

Guardian Angels Parish

April 22, 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

Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays 6:30 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays

All Day Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament (except during Lent); Exposition right after morning Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass follows at 7:00 pm

Baptism -

Please contact the Parish office to register.

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 appointment.

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.

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. Process begins in September

Faith Study

Catechesis by NeoCatechumenal Way Community every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 pm Venue: Millennium Parish Hall.

Parish Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

April 23 - 29

Mon. - 7 pm:

+**Dionisio Carlos+ Vergara+**

By: *Fermin & Marie Larosa*

Tues.- 8:00 am:

Wed., - 8:00 am:

Thursday: 8:00 am:

+**Stephanie Laverriere +**

By: *Daniel Brooks*

Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday

9:00 am:

4:00 pm:

Sunday:

9:00 am:

+**Vincent Sabeikis+**

By: *Family*

11:00 am:

+**Annalee Marte+**

By: *Irma Uhuad*

12:30 pm:

Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

TRASH & TREASURE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 12 & 13 AT 10:00 AM in the Millennium Parish Hall. **NOTE: WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING**

CLOTHES. Please bring your donations of merchandise (new or used) EXCEPT CLOTHES AND MAJOR APPLIANCES, in the Rectory Basement - Cecile and her team are there every Wednesday, between 10 am to 2 pm, to receive your donations. Raffle tickets are now available: \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5 or \$20 for a book of 12 tickets. **BAKE SALE:** Those who have passion for baking, please consider donating some baked goodies and pies. Your donations shall be received on Friday, May 11 between 10 am to 3 pm. Please call Cecile at 604 683-0143 for more details.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion for the Grade 2 's in P.R.E.P. will be on Sunday, April 29th at the 9:00 am Mass. Let us support our First Communicants and their respective families, including the P.R.E.P. teachers, with our prayers.

Scriptural Readings

Monday: April 23

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119; John 6:22-29

Tuesday: April 24

Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 31; John 6:30-35

Wednesday: April 25

1Peter 5:5-14; Psalm 89; Mark 16:15-20

Thursday: April 26

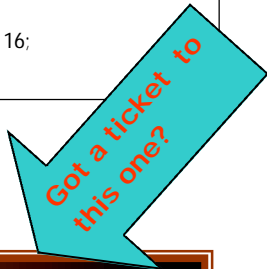
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66; John 6:44-51

Friday: April 27

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117; John 6:52-59

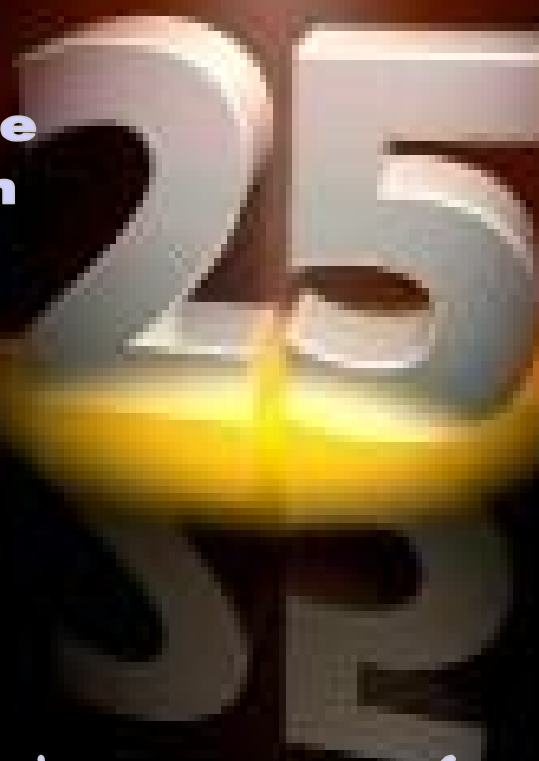
Saturday: April 28

Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 116; John 6:53, 60-69



PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Silver Jubilee Celebration



Saturday, April 28, 2012

Mass at 4:00 PM

Dinner follows at the Millennium Parish Hall

Rev. Rudolf V. D'Souza, OCD, PhD

PARISH GROUPS

Knights of Columbus (Council # 14723)

- Terry Brennan - Grand Knight
778-229-7228

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

You are invited

Special Mass for



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

on Sunday, Apr. 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 525 Campbell Avenue, Vancouver, with a reception to follow at Sacred Spirit Centre (old school next to Blessed Kateri Centre) after mass. All are welcome.

3rd Sunday of Easter April 22, 2012



Stewardship Reflection

*In today's Gospel Jesus commissions His Disciples to take the good news to all nations. "The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and **have their own share in the mission**" (Vatican II Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity). By our baptism and confirmation we too are commissioned by Christ himself. We are called to be good stewards of what we profess.*

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca



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,

Walter Wilhelm, Gerald Thompson, 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

Mary, a Mother for Our Times - Marian Conference 2012

The Conference is scheduled to be held at St. Ann's Parish Centre, Abbotsford from **May 11th** evening to 13th afternoon. Listen to prominent speakers; food & refreshments; musical celebration with a guest singer. More information visit

www.stannsabbotsford.ca; email: reo-st-anns-parish@shaw.ca; call 604-852-5602

Forgiveness and Fearless Living- Life Transformation Series

Workshops - Forgiveness makes you stronger! Embrace forgiveness, leave the past behind and live the life of courage, integrity and joy. St. Peter's Parish, 330 Royal Avenue, New Westminster on **Apr. 26** at 7 p.m. Registration - \$20. Call **778-239-7996**; email milena@mclifecoach.com; For more info visit www.mclifecoach.com

ESL Catholics

Learn to understand and celebrate Mass in English. Free Drop-in sessions on Wednesdays, 5 – 6 p.m. from **May 16** to **June 13** at the Holy Rosary Cathedral Hall, 650 Richards St. This program is sponsored by the HRC Catholic Women's League. For more information call 604-602-0139.

When Life Doesn't Go Your Way Retreat Day for Women

– A Message of Hope when Life doesn't go your way with Katrina Zeno. Talks include: The Goodness of God, The Joy of the Cross, and the Gift of the Eucharist. St. Ann's Parish, 33333 Mayfair Ave. Abbotsford on **May 19** – begins with Mass at 9 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$25 includes continental breakfast and hot lunch. Phone: 604-852-5602; visit: www.stannsabbotsford.ca

Seminar of Hope

The Seminar of Hope will help you grow in faith and hope and know God's peace, then DISCOVER how God is at work in you and your loved ones! COME to "How to Pray for Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones" by Vernon Robertson, at St. Mary's Parish (Church Basement) 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver, BC (200M south of Joyce Skytrain Station - entrance by Euclid St.), on Friday, **May 11** at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, **May 12** at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. FREE coffee/snacks; bring your bagged lunch and own coffee mug. Seminar is free – donations are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary in order to get a copy of the seminar manual. Call 604 460 0114; or 604 435-9611 ext. 230; or 604 454-3143 to register.

Focus on Life Gala Dinner

The Focus on Life Gala Dinner, the annual fundraising event for life-affirming media initiatives, will be held on **May 28, 2012** at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. Featuring Laura-Lynn Tyler Thompson, a local inspirational speaker and television personality. Tickets \$75.00 per person or \$750.00 for table of 10. For information and tickets: info@signalhill.com or 1-877-7SIGNAL.

Walk / Run for Birthright

Birthright is a non-profit, non-political, interdenominational emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright Vancouver will be holding a Walk/Run fundraiser to support its ongoing services for pregnant women. The event is a walk or run to be held on **May 26**, around Queen Elizabeth Park. We cordially invite you and all other supporters to register and begin collecting donations on behalf of Birthright Vancouver. More information e-mail birthrightvancouver@gmail.com ; visit: www.birthright.org

Pastor's Corner

3rd Sunday of Easter

Superman

Our tendency is to look for Christ in the extraordinary, the spectacular, the breathtaking. Remember in Superman: the Movie when Superman first reveals his superpowers to the world? Lois Lane is dangling from a cable, high atop the Daily Planet building, screaming at the top of her lungs. Just as she begins her long fall to earth, Superman changes into his flashy red, yellow, and blue outfit and swoops up to catch her in midair. "Don't worry, Miss," he assures her, "I've got you." "You've got me," she exclaims. "Who's got you?" Just then the helicopter that has been perched on the edge of the building begins to fall straight toward them and the crowd below. But Superman merely grabs it with his one free arm and gently sets both it and Lois safely back on the landing pad. When he turns to leave, an astonished Lois stammers out the words, "Who ARE you?" "A friend," Superman replies warmly, and as he flies straight up into the air with a sort of half twist. Lois faints.

That's the way we would like for Christ to come to us. And that is why we miss him. Christ reveals himself as he has always revealed himself "through the Word and through the Sacraments," through the study of Scripture and the breaking of Bread.

He was as human as we are

When we suffer great pain we cry. Jesus too cried when he was hurt. When his cousin and friend Lazarus died. Jesus cried before entering Jerusalem for the last time before his passion because he knew they would not accept him as the Messiah and that the city would be destroyed (Luke 19.41-44).

When there is injustice we become angry. Jesus too became angry when he saw injustice. He drove the money-changers out of the temple (Mat 21.12-13). Like all of us, Jesus was afraid when faced with something dreadful- like Jesus' agony in Gethsemane when he asked his Father to let the chalice of his passion pass him by. In John 12.27 Jesus said, "Now my soul is troubled." Just as we encounter and often give in to many temptations, Jesus also was tempted on many occasions not only in the desert for 40 days.

There is a story of a British soldier in the **First World War who lost heart for the battle and deserted.** Trying to reach the coast for a boat to England that night, he ended up wandering in the pitch black night, hopelessly lost. In the darkness, he came across what he thought was a signpost. It was so dark that he began to climb the post so that he could read it. As he reached the top of the pole, he struck a match to see and found himself looking squarely into the face of Jesus Christ. **He realized that, rather than running into a signpost, he had climbed a roadside crucifix.** Then he remembered the One who had died for him . . . who had endured . . . who had never turned back. The next morning the soldier was back in the trenches. ("To Illustrate," Preaching Magazine, Jan-Feb 1989.) Maybe that's what you and I need to do in the moments of our distress and darkness, "strike a match in the darkness and look on the face of Jesus Christ." For Christ is here. He comes to us just as he came to those two disciples on the road to Emmaus even though we may not recognize him. He takes the initiative. He knocks on the door.

Jesus' humanity inspires us to become like him. We need to shed all our self importance, pride, egoism and selfishness so that we may be elevated to Christ in his body. This process should help us usher into new life in Jesus.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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