages 100-107 in the book). They met at night and at first the numbers were small but after not too long the numbers grew to the hundreds. When reading the Bible they noticed that Jesus faced the same problems as themselves, he often had no place to lay his head, no food for his belly, no friends in high places. He too had known bone-weariness from too much toil, the suffering, rejection and disappointments that are part of the fabric of life. Everything about Jesus began to make sense. The prisoners underwent a change of heart and stopped destroying one another as they had been doing. Reading the Bible and using it for prayer and discussion transformed a prison camp.

God Would Come

The First Reading from the Book of Isaiah (Is 35.1-6a, 10) echoed the anticipation of God's chosen people. The people believed that God would come and save them from their worldly suffering. To them, God's coming was perceived as a second Exodus. In their perception of the coming of the promised Messiah, the people visualized a transformation of the physical world where the entire creation would rejoice. They envisioned blooming deserts that would manifest the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. (Is 35.1-2)

Jesus is Active Today

Jesus works miracles even today, through his Word. We need to look at Jesus through the word of God. He will certainly heal us. Third Sunday of Advent continues to prepare us for the coming of the Lord Jesus among us. During this special time of Advent, we are called to embrace a holy mind so that we may perceive for the benefit of our spiritual growth the true spiritual meaning of the Words of God that we have just heard.

In the meantime, we must bear our crosses by persevering in our suffering, suffering through the ordinary trials of life and suffering through outrageous injustices such as the persecution of Christians. Both have their merits and bless us with graces according to our sufferings. No matter what we suffer, like the farmer who patiently awaits for the earth to produce the precious crops, we too must be extremely patient. May the Lord strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of Jesus with all His saints (1 Thess 3.13) God bless you,

Fr. Rudolf

Love does not consist in feeling great things but in having detachment and in suffering for the beloved God.

-St. John of the Cross

Daily Readings
3rd Week of Advent



Monday: Dec. 12

Zechariah 2:10-13; Judith 13;
Luke 1:39-47

Tuesday: Dec. 13

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalm 34
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Dec. 14

Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18,21b-25;
Psalm 85; Luke 7:19-23

Thursday: Dec. 15

Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 30;
Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Dec. 16

Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8; Psalm 67;
John 5:16-17,33-36

Saturday: Dec. 17

Genesis 49:2,8-10; Psalm 72;
Matthew 1:1-17

Mass Offerings

Dec. 12 - Dec. 18, 2016

Monday 7:00 pm-

Special Int. of Rodel Faulmino

By: Cynthia & Argel Faulmino

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Rosemarie Mascarenhas +

By: Theresa Dagenais

Wednesday 8:00 am-

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 8:00 am-

+Ken Schwery &

Madeleine DuPerron+

By: David DuPerron & Family

Friday 8:00 am-

+Teresa Dudani-Redillas+

By: Family

Saturday —

9:00 am:

+All Souls in Purgatory +

4:00 pm: -

Sp. Int. of Naresh

By: Shanya

9:00 am-

+Rose Nollette +

By: Cecile Bozyk

11:00 am

+Andre & Jacques St. Denis+

By: DuPerron Family

12:30 pm -

Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels Parishioners

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 HOUR DEVOTION HERE IN OUR PARISH- Dec. 14, 15, 16

The Archdiocesan **Forty Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** goes around the different parishes of the Archdiocese every year. Here in our parish, it starts on **Wednesday, Dec. 14** with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament right after the 8:00 am Mass and closes with **Benediction at 6:40 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm**. This schedule will be the same daily until Friday, Dec. 16; the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration between the Exposition in the morning until the Benediction in the evening. Everyone is invited to participate in this Devotion in time for Advent as we prepare for Christmas. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer for those who will volunteer to commit a specific time for Adoration.

PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES here in Guardian Angels will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 pm. No evening Mass on this date.

SENIORS' TEA - on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 2:00 pm. Please call Cecile to RSVP at 604 683- 0143.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their last general meeting this year on Thursday Dec. 15th at 7.00 PM in the Millennium Parish Hall with guest speaker: Archdiocese Vocation Director Fr. Rodney Noteboom about his work.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2017 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES if you haven't yet, but please do not start using them until January 1, 2017.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Your contributions for Christmas Flowers will be tax deductible. Please use the special envelopes found in the pews. You may drop them in the 2nd collection basket next weekend or Christmas day. Please write your complete name and address or your envelope number for 2016 to get a tax credit applicable this year.

CHRISTMAS 2016 SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil—Saturday, December 24
7pm (Children's Mass)

Evening Mass—Saturday, December 24
11pm (Christmas Caroling starts at 10:30pm)

Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25
9am, 11am, 12:30pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God—Sunday, January 1, 2017
9am, 11am, 12:30pm
(Anticipated Mass on Thurs., Dec. 31, 2016- 4:00 PM)

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord—Sunday, January 8, 2017
9am, 11am, 12:30pm
(Anticipated Mass on Saturday, January 7, 2017 — 4pm)

Parish Office will be closed starting Thursday, December 22, 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Project Advance 2016
Parish Goal: \$50,000

Advent is upon us. It is that time of year to reflect on what we have received and thank God for every blessing He has bestowed on us.

Thank you to all who have given and /or have pledged to Project Advance 2016. Your contributions will certainly bless many who are beneficiaries of the different projects and initiatives of the Archdiocese.

We have received to-date
Total - \$ 63,065.00

We are still accepting donations, in case you just forgot. Deadline to submit donations for a tax credit this year: Dec. 11—by debit /credit card
Dec. 31— dated checks/cash

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete means to rejoice. We light the pink-coloured candle in the Advent wreath because its colour is a symbol of rejoicing or joy! A life of discipleship and stewardship is itself infused with intense joy. We discover that a Christ-centred life, not a self-centred life, is both joyful and rewarding. Stewardship is to walk the road of joy. The joy radiates from giving, and thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. At the heart of stewardship is an attitude of gratitude. When gratitude to God is behind our giving then joy naturally accompanies each gift we give. Stewardship is joyful and grateful giving. It's more than giving to a need...its needing to give!

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*Let us pray for those
in our long-term prayer list*

Maggie, Anthony Petrina, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Andre Costa, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, 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.



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