

Guardian Angels Parish

April 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

Infant Jesus of Prague:

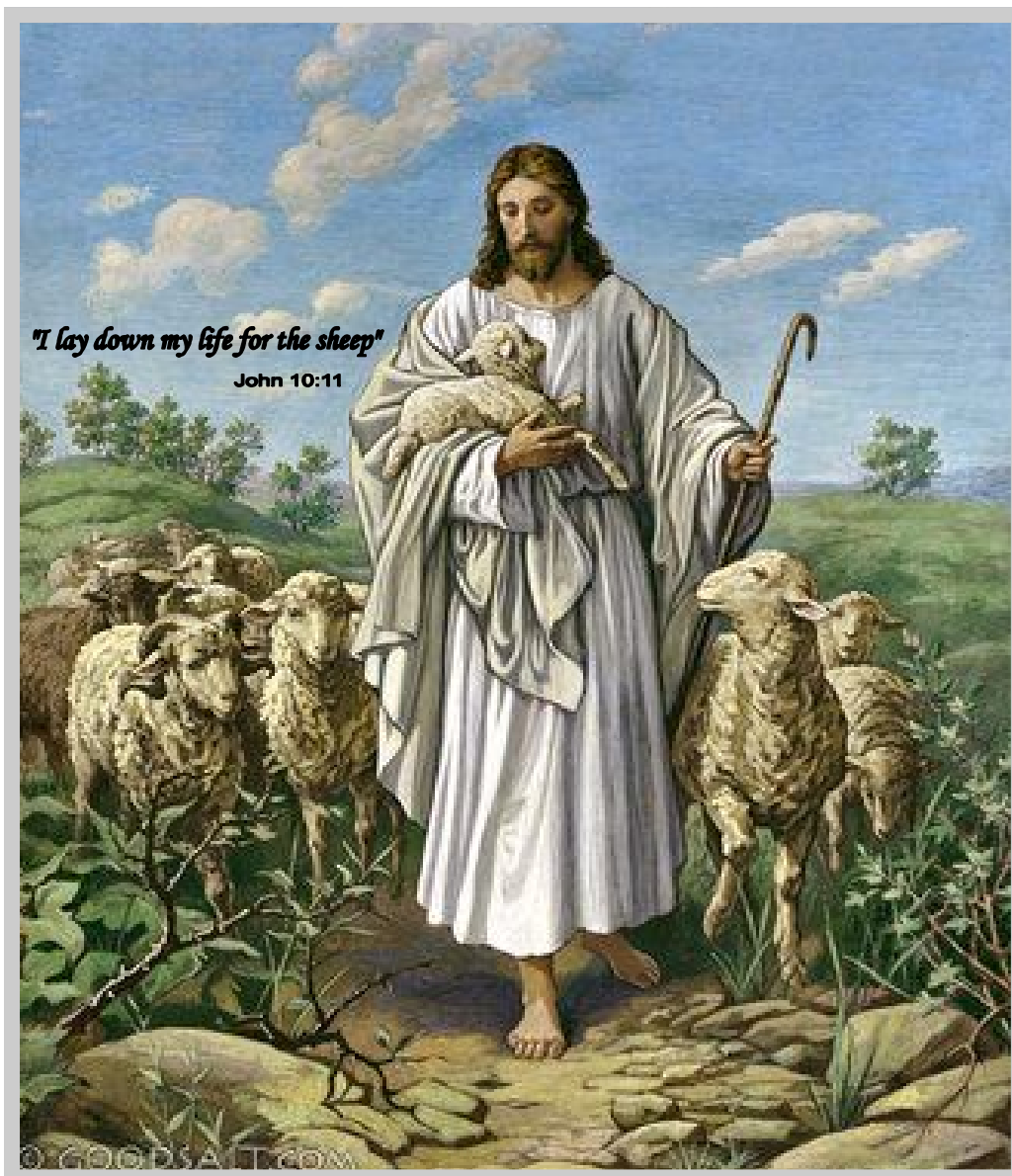
Mondays 6:30 pm

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 30- May 6

- Mon. - 7 pm:
+Jose Bernales+
By: Beth Bernales
- Tues.- 8:00 am:
+Anne & Bronnie Staskunas+
By: Vivian Coubarakis
- Wed., - 8:00 am:
Intentions of Mila Roybal
By: Connie Perez
- Thursday: 8:00 am:
+Consuelo Tuells +
By: Connie Perez
- Friday: 8:00 am
+Roger Ingoldby+
By: Lucie Ingoldby
- Saturday
9:00 am: +Vicente & Angela Otazu+
By: Connie Perez
- 4:00 pm:- +Pauline Pang Lim+
By: Vincent & Lilian Ng & Family
- Sunday:**
9:00 am:
+Patricia & Corazon Calas+
By: Victoria Calas
- 11:00 am:
+John Taylor+
By: Ellen & Ed Bilek
- 12:30 pm:
Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

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

TRASH & TREASURE AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 12 & 13 AT 10:00 AM in the Millennium Parish Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND, RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER EACH MASS AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE—
\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5 or \$20 for a book of 12 tickets. Get a chance to win great prizes - Cash or Gift Certificates!

The last day of accepting your donations for the bazaar is Wednesday, May 9 between 10 am and 2 pm.

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.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2012

Next weekend, Project Advance pledge cards will be available at the Church foyer. For those who already have an account number, your pledge cards will be mailed out to you.

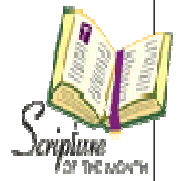
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REMINDER

To Brother Knights, our next Council meeting will be Wednesday, **May 2** at 7pm in the Millennium Hall. Please



Scriptural Readings

- Monday: April 30**
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42;
John 10:1-10
- Tuesday: May 1**
Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87;
John 10:22-30
- Wednesday: May 2**
Acts 12:24- 13:5; Psalm 67;
John 12:44-50
- Thursday: May 3**
1Cor. 15:1-8; Psalm 19;
John 14:6-14
- Friday: May 4**
Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2;
John 14:1-6
- Saturday: May 5**
Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98;
John 14:7-14



Pastor's Corner

4th Sunday of Easter

The Hubble

Recently I watched a documentary by name HUBBLE in Vancouver. It was awesome and great. I was just asking myself after the movie isn't it astounding that God who is almighty should be concerned about us? When we think of how big the universe is, it is even more astounding that we are so important to God. Our solar system with the sun at the center and the eight planets revolving around it, is just one solar system in our galaxy called the Milky Way. The Milky Way may have 100,000 Billion solar systems similar to our own i.e. 100,000 billion suns or more with their own planets. It is 100,000 lights years in diameter. The Milky Way is just one galaxy in the universe which is thought to contain about 8000 million galaxies. It is truly beyond comprehension. We are indeed nothing by comparison but in fact we are more important than all the solar systems, all the galaxies and the entire universe itself because we are God's beloved. God has a wonderful plan for us, and that plan is Jesus - salvation through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The Love of God

When we think of how much God has done for us and how much God loves us we are left with only one response, praise and gratitude and love of God. It is part of our very being, to praise and thank and love God. If we forget in the midst of all our activity how important we are in the eyes of God, what a great loss we have suffered. But when we remember God's love for us and all he has done for us, our only natural response is to love God in return.



Fr. Rudy's Silver Jubilee

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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

'May he rest in peace'



Richard (Dick) Herring has passed on to his Creator

Funeral service is on Wed., May 2nd at 10:30 am;
Prayers on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 pm
Guardian Angels Church

Project Advance Sharing with Joy

Project Advance 2012 offers the opportunity to recognize the call of the Gospel and respond in a positive manner – thus ensuring that the needs present within our parish and our archdiocese can be addressed. Please respond in faith and generosity. If you have not yet received complete information in the mail, please pick up a letter from the pastor, a brochure and a pledge form from one of our Project Advance volunteers. You can also go online to donate to our parish at www.rcav.org.

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

ESL for 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

Queen of Peace Monastery

Join a fun-filled evening and discover wonderful surprises while being part of the historical building of a monastery on **Saturday, May 5**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the basement of St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Admission: \$10; donations will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will help the Dominican nuns in Squamish build a sacred space of beauty, simplicity and silence and will also serve as an oasis for people to draw apart from their day-to-day world and be with God. Books written by Dominican nuns will be on sale and raffle tickets for an inspired painting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Sunday, May 6**, the Dominican nuns will be present at all Masses. Please help us extend our warm welcome to them. More info: www.dominicannunsbc.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.

4th Sunday of Easter April 29, 2012



Stewardship Reflection

*"I know my sheep and they know me". To know our Shepherd is to know scripture. "How can we truly know Christ so as to be able to follow him and live with him? First and foremost, Christ makes his person, his life and his teaching known to us through the **Word of God.**" (Pope Benedict XVI). We are all given the same 24 hours in each day. No one has any advantage when it comes to time. How do we make the best use of this most precious gift? Stewardship of our time is a challenge in today's busy world. Nevertheless, we can all afford to devote a little time to God's Word each day.*

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

Pastor's Corner continued....

Everyone is Special to God

When we contemplate that God loves everyone as much as he loves us we think of everyone in a new way. Everyone is special to God. The love we know God has for ourselves is also the love God has for the person beside me, in front of me, behind me, for my neighbor who goes to a different church, for the people I may not particularly like, and the people who may not particularly like me. We are all God's beloved. And because everyone is so special to God who loves us so much we want to love everyone also. So the second command of Jesus in the Gospel today, where he says that he lays down his life for his sheep (John), which summarizes Commandments four through ten, is not so much a command but the natural thing to do when we realize how much God loves everyone. Everyone is in some way a reflection of God, of the God who loves us, and so we want to love the reflection of God in others.

More like God

When we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, what happens? We become more like God. We are filled with the light of God. One person who witnessed people filled with God's light in a more dramatic way than normal was Malcolm Muggeridge (1903-1990; he was a British journalist, author and media person) which he has described in his book *Something Beautiful for God* (pages 41-45) which is an account of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Muggeridge and his film crew were filming the nuns picking up the dying from the streets and bringing them to a home for the dying. Muggeridge wrote, "This Home for the Dying is dimly lit by small windows high up in the walls, and Ken was adamant that filming was quite impossible there. We had only one small light with us, and to get the place adequately lighted in the time at our disposal was quite impossible. It was decided that, nonetheless, Ken should have a go, but by way of insurance he took, as well, some film in an outside courtyard where some of the inmates were sitting in the sun. In the processed film, the part taken inside was bathed in a particularly beautiful soft light, whereas the part taken outside was rather dim and confused...Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying is overflowing with love, as one senses immediately on entering it. This love is luminous, like the haloes artists have seen and made visible round the heads of the saints. I find it not at all surprising that the luminosity should register on a photographic film. "(pages 41...44 is the story of another photographic miracle when a priest brought a patient Holy Communion to the hospital) At the time Muggeridge wrote *Something Beautiful for God* he was not a Catholic but eleven years later he converted to Catholicism and meeting Mother Teresa was largely responsible for his conversion. When we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, we are filled with light and miracles happen.

Practical Conclusion

Once I was travelling by train and I had wonderful friends that day along with me in my compartment. What impressed me during my journey was the way they were treating us with all delicacy and care. Each one would offer what each one brought for the journey. Then came a deserving beggar asking for alms and food. Well, no one was generous, including me who was feeling a bit nervous in the presence of that 'good' company to give something to that beggar. To stop my conscience pounding at me, I moved towards the corridor and gave the beggar Rs. 10 for his food. Did I do well? I do not know. I should have the courage to give something to the poor beggar in the presence of the good company of people around me. What actually means love of neighbour? Is that feeling well when all is well around me and among my friends? No. Love of neighbour means perhaps shedding some of my ego and loving everyone unconditionally. Of course this is difficult but God wants just that.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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