

Guardian Angels Parish

January 29, 2012

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PARISH INFORMATION:

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Office hours:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm
(Mon. & Tues.; Thurs. & Friday)

Church Open:

Mon. Tues, Thurs., and Friday
8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).

Church Closed:

Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday 9:00 & 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

Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesdays	7:00 pm
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Infant Jesus of Prague:

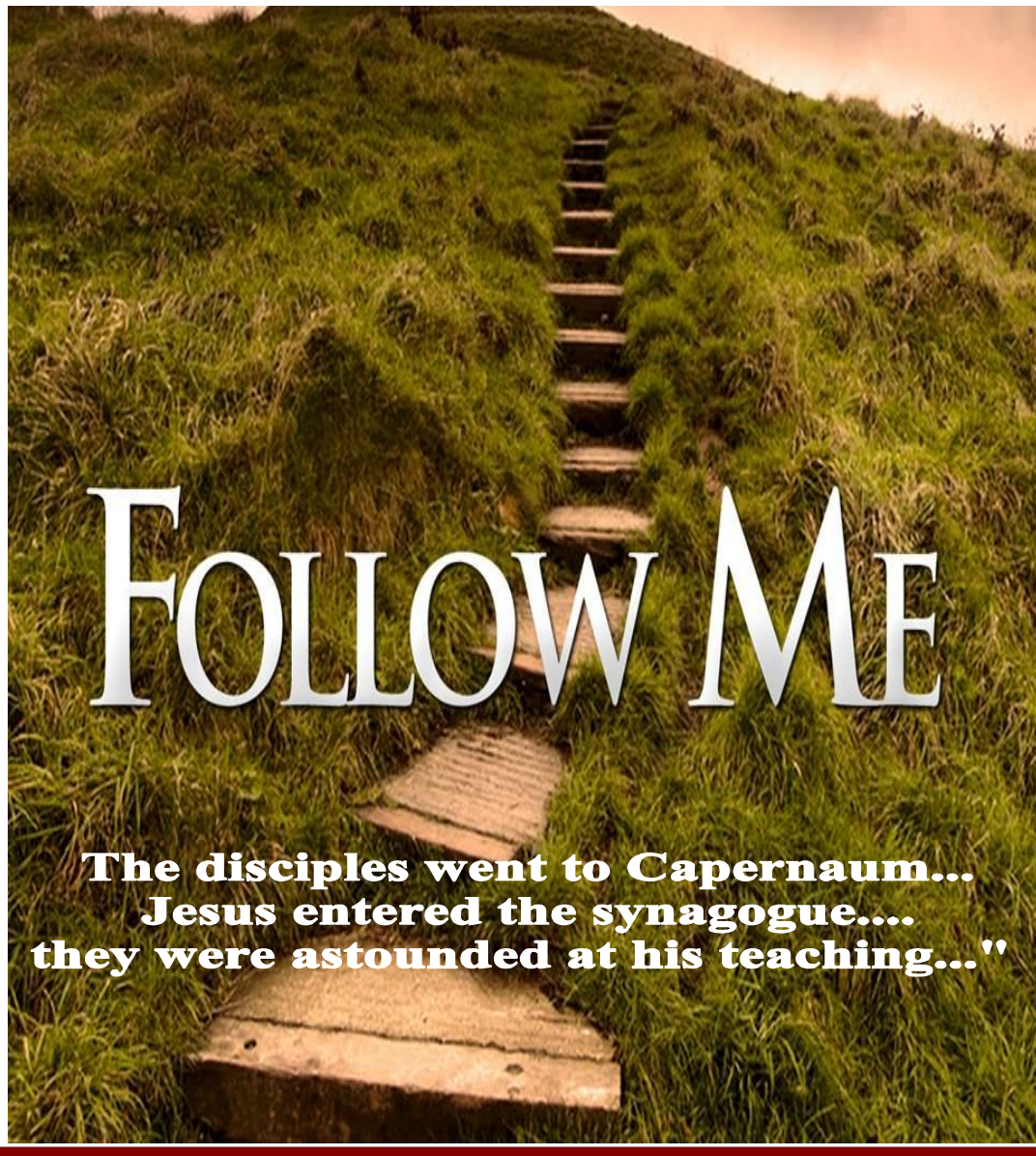
Mondays	6:30 pm
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Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays	1:30 pm
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First Fridays:

All Day Adoration after morning
Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass
follows at 7:00 pm (except during
Lent)



**The disciples went to Capernaum...
Jesus entered the synagogue...
they were astounded at his teaching..."**

Baptism -

Please contact the Parish Office to register - 604 684-5775

Marriage -

One of the parties applying for marriage must be a
parishioner for at least one year. Marriage Preparation
Course is a pre-requisite. Please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals-

Please contact the Parish Office

Confessions--

Every Saturday between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appoint-
ment.

Holy Communion for the Shut-in - may be given at
home upon request. Please book with the Parish Office.

P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Program)

Sundays. 10 am to 11 am.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults who wish to be baptized and received in the
Catholic Faith. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the
Rectory Basement. Contact Tom Weaver 604 408-2125

Bible Study

The next schedule will be announced in the parish bulletin

New in the Parish? Have you registered yet? If you are new or have not registered yet,
please fill out a Parish Registration Form available on the table in the church foyer. Drop it off in
the office or in the Collection basket at Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 30 - Feb. 5

Mon. - 7 pm:

+Eliezer Bagaipo+
By: Mylene Bagaipo

Tues. - 8:00 am:

+George Sysm+
By: Bernie Wolf

Wed., - 8:00 am:

+Anne & Bronnie Staskunas +
By: Vivian Coubarakis

Thursday: 8:00 am

++Bella Sequeira+
By: Kevin Fernandes

Friday: 8:00 am

+Herman D'Souza +
By: Kevin Fernandes

Saturday

9:00am: +Alfie Jeddo+

By: Kevin Fernandes +

4:00 pm: +Pura Noriega+

By: Vance & Violeta Noriega+

Sunday:

9:00 am:

+ Freddie & Jim Hughes +
By: Mollie Smith

11:00 am:

+Elizabeth Rodrigues+
By: Elizabeth Noronha

12:30 pm:

Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

PARISH GROUPS

Knights of Columbus (Council # 14723)

- Meeting every first Thursday of each month. For more info: Sean Hinton 604 374-0172

Legion of Mary (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

- Marivic Escribel - 604 434-8280

Legion of Mary (Mother of our Savior)

- Rufina Amandiz - 604 325-9921

Divine Mercy

- Marivic Escribel - 604 434-8280

Infant Jesus of Prague

- Susan Hauck—604 278-6346

ALL DAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT on First Friday (February 3)

Everyone is encouraged to spend an hour or half in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday. Adoration will commence with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament shortly after the morning Mass; it will close with Benediction at 6:40 pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. To ensure a continuous vigil of the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to book your schedule on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

REMINDER TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

K OF C meeting will be on Thursday, February 2nd. All members are encouraged to attend as important matters will be taken up.

WHY A 'WILL' IS IMPORTANT—WHERE TO BEGIN

Understand why a Will is important for you and your loved ones. Find some tips for making a Will at www.rcav.org/Outreach_Services/LeavingaLegacy— or if you want a printed copy, please phone the parish office to request a set of informational material about making a Will.

PLANNED GIVING— is the act of providing a gift from your estate to your favorite charity. Normally this is done through a **bequest** in your Will. **YOUR BEQUEST BECOMES A LIVING MEMORIAL IN THE CONTINUING WORKS OF THE CHURCH OR THE CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE.**

Archdiocesan News and Events

Celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life

Come and celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life on **Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.** Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB. at St. Augustine's Church, 2028 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver.

B.C. Catholic Collection

On **Feb. 4 and 5**, parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be taking up an important Second Collection. The Catholic Press collection is held once a year to help your parish mail The B.C. Catholic weekly newspaper to Catholic homes. This collection is a way you can help reduce the parish's expenses, since every penny donated goes directly to the parish to help offset its mailing costs. On **Feb. 4 and 5**, please use the special Catholic Press Collection envelope in your envelope set to make a donation. Your generosity will help us with the important job of connecting

parishioners with the Church of Vancouver.

Catholicism on Salt & Light

Catholicism is an unprecedented television series produced by Fr. Robert Barron of Word on Fire Ministries that explores the Catholic faith like never before. Sundays at 5:30 and 9:30 pm The production is touted as one of the most important media projects in the history of the Catholic Church and is now featured weekly on Salt & Light Television and Salt & Light's live web stream. Information: www.saltandlighttv.org/catholicism

Mass At Night Immaculate Conception Parish

3776 W. 28th Ave., Vancouver offers Mass at 9 p.m. every first Sunday of the month. This Mass is to gather young adults, college, university students and other 'Catholic seekers' in our part of the city.

Scriptural Readings



Monday: Jan. 30

2Samuel 15:13-14,30; 16:5-13
Psalm 3; Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: Jan. 31

2Sam. 18:9-10,14,24-26,30-19:3;
Psalm 86; Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: Feb. 1

2Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Psalm 32;
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: Feb. 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24
Luke 2:22-40

Friday: Feb. 3

Sirach 47:2-11; Psalm 18;
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: Feb. 4

1Kings 3:4-13; Psalm 119;
Mark 6:30-34

A Joyful Journey with the Cross - Lenten Twilight Retreat

An evening of Lenten Reflection by Fr. Gary Franken – **Feb. 10** at St. Anthony's Parish, West Vancouver; by Fr. Chris Lynch – Feb13 at St. Andrew's Parish, Vancouver. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person. Online registration available at: www.rcav.org/oc/twilight. Please fax 605-689-5673 or mail your response by **Feb. 6**.

"Healing Your Family Tree" by Father John Hampsch, C.M.F., in DVD

will be on large screen at the basement of St. Mary's Church, Vancouver on **Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** - will be facilitated by Fr. Gabriel de Chadarevian, OP. Entrance is free; bring a bagged lunch. This will be culminated by a Healing Mass on **Feb 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church**, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver.



Let Us Pray 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. We pray for the sick and infirm priests, our brothers and sisters,

Gerald Thompson, Rudolph Walters, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Dick Herring, Eddie Bilek, 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.

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 Christ who heal those who believe.
Amen.

Pastor's Corner

January 29, 2012

In the Cave of the Heart

A group of trekkers who were exploring a mountain chanced to come across a cave. They entered the cave only to discover a loin-clad yogi sitting in the serene silence. They shook him out of his deep meditation and asked him: "do you not feel the heat in summer and the cold in winter? Are you not troubled by insects and mosquitoes? How do you sleep on the bare floor without a mattress and a pillow and a sheet to cover you? Do you not feel the pain of loneliness? The yogi patiently listened. Then, he said, "When you have travelled down to the depths and have experienced the Self in the cave of your heart, then there is no room for discomfort of any sort, no loneliness, and no pain. You experience no want. For, you have found lasting peace.

Jesus the Teacher

In today's Gospel passage we are invited to see Jesus as the teacher. Throughout his life he taught. He taught to people and his very life was teaching through living his life. Teaching is a divine task. Teaching ensures future of humanity. Being a good teacher is a task of transmitting wisdom of God himself. Although the teaching ministry of Christ lasted only three and a half years, during that time He showed that He was the world's master teacher. He performed great miracles and taught a new way of life. His teaching was simple. He used words the common people could understand, and took His illustrations from the things with which His listeners were familiar. Many of His principles were set forth in parables. A parable is a true-to-life story with a special meaning.

The things Jesus taught are more important than His methods. He gave us a complete way of life, which He summed up in one sentence, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."(Mt 7.12)

God's Kingdom

One of the great themes of His teaching was God's kingdom. His claim was, "The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news."(Mk 1.14-15).

This is a reminder to all of us that the world is not out of control. God is still in charge, but He has given us free-will. We are not like machines wound-up by God. Rather we are free, and yet ruled by a King, and that is God. When Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God it was to invite people to submit themselves to it. Jesus told parables to illustrate what He meant by God's kingdom.

The Parable of the Sower

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."(Mt 13.3-8). Obviously the resulting crop depended on the kind of ground that the seed fell into. What Jesus meant here is that if our hearts are hard, bitter, and filled with pride and self sufficiency, then even if the good seed comes to us, even if we hear and learn about His kingdom, we won't accept it. However, if we accept God's will in our lives, the Kingdom of God will be within us. (continued on page 4)



Here we are... nearly one month already gone in 2012! What did you resolve to change this year?

Stewardship calls for a change to the way we think about who we are, and what we possess. What changes might God be calling you to? Stewardship calls us to be emptied of pride, envy, jealousy, anger, selfishness, and greed. Only then can we be filled with humility, charity, faith, hope, patience, peace, joy, surrender, and gratitude!

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg,
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website

www.ccccd.org

Pastor's Corner continued:

A Hidden Treasure

On another occasion Jesus told of a treasure hidden in a field. A merchant found it "... and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought the field." [Mt 13.44] It is true that when we find the Kingdom of God, we receive much joy, but there is a price to be paid. Our becoming a member of the Kingdom of God, and following Jesus may offend many people. Our honesty may well make some people around us uncomfortable. We may lose friends, brothers and sisters. Our families may well turn against us. Joining this Kingdom of God may mean the loss of a job, imprisonment, or even death. Jesus recognizes that you may have to pay a high price to come into this Kingdom but it is still well-worthwhile.

Different Dimension of the Kingdom

Once some of the Jewish leaders from the sect of the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come (Lk 17.20-21); Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in you." Many people who were listening to Jesus were longing for a political revolution. They wanted Jesus to be their Messiah in a political sense, to overthrow the Roman rulers and release Palestine from its bondage. Jesus refused such a demand because that was not the real problem. Mankind's fundamental problem is not political. It is sin. Jesus came to deal with sin (Jn 6.15) According to him God's kingdom was a universal kingdom, not restricted to any particular people. Therefore He taught them that this kingdom is within men's hearts. It was not something that was going to be established in the future, but something that was being established there and then. One can become a member of this kingdom by following Jesus and His commandments.

Why Jesus?

Why should submission to Jesus be the only way to inherit the Kingdom of God? It is because He is the king of the kingdom. He did not act like worldly teachers. He introduced a totally different concept of leadership. He taught his disciples: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." [Mk 10.43-45] He demonstrated this concept by washing the feet of his disciples [Jn 13.4-17]. Later he gave his life for them and for us. On the other hand He did prove his authority and trustworthiness by the many signs he provided, and by the many prophecies he fulfilled particularly by getting out of the tomb [Rom 1.4; 10.9].

Blessed are You

Jesus gave his followers assurance about the future. At the day of Judgement he will say to those who have chosen to follow His way, "**Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.**" (Mt 25.34)

God bless you all,
Fr. Rudy, OCD

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