



Guardian Angels Parish

May 8, 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 - Ascension of the Lord



Farewell Message

Once, an old man was very ill and lay dying in his bed. He had four sons who were always fighting with each other. He always worried about them and wanted to teach them a lesson and asked his sons to come to him. When they came, the old man gave them a bundle of sticks and said, "Can you break these sticks?" The first son tried to break the bundle but nothing happened. He tried very hard and finally gave up. Then it was the turn of the second son to try his luck. He thought it would be an easy task and picked up the sticks easily. He tried his best to break the sticks but nothing happened. Then, the third son tried to break the bundle of sticks, but he couldn't do anything either. Meanwhile, the youngest son jeered at his brothers and thought they were very incompetent. He thought he was very clever and took one stick at a time and easily broke all of them. The old father then smiled at his sons and said, "Children, do you understand what happened? It is always easy to break the sticks one by one. But when they are bundled together, none of you could break them. In the same way, you four brothers should always be together. No one will be able to hurt you then." The four brothers realized what their father was trying to teach them and forgot all their enmity and learnt that unity is strength. From that day onwards, they never fought with each other and lived together in peace and harmony.

An Enlightened Being

One of master Gasan's monks visited the university in Tokyo. When he returned, he asked the master if he had ever read the Christian Bible. "No," Gasan replied, "Please read some of it to me." The monk opened the Bible to the Sermon on the Mount in St. Matthew, and began reading. After reading Christ's words about the lilies in the field, he paused. Master Gasan was silent for a long time. "Yes," he finally said, "Whoever uttered these words is an enlightened being. What you have read to me is the essence of everything I have been trying to teach you here!"

Jesus taught, lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead. Lessons, lessons and lessons for us to learn. His words are eternal life to us, and his life is nothing less than our heaven here on earth.

The Ascension of the Blessed Lord in heaven, is a huge lesson to all of us to remember, that every word and deed will be exalted and every single act of goodness will be rewarded. That is what this fest will teach us.

A parable

The mule fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule 'braying' - or - whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer sympathized with the mule, but decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbors together and told them what had happened...and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back...a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back...HE SHOULD SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP! This he did, blow after blow.

"Shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up!" he repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows, or distressing the situation seemed the old mule fought "panic" and just kept right on SHAKING IT OFF AND STEPPING UP!

You're right! It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, STEPPED TRIUMPHANTLY OVER THE WALL OF THAT WELL! What seemed like it would bury him, actually blessed him...all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

THAT'S LIFE! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity...THE ADVERSITIES THAT COME ALONG TO BURY US USUALLY HAVE WITHIN THEM THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT AND BLESS US!

Remember that FORGIVENESS--FAITH--PRAYER-- PRAISE and HOPE...all are excellent ways to "SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP" out of the wells in which we find ourselves!

Practical Conclusion

Following the glorious Ascension of the Lord, the endless righteous souls who had died from the days of Adam to the days of Jesus, all were finally released from their prison in Limbo, not because of their merit or merit of anybody, but because of Christ's death and resurrection. Finally, they could enjoy the eternal Presence of Christ the King. For these souls, the Resurrection of Jesus prepared the way for their freedom from a dwelling where they did not enjoy the beatific vision of Christ.

These are reasons to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. But these are sufficient for us to rejoice, not only for ourselves, but for the countless souls of the days of the Old Testament who finally entered the Kingdom of God.

Salvation and liberation is not the hard work of each one of us. But it is the unmerited grace we obtain through Jesus our Master. He only tells us to believe in him, so that we experience his love, forgiveness and peace, which cannot be earned by our hard work, but through humility and simplicity.

Jesus taught everything through his words, life, suffering, death and resurrection. The Ascension marks the culmination of his earthly ministry. Now we wait for the fulfillment of his promise, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us wait and see...

God bless you!

Fr. Rudy, OCD

"Everyone of us needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy—then we need an hour.

-St. Francis de Sales

Daily Readings

7th Week of Easter



Monday: May 9

Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68;

John 16:29-33

Tuesday: May 10

Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68;

John 17:1-11

Wednesday: May 11

Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68;

John 17:11-19

Thursday: May 12

Acts 22:30:23:6-11; Psalm 16;

John 17:20-26

Friday: May 13

Acts 24:27:25:13-21; Psalm 103;

John 21:15-19

Saturday: May 14

Acts 1:15-17; Psalm 113;

John 15:9-17

Mass Offerings

May 9- 15, 2016

Monday 7:00 pm-

Sp. Int. of Kotekova Family

Tuesday 8:00 am-

Sp. Int. of Gloria Gega

By: Anne Jones

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Tony Tiampo +

By: Helen Tiampo

Thursday 8:00 am-

+Rosemarie Mascarenhas +

By: Theresa Dagenais

Friday 8:00 am-

Thanksgiving of Ignatius Rozario

Saturday —

9:00 am:

+Juan Que +

By: Helen Tiampo

4:00 pm: -

+Tony Tiampo+

By: Helen Tiampo

Sunday

9:00 am -

+Dan Reaume+

By: David DuPerron & family

11:00 am

+Leon Tiampo

By: Helen Tiampo

12:30 pm—

Sp. Intentions of

Guardian Angels Parishioners

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR , RAFFLE & BAKE SALE **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 **UNTIL THE DEADLINE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH** - housewares, decors, small kitchen appliances (in good, clean working condition) fashion accessories and collectables. **NO CLOTHING, NO MAJOR APPLIANCES and NO BIG PIECES OF FURNITURE, PLEASE.** Also please consider donating baked goodies for our Bake Sale. Please deliver your baked goodies on May 27th to the Rectory Basement between 12 noon and 3:00 pm. Proceeds from the Bazaar and raffle will benefit seminarians in India, some of our altar servers who attend university and Catholic secondary schools. For more information, call Cecile Bozyk 604 683-0143.



SENIORS' TEA THIS MAY IS CANCELLED

The next Seniors' Tea will be on Wednesday, June 8 at 2:00 pm. Please call Cecile at 604 683-0143.

Mothers' Day Carnation Sale

Today, after each Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be selling Carnations at the Church lobby. Proceeds are for the BC wing of Pro-Life and there will be vases at Mary's altar for those parishioners who want to offer their carnations to our Holy Mother of God.

***Fr. John Tritschler 50th Jubilee celebration**

Those who remember Fr. Tritschler here in Guardian Angels many years ago are invited on Sunday, May 29 at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver to join him and celebrate Fr. John Tritschler's 50th anniversary of ordination. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Miller at 5pm, followed by dinner at 7pm. Cost for dinner is \$30. For more info and to reserve tickets, please contact the parish office at 604-874-7818.

IN AND AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***Canadians for Conscience**

On April 14, 2016, the federal government introduced legislation (Bill C-14) to amend the Criminal Code, making euthanasia/assisted suicide legal in Canada. Archbishop Miller states that "Bill C-14 is problematic on many levels: ambiguous as to who qualifies for assisted suicide, lacking in conscience protection for institutions, and devoid of concrete financial support for palliative care alternatives to euthanasia and assisted suicide." Canadians shouldn't have to compromise their conscience. Legislation is expected to be in place by June 2016, so we need to act fast! Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca. Scroll down to the Support Conscience Rights links to contact your elected officials.

***The Elephant in the Pew**

Pornography among the churchd has been called "The elephant in the pew" as everyone knows it's there, but no one wants to talk about it. In our seminar, Pastoral Approaches to Sexually Addictive Behaviour, we will focus on equipping pastors and lay leaders to deal with this critical issue. Wednesday, May 25, from 9-4pm at Tenth Church, 11 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver. To register, visit www.journeycanada.org/equipping/pastoral-approaches-seminars

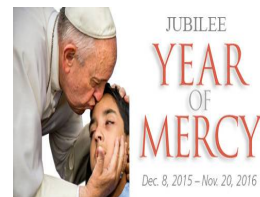
***Climate Change and the Church**

What does the Gospel of Jesus have to do with climate change? Find out what's at stake and begin to explore how churches could respond here in the city. Join us for a screening of This Changes Everything with a 20-minute discussion to follow. Friday, May 13, from 6:45-9pm at First Baptist Church, 969 Burrard St, Vancouver. By donations (\$2-\$10 sliding scale). For more info, visit: rcav.org/event/climate-change-church/

***Project Advance Annual Appeal**

THANK YOU to those who have already submitted their pledges and donations. To date, the total amount of donations received is **\$ 11,905.00** 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.

"In this Holy Year dedicated to Mercy, please support our annual appeal, Project Advance, which helps us meet the pressing material and spiritual needs of our parishes and ministries that assist so many in our Archdiocese. Let us bring the light of hope to others, as Pope Francis is asking us to do" (Archbishop JM Miller)



Reflection **May 8, 2016**

"The invocation of God's mercy needs to rise up from the depth of hearts filled with suffering, apprehension and uncertainty, and at the same time yearning for an infallible source of hope... With the eyes of our soul we long to look into the eyes of the merciful Jesus..."

St. John Paul the Great



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Elsa Dimayuga- 604 537 7281

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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*

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

For information & retreat bookings:

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