



# Guardian Angels Parish

April 10, 2016

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## 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 Easter



### How great is Our God

#### The ghost story!

There is a true story in Ripley's Believe It Or Not about a judge in Yugoslavia who had an unfortunate accident. He was "electrocuted" when he reached up to turn on the light while standing in the bathtub. His wife found his body sprawled on the bathroom floor. She called for help--friends and neighbors, police -- everyone showed up. He was pronounced dead and taken to the funeral home. The local radio picked up the story and broadcast it all over the air. In the middle of the night, the judge regained consciousness. When he realized where he was, he rushed over to alert the night watchman, who promptly ran off, terrified. The first thought of the judge was to phone his wife and reassure her. But he got no further than, "Hello darling, it's me," when she screamed and fainted. He tried calling a couple of the neighbors, but they all thought it was some sort of a sick prank. He even went so far as to go to the homes of several friends, but they were all sure he was a ghost and slammed the door in his face. Finally, he was able to call a friend in the next town who hadn't heard of his death. This friend was able to convince his family and other friends that he really was alive. Today's gospel tells us that Jesus had to convince the disciples that he wasn't a ghost. He had to dispel their doubts and their fears. He showed them his hands and his feet. He invited them to touch him and see that he was real. And he even ate a piece of cooked fish with them--all to prove that he was alive and not a ghost or spirit. He stood there before them, as real and alive as he had been over the past three years. (The Auto illustrator)

How happy we feel when someone tells us that he/she loves us. We feel a kind of intoxicating experience and we are spontaneously grateful. How happy then, could we be when God is asking us 'do you love me'? Isn't it astounding that God who is Almighty can be concerned about our love for Him? When we think of how big the universe is, it is even more astounding that we are so important to God. Our solar system with the sun at the center and the eight planets (maybe seven now) revolving around it, is just one solar system in our galaxy called the Milky Way. The Milky Way may have 100,000 million solar systems similar to our own i.e. 100,000 million suns with their own planets. It is 100,000 light years in diameter. The Milky Way is just one galaxy in the universe which is thought to contain about 8,000,000,000 (Eight thousand million galaxies). It is truly beyond our comprehension. We are indeed nothing by comparison with the immense universe around us, but in fact we are more important than all the solar systems, all the galaxies and the entire universe itself because we are God's beloved children.

The whole of this wonderful cosmos speaks of God's love... **Unconditional Love**

God has a wonderful plan for us, in this might and extraordinary cosmos of millions, trillions and zillions of celestial bodies, and that plan is Jesus - salvation through the passion, death and resurrection.

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco.

"Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've a favour to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring home with me."

"Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him."

"There's something you should know the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come live with us."

"I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live."

"No, Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us."

"Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own."

At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, their son had only one arm and one leg.

The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are. Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of how messed up we are. Someone who does not keep a record of wrongdoings. He is God that forgives us no matter how big our sins are because of His love for us.

During today's reading from the Gospel of John, (Jn. 21.1-19) we heard Jesus asking Peter on three different occasions, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" And three times, Peter affirmed his loyalty to Jesus, promising to serve Him, even to death. The Lord's threefold question that demanded a threefold profession of love from Peter was in response to Peter's threefold denial. Undoubtedly, Peter knew that he was being reminded that on three past occasions, he denied knowing the Lord Jesus.

Knowing the transformation that took part in the heart of Peter since the Resurrection, Jesus believed him and transferred His authority to him. When Jesus said three times, "**Feed My sheep**", he was commissioning Peter to lead the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that He Himself had instituted on earth. At that moment, Jesus surrendered His own office of Shepherd to Peter. At that moment, it became the destiny of Peter to follow the Good Shepherd in every detail, even to the laying down of his life. (Jn. 10.11) How much do you and I love Jesus?

God bless you!

Fr. Rudy, OCD

"May you experience the truth that he, Christ, looks upon you with love."

**St. John Paul II**

**Daily Readings  
of the 3rd Week  
of Easter**



**Monday:** April 11  
Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119;  
John 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** April 12  
Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31;  
John 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** April 13  
Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66;  
John 6:35-40

**Thursday:** April 14  
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66;  
John 6:44-51

**Friday:** April 15  
Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117;  
John 6:52-59

**Saturday:** April 16  
Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116;  
John 6:53, 60-69

**Mass Offerings**

**April 11-17, 2016**

Monday 7:00 pm-  
**+Maria & Eduardo Yrezabal+**  
By: Enrique Crame

Tuesday 8:00 am-  
**+Rosemarie Mascarenhas+**  
By: Theresa Dagenais

Wednesday 8:00 am-  
**+Rocky Leung +**  
By: Stella Leung

Thursday 8:00 am-  
**+Rocky Leung +**  
By: Stephen Wo

Friday 8:00 am-  
**+Rocky Leung +**  
By: Stephen Wo

Saturday —  
9:00 am:  
**Sp. Int. of Dante Pacecca**  
By: Family

4:00 pm: -  
**+Marta Gema Gonzalez+**  
By: Friend

Sunday  
9:00 am -  
**+Shane Giblan+**  
By: Padraic Coffey

11:00 am  
**+Rocky Leung+**  
By: Stella Leung

12:30 pm—  
**Sp. Intentions of  
Guardian Angels Parishioners**

**HERE IN OUR PARISH**

**Seniors' Tea**

On Wednesday, April 13 at 2 pm, seniors are invited for tea, coffee, snacks and fellowship in the Rectory Hall (Basement). Seniors who are new in the parish are most welcome and encouraged to attend so to meet and make new friends in the parish. Please call Cecile 604-683-0143 to confirm your attendance.

**Pancake Breakfast by the Knights**

Everyone is invited to a Pancake Breakfast at the Millennium Parish Hall on April 10 directly following the 9am Mass. All proceeds will go towards funding the ministry of the Luke 15 house, a local recovery house for men recently released from prison and often facing addiction challenges.

**IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**The New Evangelization Summit (NES)**

The annual New Evangelization Summit, streamed to St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and lay faithful – will benefit from this opportunity to be further equipped in the mission of the Church. Speakers include Sherry Weddell - author, speaker, lead thinker on evangelization, and co-director of the Catherine of Siena Institute; Christopher West - author, speaker, teacher and expert in John Paul II's Theology of the Body; Dr. Peter Kreeft - convert, philosopher, author, professor; Angèle Regnier - co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach; Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa - preacher to the Papal Household; Bishop Christian Riesbeck - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Friday, April 15, from 7–9:30pm and Saturday, April 16, from 8:45am–4:30pm. Cost: \$30. Note: Saturday lunch will not be provided. To purchase tickets, visit [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) If you would like assistance with your online purchase, please contact 613-292-5356 or email [info@newevangelization.ca](mailto:info@newevangelization.ca).

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**Family Enrichment Workshop**

Do you ever feel like you keep having the same annoying conversations with your children, spouse and in-laws and you are still getting nowhere? Do you sometimes feel like everything in your house is "fine" but there seems to be an underlying feeling that something is not quite right? Do you ever have the desire to get to know your family members better but are not quite sure how to do that? This is the workshop for you! This three-part workshop is intended to help families learn the skills and techniques required to communicate effectively and respectfully. Each session is designed to help families understand and practice the art of communicating in a playful and interactive setting. Ideal for families of all generations and abilities from age 8 to age 88. Everyone in the family is welcomed to participate! Thursdays, April 28; May 5 and 12, from 6:30–8:30pm at Saint Jude Parish, Vancouver. [rcav.org/parenting-workshops/](http://rcav.org/parenting-workshops/)

**"Salt + Light Media presents Taste & See: Faith Conversation and Dinner**

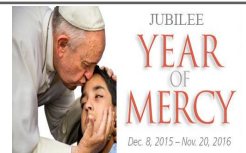
Join Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, and CEO of Salt + Light Catholic Media Foundation and Archbishop Miller for an evening of fun, faith-filled dinner and conversation. The Taste and See Gala is a fundraiser dinner to help support the work and mission of Salt + Light. Meet the staff of Salt + Light and be edified by lively conversation on the faith. This gala promises to be an inspirational event with prominent guest speakers from across Canada. Saturday, May 28, at 6:30pm at the Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver. Tickets: \$100. (\*A tax receipt for \$50 will be provided per ticket). To register visit [saltandlighttv.org/tasteandsee](http://saltandlighttv.org/tasteandsee)



**ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR  
AND RAFFLE  
May 28 & 29, 2016**



The volunteers are in the Rectory basement to receive your donations of merchandise every Wednesday between 12:00 - 3:00 pm - housewares, decors, small kitchen appliances (in good, clean and working condition) fashion accessories and collectables. NO CLOTHING, NO MAJOR APPLIANCES and NO BIG PIECES OF FURNITURE, PLEASE. For more information, call Cecile Bozyk 604 683-0143



**Reflection  
April 10, 2016**

"A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart that lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters..."

**Pope Francis**





**PARISH**

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

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Elsa Dimayuga- 604 537 7281

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Leonarda Lariosa - 604 684-9806

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Susan Hauck—604 278-6346

**Neo-Catechumenal Way**

Contact 604 684-5775

**CFC– Foundation for Family & Life**

Benny Luarca –778-317-0069

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Tom Weaver at 604 408-2125

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**Parish Volunteers Screening Committee**

Coordinator Position - Temporarily Vacant  
(Please contact the Parish Office)



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

Louise DuPerron, Anthony Petrina, Gian Buglioni, 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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