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Church Open:
Mon. Tues, Thurs., and Friday 8 am
to 4 pm (except during Holidays).

CHURCH CLOSED:
Wednesday and Saturday after Mass

Regular Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday Mass Times:
Saturday- 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday 9:00 am; 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

Perpetual Help Novena Wed. 7:00 pm
Infant Jesus of Prague Mondays 6:30 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sundays 1:30 pm
1st Fridays: All Day Adoration after morning Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm



DEAR VISITORS:
Thank you for visiting. We wish you a safe trip home.
Please visit our website:
www.guardianangelsocd.org

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010



"With righteousness He shall judge the poor." Isaiah 11:1-10
"In His days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever" Psalm 72
"Christ has saved all people." Romans 15:4-9
"Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near" Matt. 3:1-12

Intentions This Week

Dec. 6—12

- Mon. :** +Katina Ressel+
By: Dorothy Ressel
- Tues.:** Int. of Dorothy Ressel
- Wed. :** Thanksgiving of
Vince Sibayan
- Thurs:** Int. of Madej Family
By: Dorothy Ressel
- Friday:** +Lamberto Sison+
By: Elisa Sison
- Saturday:**
9 am: Int. of Heather Haba
- 4 pm:** +Danute Madej+
By: Dorothy Ressel
- Sunday:**
9:00 am: Int. of Niedzialek Family
By: Dorothy Ressel
- 11:00 am:** P.R.E.P. Teachers, Children
And their families
- 12:30 pm:** Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

Prayer Requests:

For the sick and infirm priests, our brothers and sisters, Marian Ivanda, Elizabeth Walton, Iva Bricel, Harold Chisholm, 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.

Prayer 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. 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 who heal those who believe. Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 20th at 6:00 pm here in the parish. The schedule of Advent Confessions in the different parishes of the West Deanery is posted on the bulletin board.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 9th in the Rectory Hall at 3:00 pm. Please call Cecile at 604 683 -0143 to RSVP.

P.R.E.P. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 pm. Parents and children in Catechism with their teachers will have a Christmas party and program. Hotdogs, buns, chips and drinks are on the parish, gifts, games & prizes too! Parents are **encouraged** to bring their own culinary specialty to share.

CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS: 'Small Winter Warmers'

Many thanks to those who have generously responded so quickly. We are still soliciting 'brand new' small winter warmers: thick socks, mittens, toques, scarves- for the homeless who come to our parish for sandwiches. The drop box will be at the back of the Church until the 3rd week of Advent. **These winter warmers will be distributed at a Christmas Luncheon we will serve the Homeless on Christmas day at the Millennium Hall.** Thank you for your generous support to our work for the local poor.

Scriptural Readings

Mon, Dec. 6– St. Nicolas of Myra

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85;
Luke 5:17-26

Tues Dec. 7–St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96;
Matthew 18:12-14

Wed, Dec. 8– Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98;
Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Thurs, Dec. 9– St. Juan Diego

Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145;
Matthew 11:11-15

Fri, Dec. 10 – Ferial

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1;
Matthew 11:16-19

Sat, Dec. 11– St. Damasus I

Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Psalm 80;
Matthew 17:10-13

CHRISTMAS 2010 Schedule



Christmas Vigil– Friday, Dec. 24
7:00 pm (Children's Mass)

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

Christmas Day–
Saturday, December 25
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Feast of the Holy Family–
Sunday, December 26–
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God–
Saturday, January 1, 2011
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm
(No evening or Anticipated Mass on
Friday)

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2, 2011
9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm
(No Anticipated Mass on Saturday)

Office will be closed starting December
24, 2010 and will re-open on January 4,
2010. Church will also be closed after
the Mass during the holidays.

VOLUNTEERS' & STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:00
pm

Dear Volunteers, please sign-up your name on the sheet intended for your respective ministry. If you are serving in two or more ministries, please sign-up in one ministry only. Your respective spouses are also invited.

Pastor's Corner - 2nd Sunday of Advent

The Artists' Reconciliation

Leonardo da Vinci painted the fresco (wall painting), "The Last Supper," in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan (1495-1498). A very interesting story is associated with this painting. At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," he had an enemy who was a fellow painter. Da Vinci had had a bitter argument with this man and despised him. When Da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for the ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. He took delight while painting this picture in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas. As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to paint the face of Jesus, but couldn't make any progress. Da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow-painter and repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece.

Be reconciled with God and fellow-human beings: that is the message of today's gospel. On the one hand, salvation is God's doing and we cannot earn His blessings. Today's first reading, from Isaiah, emphasizes that, through his Son, God does all the saving. On the other hand, we must cooperate with Him because God cannot force his bounty upon us. That is why John the Baptist, in today's gospel, summons us to play an essential part in our own salvation by leading lives of repentance, conversion and renewal, thus preparing the way for the Lord's second coming. We start this process by preparing for the celebration of Christmas, the Lord's first coming. Many of the kings who succeeded David proved to be increasingly unfaithful, bringing eventual defeat and destruction upon the nation. Because of the bad example of their leaders, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh. Isaiah, in the first reading, tried to dispel their fears, and stir up hope among his people with God's promise of a new Davidic King, a son of Jesse, who would establish peace and a glorious kingdom of justice on earth. His kingdom would be a return to the time of peace before sin entered the world. In the second reading, Paul is praying for the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They are to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equals and as brothers and sisters, while they wait for the second coming of Jesus. In today's gospel, John the Baptizer warns the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion and renewal of life. He tells the common people, who are filled with the expectation that the Messiah is near, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord." God bless you,

Fr. Rudolf

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

7th Annual Advent Vigil

Join us in a Silent Stand for Justice for those who are silenced, the homeless or pushed out, the hungry, the unemployed, the forgotten. Everyone is invited to join the following Wednesdays, noon hours, in Advent. Dec. 8 – Corner 1st Ave. & Commercial Dr.; Dec. 15 – Downtown Main Library Branch, Robson St. entrance; Dec. 22 – Cathedral Square, NE corner Richards & Dunsmuir. For further information call Sr. Elizabeth Kelliher, 604-685-9987.

White Mass for Health Care Providers

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of Vancouver is hosting a White Mass with Archbishop Miller followed by a reception. Physicians, all health care providers and their families are invited. Jan. 14, 2011 – 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's parish, 2028 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver. Contact Info: drtoniparsons@telus.net or Judy Talas 604-430-2712.

Attend the Mission at Holy Name of Jesus

Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J., will conduct a parish Advent Mission, the theme being Christmas - a Festival of Incarnation, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Cambie & 33rd Avenue, on December 13 – 15, 7 p.m. He will also be preaching at the 9 a.m. Masses.

Msgr. Lopez-Gallo on Failed Marriages

The Catholic Forum is a new Institute, recently created to combat the religious apathy which ails us today, and to open discussions on modern topics such as the moral value of new technologies, bio-ethical issues, and other controversial matters. It was formed by Lay and Friars Dominicans, with the intention of imparting practical religious education. Msgr. Pedro Lopez-Gallo will speak about marriages that failed and all the tragic consequences; the position of divorcees concerning receiving the sacraments; the possibility of having a previous marriage annulled and, if annulled, the status of any children and the possibility of remarrying in the Church. Dec. 7 – 7 p.m. at St. Mary's parish, 5251 Joyce Street, Vancouver.

Christmas by Candlelight: Baroque & Beyond

The Corpus Christi College Chamber Choir, with special guests Infinitus String Trio, presents a candlelit Christmas concert at the Canadian Memorial Church & Centre for Peace - corner of W 15th Ave & Burrard St., Vancouver - Come and celebrate the festive season with vocal and instrumental music by Handel and Vivaldi. A wonderful experience of exuberant choruses and sublime music-making for the whole family! Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 at the door. Call 604.822.6862; email info@corpuschristi.ca.

"Keep Christ In Christmas" - It's OK to say "Merry Christmas" to me!

Buttons with the above logo will be sold after all Masses next weekend by the Knights of Columbus in our parish. Cost is \$ 2 each.

Stewardship Reflection

2nd Sunday of Advent– 2010

St. John the Baptist was chosen to be 'the prophet of the Most High God'. (Luke 1:76) As baptized Catholics we too are called to be prophets. The Second Vatican Council confirms this, "...they (the laity) are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ" Lumen Gentium (31). What has this got to do with stewardship? If we are to be prophetic then we must, by the example of our lives and the witness of our speech, be good stewards of the Gospel message and share it.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Anyone in need of 'finishing' carpentry work done at home? Call Bernie Pettit at 604 633-2902

Congratulations and welcome to Sephra Petra Soukup who was baptized last weekend. She is the daughter of Peter Patrick & Ayanna Juliet.

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The Knights of Columbus History - (continued)

The Connecticut Catholic ran an editorial in 1878 that illustrated the esteem in which American Catholics held Columbus. "As American Catholics we do not know of anyone who more deserves our grateful remembrance than the great and noble man - the pious, zealous, faithful Catholic, the enterprising navigator, and the large-hearted and generous sailor: Christopher Columbus.

The name of Columbus was also partially intended as a mild rebuke to Anglo-Saxon Protestant leaders, who upheld the explorer (a Catholic Genovese Italian working for Catholic Spain) as an American hero, yet simultaneously sought to marginalize recent Catholic immigrants. In taking Columbus as their patron, they were sending the message that not only could Catholics be full members of American society, but were, in fact, instrumental in its foundation.

By the time of the first annual convention in 1884, the Order was prospering. In the five councils throughout Connecticut there were 459 members. Groups from other states were requesting information. The Charter of 1899 included four statements of purpose, including "to promote such social and intellectual intercourse among its members as shall be desirable and proper, and by such lawful means as to them shall seem best." The new charter showed members' desire to grow the organization beyond a simple mutual benefit insurance society.

The original insurance system devised by McGivney gave a deceased Knight's widow a \$1,000 death benefit. Each member was assessed \$1 upon a death, and when the number of Knights grew beyond 1,000 the assessment decreased according to the rate of increase. Each member, regardless of age, was assessed equally. As a result, younger, healthier members could expect to pay more over the course of their lifetimes than those men who joined when they were older. There was also a Sick Benefit Deposit for members who fell ill and could not work. Each sick Knight was entitled to draw up to \$5 a week for 13 weeks (roughly equivalent to \$125.75 in 2009 dollars). If he remained sick after that, the council to which he belonged regulated the sum of money given to him.

Today there are more than 14,000 councils around the world, and the Knights of Columbus is a multi-billion dollar non-profit charitable organization. Knights distribute Tootsie Rolls to raise funds to fight developmental disabilities, volunteer for the Special Olympics and other charitable organizations, erect pro-life billboards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs, conduct blood drives and raise funds for disaster victims, and parade at patriotic events with their red capes, feathered chapeaux, and ceremonial swords. (To be continued)

MILLENNIUM TOWER

A home for seniors 55 and over currently has vacancies. Great location next door at Davie and Broughton Street. Rent range from \$910 per month.

Call Columbus Charities:
Peter Anderson at 604 760-9442