

Guardian Angels Parish

March 31, 2013

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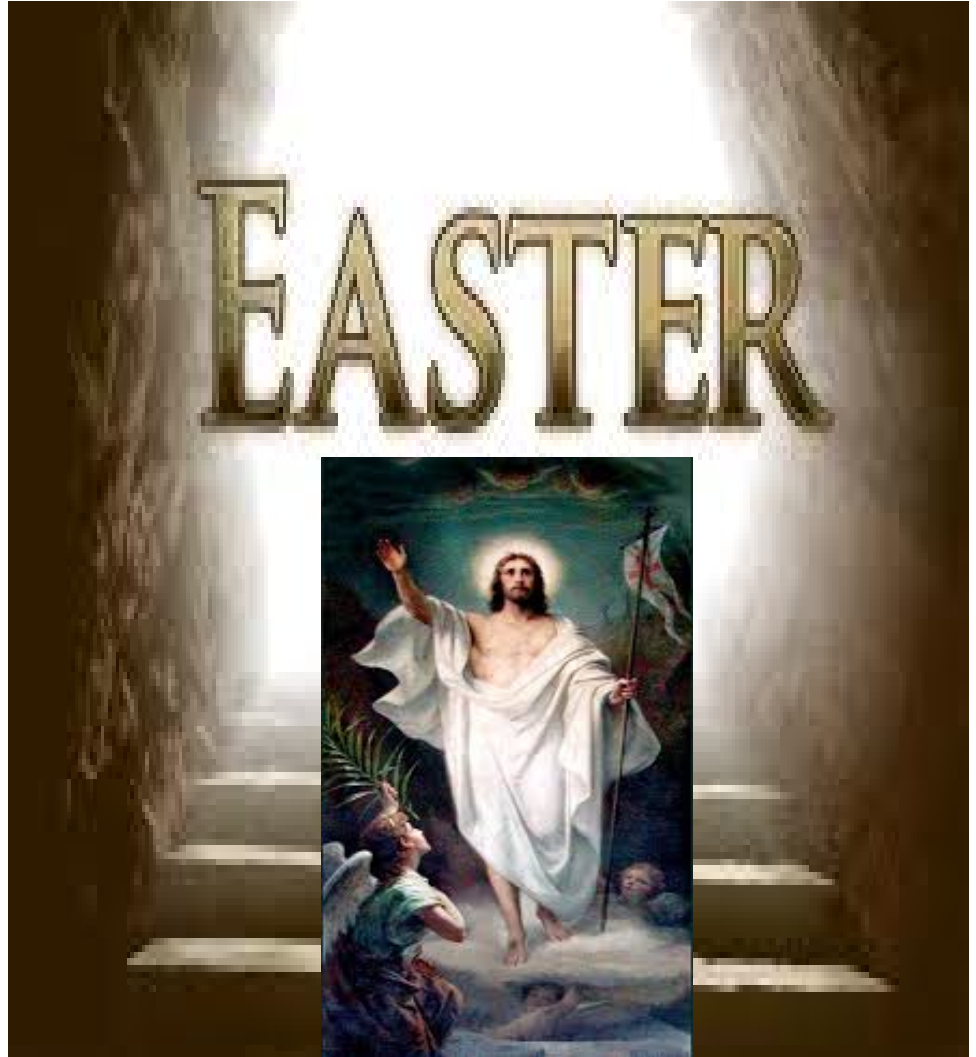
Office hours:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Mon. Tues., Thu. &
Friday; CLOSED on Wed. & weekends

Church Open:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).

Church Closed on Wednesday & weekends
after Masses.



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.

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Octave of Easter

- Mon., April 1
7:00pm - + Placida Tan +
By: Family
- Tues., April 2
8:00am - + Augustin & Marina
Somido + By: Alma Somido
- Wed., April 3
8:00am- Deceased members of
Ebalo Family By: Edith Ebalo
- Thurs., April 4
8:00 am -
- Fri., April 5 - First Friday
8:00 am -
- Sat., April 6
9:00 am - For the special intentions of
Jaime Valdez
By: Riz & Oscar
- 4:00 pm - Intentions of Jean Hook
By: Doreen & Geoffrey De Souza
- Sunday, April 7
9:00am:Deceased of +Shelest Family+
By: Cecile Bozyk
- 11:00 am:
- 12:30 pm: Intentions of Guardian
Angels Parishioners



PARISH GROUPS

- Knights of Columbus
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- Legion of Mary
(Immaculate Heart of Mary)
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 - Marivic Escribel - 604 434-8280
- Infant Jesus of Prague
 - Susan Hauck—604 278-6346
- NeoCatechumenal Way
 - Fr. Boniface D'Souza

Pastor's Corner

HAPPY EASTER !

Do you believe in Easter?

Edith Burns was a wonderful Christian who lived in San Antonio, Texas. She was the patient of doctor by the name of Will Phillips. Dr. Phillips was a gentle doctor who saw patients as people.

His favorite patient was Edith Burns. One morning he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Edith Burns. When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Edith with her big black Bible in her lap earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her.

Edith Burns had a habit of introducing herself in this way: "Hello, my name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

Dr. Phillips walked into that office and there he saw the head nurse, Beverly. Beverly had first met Edith when she was taking her blood pressure. Edith began by saying, "My name is Edith Burns. Do you believe in Easter?"

Beverly said, "Why yes I do." Edith said, "Well, what do you believe about Easter?" Beverly said, "Well, it's all about egg hunts, going to church, and dressing up." Edith kept pressing her about the real meaning of Easter, and finally led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Dr. Phillips said, "Beverly, don't call Edith into the office quite yet. I believe there is another delivery taking place in the waiting room.

After being called back in the doctor's office, Edith sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Dr. Will, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying?" Dr. Phillips said gently, "Edith, I'm the doctor and you're the patient." With a heavy heart he said, "Your lab report came back and it says you have cancer, and Edith, you're not going to live very long."

Edith said, "Why Will Phillips, shame on you. Why are you so sad? Do you think God makes mistakes? You have just told me I'm going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my friends. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my ticket!"

Dr. Phillips thought to himself, "What a magnificent woman this Edith Burns is!"

Edith continued coming to Dr. Phillips. Christmas came and the office was closed through January 3rd. On the day the office opened, Edith did not show up. Later that afternoon, Edith called Dr. Phillips and said she would have to be moving her story to the hospital and said, "Will, I'm very near home, so would you make sure that they put women in here next to me in my room who need to know about Easter."

Well, they did just that and women began to come in and share that room with Edith. Many women were saved. Everybody on that floor from staff to patients were so excited about Edith, that they started calling her Edith Easter; that is everyone except Phyllis Cross, the head nurse.

Phyllis made it plain that she wanted nothing to do with Edith because she was a "religious nut". She had been a nurse in an army hospital. She had seen it all and heard it all. She was the original G.I. Jane. She had been married three times, she was hard, cold, and did everything by the book.

One morning the two nurses who were to attend to Edith were sick. Edith had the flu and Phyllis Cross had to go in and give her a shot. When she walked in, Edith had a big smile on her face and said, "Phyllis, God loves you and I love you, and I have been praying for you."

Phyllis Cross said, "Well, you can quit praying for me, it won't work. I'm not interested." Edith said, "Well, I will pray and I have asked God not to let me go home until you come into the family."

Phyllis Cross said, "Then you will never die because that will never happen," and curtly walked out of the room.

Everyday Phyllis Cross would walk into the room and Edith would say, "God loves you Phyllis and I love you, and I'm praying for you." One day Phyllis Cross said she was literally drawn to Edith's room like a magnet would draw iron. She sat down on the bed and Edith said, "I'm so glad you have come, because God told me that today is your special day."

Phyllis Cross said, "Edith, you have asked everybody here the question, 'Do you believe in Easter?' but you have never asked me." Edith said, "Phyllis, I wanted to many times, but God told me to wait until you asked, and now that you have asked..."

Edith Burns took her Bible and shared with Phyllis Cross the Easter Story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Edith said, "Phyllis, do you believe in Easter? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is alive and that He wants to live in your heart?" Phyllis Cross said, "Oh I want to believe that with all of my heart, and I do want Jesus in my life." Right there, Phyllis Cross prayed and invited Jesus Christ into her heart. For the first time Phyllis Cross did not walk out of a hospital room, she was carried out on the wings of angels.

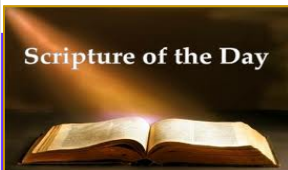
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Marie Crowe, Ronald Bainbridge, Andre Costa, Gerald Thompson, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Mil- m, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, Ollie Korinetz, Zenaida Nicolas, Green Millburn, Helena Glabot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrys and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not know by name.



Monday: April 1
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16; Matthew 28:8 -15

Tuesday: April 2
Acts 2:36 - -41; Psalm 33
John 20:11- 18

Wednesday: April 3
Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105
Luke 24:13- 35

Thursday: April 4
Acts 3:11- 26
Psalm 8; Luke 24:35 - 48

Friday: April 5
Acts 4:1 -12
Psalm 118;
John 21:1-14

Saturday: April 6
Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118
Mark 16:19-15

First Friday of Easter—April 5

There will be two Masses on Friday, April 5: 8:00 am Mass will be followed by breakfast in the Millennium Parish Hall - everyone at Mass is invited. 7:00 pm Mass will be preceded by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 pm.

Come and Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Guardian Angels- April 7, 2013

“In a special way, it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery.” Pope John Paul II. Jesus asked that this Feast be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would start on Good Friday, March 29th. Say one chaplet each day following the novena intention.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed

Fr. Rudy needs more EM's to help distribute Holy Communion on Sundays especially at the 9:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses. We also need more EM's to give Holy Communion to the sick and homebound; if you sense a calling to bring Jesus to the sick and homebound, please contact the Parish office.

Archdiocesan News & Events

Palliative Care Sedation by Dr. Stuart Brown

Hosted by the Catholic Physicians' Guild a presentation on Palliative Care Sedation by Dr. Stuart Brown will be held on Saturday, Apr. 27 at Cartier Parish Hall, W. 38th Ave. following the 5 p.m. anticipatory Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 1430 W. 38th Ave., Vancouver. All healthcare providers are welcome. Light supper by donation.

Feast of the Divine Mercy at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Sunday, April 7, is the feast of the Divine Mercy, and all are invited to attend a special Archdiocesan celebration at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Archbishop J. Michael Miller will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m., in thanksgiving for the Petrine ministry of Pope Francis. Representatives of Christian Churches, Ecclesial Communities and faith traditions will also be in attendance. A reception will follow in Holy Rosary Hall.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Grieving your abortion losses is one of the most important tasks you will do in your lifetime. It starts as you stop denying your pain, and it continues until you reach a point of reconciliation. A Season to Heal by Luci Freed & Penny Yvonne Salazar. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and begin the process of healing and hope. Next Retreat is May 3 - 5. For confidential information and to register call 604-525-0999.

Does Your Marriage Need Help? – Retrouvaille (retroo-vye) is a

Christian peer ministry which has succeeded in saving many, many couples from marital breakdown, including those who have experienced infidelity, years of misery, separation, or even divorce. Rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy communication! Consider this option before you give up - you owe it to your spouse and family. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 19 - 21, 2013, call 604-530-6710, email vancou-verbc@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org and/or www.retrouvaillevancouver.com.



Stewardship
Reflection

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2013

“He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, we must realize that in rising from the dead, Jesus declares to us that He is truly God and His way is the real way. His commands are real. We cannot ignore them any longer. We must throw off our chains of greed, materialism and selfishness and rise to a new level of giving and doing good, just as Jesus called us to do.

Stewardship Office,
The Archdiocese of
Winnipeg
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Two days later, Phyllis Cross came in and Edith said, "Do you know what day it is?" Phyllis Cross said, "Why Edith, it's Good Friday." Edith said, "Oh, no, for you every day is Easter. Happy Easter Phyllis!"

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Phyllis Cross came into work, did some of her duties and then went down to the flower shop and got some Easter lilies because she wanted to go up to see Edith and give her some Easter lilies and wish her a Happy Easter. When she walked into Edith's room, Edith was in bed. That big black Bible was on her lap. Her hands were in that Bible. There was a sweet smile on her face.

When Phyllis Cross went to pick up Edith's hand, she realized Edith was dead.

Her left hand was on John 14: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." Her right hand was on Revelation 21:4, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Phyllis Cross took one look at that dead body, and then lifted her face toward heaven, and with tears streaming down her cheeks, said, "Happy Easter, Edith - Happy Easter!"

Phyllis Cross left Edith's body, walked out of the room, and over to a table where two student nurses were sitting. She said, "My name is Phyllis Cross. Do you believe in Easter?"

-- Author Unknown (We acknowledge the contributor of this story)

Pain to Glory

Every painful event contains in itself a seed of growth and liberation. In the light of this truth return to your life now and take a look at one or another of the events that you are not grateful for, and see if you can discover the potential for growth that they contain which you were unaware of and therefore failed to benefit from. Now think of some recent event that caused you pain, that produced negative feelings in you. Whoever or whatever caused those feelings was your Teacher, because they revealed so much to you about yourself that you probably did not know. And they offered you an invitation and a challenge to self-understanding, self-discovery, and therefore to growth and life and freedom.

Spring in our Life

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is a sign of spring in our life. We can never taste spring without experiencing a bitter winter. Jesus could not rise to life without being in the tomb for three days. Well, that tomb experience was preceded by the experience of agony, torture, and death on the Cross. We often experience that the Resurrected life is a true mystery to all of us. Some could even put a question to themselves: Is there life after death? But some images in nature can explain that mystery.

Jesus' resurrection means that death is not the end. That though my body may lie moldering in the ground, Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead, gives me eternal life. Ultimately, we Christians believe, our bodies, too, will be raised from the dead.

HE IS RISEN !!! And since Jesus is not dead, people can encounter him today. You can know him through a personal relationship. HAPPY EASTER TO YOU!

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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