



Guardian Angels Parish

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

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Luke 15:3-6

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine

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 - 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time



My friends, it matters little whether you are a socially acceptable sinner—like the Pharisees—or a socially unacceptable sinner—like the prodigal son in today's gospel. In either case, you are worthy only of God's condemnation. What matters is that you know you are a sinner and that you are unworthy of God's favour, and that Christ's death on the cross of Calvary is God's gracious gift to you. All you must do is to repent—to admit your sin, and to receive God's gift of eternal salvation.

There are many lessons here for Christians (saved sinners), as well as those who are, as yet, unrepentant sinners. Joy is to be one of the characteristics of the Christian. Joy is rooted in God's grace. We can rejoice in our own salvation, and thus we can also share in the joy of others who come to repentance as well. It seems to me that many Christians are "sad sacks," devoid of joy, because they have lost sight of their own salvation by grace, and they are not involved in leading others to it. The apostle Paul was motivated by joy, even in the midst of great suffering, danger, and tribulation (cf. all of Philippians). Paul found great joy in the salvation and growth of others I think that there is much to be learned by Christians in the area of separation and holiness. We, like the Pharisees, seem to think that our holiness is measured by the distance we keep from "sinners." The Bible speaks of holiness in terms of the closeness we keep to Christ. If, in the gospels we find Christ closely associating with sinners, then we can both have union with Christ and intimate association with sinners at the same time. Our concept of separation is the very thing that hinders us from evangelizing the lost, and it is one of the things which causes sinners to shun us, even as we do them. Let us give serious thought to the matter of biblical separation, for much that passes under this label is counterfeit.

The parable of the prodigal and his proud brother serve to instruct us in the area of worship. Neither son (the younger son changed, happily) was able to enjoy their father for who he was. Both viewed him only in terms of the "good things and times" he could provide. For the younger son, the father was the provider of the inheritance, so he could indulge his fleshly desires. For the older son, the father was the owner of the fatted calf, the one who, if willing, was able to throw a party for he and his friends. But neither son found the father desirable to be with and to enjoy his person.

We are very much the same way with God. We most often tend to think of Him as the giver, rather than as the gift. We come to Him in prayer, not for the fellowship and communion we can have with Him, but for the things we want Him to provide for us and for our enjoyment. True worship is enjoying God for who He is, not just for what He gives. The older brother was not able to see himself as greatly blessed because he had been with his father, while the younger had been apart from him. Let us seek to enjoy our heavenly Father for who He is.

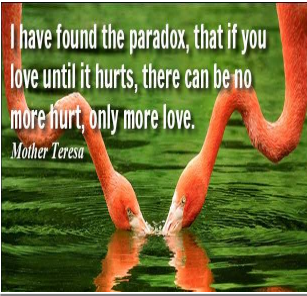
Finally, our text forces us to ask if we, as a church, welcome sinners, or whether we, like the Pharisees, send them a clear message that they are not wanted. If we understand the grace of God, we will welcome sinners as those, like us, who are unworthy of God's favor, and rejoice when they experience grace as we have. We will not seek the salvation of those whom we will not also welcome into our fellowship. Let us seek to have the mind of Christ in warmly receiving sinners, like us.

The Pharisees' words are pregnant with meaning, I believe. They referred to Jesus as "this man." I believe this is intended to be a specific reminder to the crowds that Jesus was just a man and not God. The first run-in between Jesus and the Pharisees had to do with Jesus' authority to forgive sins, which was only the prerogative of God. I have implied earlier in this message that our definition of "sin" and of "sinners," like those of the Pharisees and scribes, are often more social in nature than they are biblical. "Sinners" in our minds are those who are characterized by certain socially unacceptable activities. Sin, from a biblical point of view, is often characterized more in terms of attitudes. This does not mean that certain actions are not necessarily evil. Adultery is always evil, for example. But it does mean that many actions which appear righteous and spiritual—prayer, for example—may be evil, if the attitude behind the action is evil.

"Sinners" to the Pharisees were more of a social category than they were anything else. The Bible tells us that sinners are not just those in a certain segment of society, but that they are those whose attitudes and actions are contrary to the will and purpose of God. Let us think through our definition of sin much more carefully

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Daily Readings
24th Week in Ordinary Time



Monday: Sept. 12
1Cor. 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40;
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday: Sept. 13
1Cor.12:12-14, 27 Psalm 100
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: Sept. 14
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78;
John 3:13-17

Thursday: Sept. 15
Hebrews 5:7-9; Psalm 31;
Luke 2:33-35

Friday: Sept. 16
1Cor. 15:12-20; Psalm 17;
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: Sept. 17
1Cor. 15:35-37,42-50; Psalm 56;
Luke 8:4-15

Mass Offerings

Sept. 12-18, 2016

Monday 7:00 pm-
+Rosemarie Mascarenhas +
By: Theresa Dagenais

Tuesday 8:00 am-
+ Ester Bernales +
By: Beth Bernales

Wednesday 8:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Graham & Anne Woodhouse By: Loretta Lane

Thursday 8:00 am-
+Tony Tiampo+
By: Helen Tiampo

Friday 8:00 am-
+ Juan Que +
By: Helen Tiampo

Saturday —
9:00 am: **+ Leon Tiampo+**
By: Helen Tiampo

4:00 pm: -
+Kenneth Collison +
By: Denise Hogg

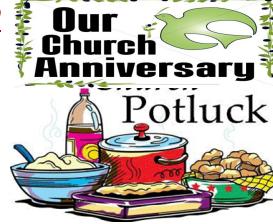
Sunday
9:00 am-
+Kenneth Collison
By: Terry O'Neill

11:00 am
Sp. Int. of Philipp Hart
By: David DuPerron

12:30 pm -
Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels Parishioners

PARISH ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK DINNER
Saturday, October 1

Block your calendars for the date: October 1st, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Millennium Parish Hall. Door will be open at 5:30 to receive your potluck. Next weekend, we will put out sign-up sheets in the Church foyer with corresponding ticket for each individual name. Please indicate what food category you will bring. Example: Pasta, Beef, Pork, Chicken, Fish, Salad, Noodles (Thai, Chinese, Korean etc). For more details, please call Cecile 604 683-0143.



SENIORS' TEA- on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 2:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. Please RSVP Cecile 604 683-0143.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS invite you to a pancake breakfast after the 9.00 AM Mass (Sept. 11); Cost is by Donation. Also our Guardian Angels council invites all male parishioners 18 years and older to become a member of our council to help grow our church.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (P.R.E.P.)
Catechism classes start on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10 am - 11 am. Those who are registering for the first time are requested to submit Baptismal Certificate (for Grade 1 or 2), and First Communion Certificate (for Grades 3 - 7). Parents are advised to register directly to Ms. Jennifer Po, our P.R.E.P. Coordinator, on Sundays (starting this weekend), between 10 & 11 am in the Rectory Basement. Fee is \$40 per child (to **partially** cover the cost of textbook). Registration forms are also available at the Church foyer and may also be submitted to the office either in person during office hours this week.

IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***Twilight Mass resumes**
Our Twilight Mass resumes on Sunday night, Sept. 11, with some rock music. Please join us at Immaculate Conception Church, Vancouver, at 7:30pm for pre-Mass singing and 8pm for Mass. Once a month, we open our doors at night to welcome Catholic seekers in search of community. For more info, please contact the parish office at 604-224-5678.

***Reflections from a Second Vatican Council Father - Past, Present and Future**
More than 50 years after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis' deep pastoral concern for a Church that is merciful and engaging allows the teachings of the Council to resonate with even greater clarity and urgency. Hear from Bishop Remi De Roo, a self-described "pilgrim" of the Council in the years since its closing, as he helps attendees know the Council's fruits with new eyes, ears and hearts. Join us on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7pm at St. Mark's College at UBC. For more info, contact Florence Allaye-Chan at 604-822-4463 or fchan@corpuschristicollege.ca or visit www.stmarkscollege.ca to register. Event is free.

***Rosary Rally to make reparation to Our Lady**
Join us on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 10am at the Vancouver Art Gallery, S. Plaza, N. Side Robson Street (between Hornby & Howe) for a rosary rally. All for Our Lady!



Project Advance Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$50,000
THANK YOU to those who have already submitted their pledges and donations. To date, the total amount of donations received is **\$ 33,000.00**. Our parish rebate this year will help defray the cost of repainting the Church building and the Rectory of Guardian Angels. If you haven't yet, please take home a brochure with enclosed pledge form found in the Church foyer and drop in the Sunday collection with your donation. No amount is too big or too small. Any amount you donate will make a difference.



Reflection
Sept. 11, 2016

"At the foot of the Cross, Mary, together with John, the disciple of love, witnessed the words of forgiveness spoken by Jesus. This supreme expression of mercy towards those who crucified him show us the point to which the mercy of God can reach."
-St. John Paul the Great



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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.



Carmel Hill

Carmel Hill is an ideal venue for either personal or group retreats (Church groups only). For more details, visit www.carmelhill.ca

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