

Guardian Angels Parish

August 5, 2012

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)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

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

Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent); Benediction at 6:45 pm; Holy Mass follows at 7:00 pm



18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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.

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. (Closed during summer)

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 Wednesday and Saturday 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.

Parish News

MASS INTENTIONS

August 6 - 12

Mon. - 7 pm:

+**Maria Sibayan** +

By: Vince Sibayan

Tues. - 8:00 am:

+**Rosemarie & Ignatius Mascarenhas**+

By: Theresa Dagenais

Wed., - 8:00 am:

+**Joyce Ingoldby**+

By: Lucy Ingoldby

Thursday: 8:00 am:

+**Estrella Custodio** +

By: Maria Theresa Ong

Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday

9:00 am:

4:00 pm:-

+**Jasime & Josefina Chua Timapo** +

By: Helen Tiampo

Sunday:

9:00 am:

+**Rosemarie Mascarenhas** +

By: Theresa Dagenais

11:00 am:

+**James Patrick Staskunas** +

By: Vivian Coubarakis

12:30 pm:

Intentions 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

We have added another coach for September 11, 2012 !!!

More seats are made available for those who are interested to go to Mission, BC for the inaugural blessing of the Carmelite Formation House

We will leave Guardian Angels at 8:30 am sharp. Holy Mass at 10 AM will be celebrated at the Abbey in Mission; Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant. Right after Mass, the Inaugural blessing will follow at 10789 N. Deroche Road, Fraservalley Mission, BC where the Formation House is located. Free lunch will be served. Please call or e-mail the parish office to reserve your seat in the bus.

Pilgrimage to the Grotto of Our Lady in Mission, BC - purchase your ticket now!

On Saturday, August 18th, you are invited to join the pilgrimage to the Grotto in Heritage Park, Mission, BC. Main celebrant this year will be Most Rev. Archbishop Michael Miller. Confession will be heard on site between 10 am and 1 pm. For more details, please see the poster on the bulletin board. **Bus ticket is \$12.00 per person Bus will load passengers at 9:20 am and will leave at 9:30 am sharp from the church parking. Tickets are available at the foyer this weekend or call Leonarda at 604 684-9806 to purchase.**

Project Advance 2012 - 'Sharing with Joy'

Project Advance donors have been graciously Sharing with Joy in our parish and around the Archdiocese where more than 9,000 families have said "Yes!" Most parishes have already doubled their goal. As of last weekend, we are 80% of our goal. **Will you 'Share with Joy' too?** For those who do not have a copy of the pledge form as yet, please take one brochure—**"Sharing with Joy"** from our ushers on your way out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Help Employment for Christians in Bethlehem & Jerusalem

August 11/12 a family will be selling wood crafts (carved olive wood) in our church foyer. Supporting this sale is our little way of assisting this community and supporting the last minority of Christians to be rooted in the Land of Christ, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. It is also a way of preserving a local cultural heritage which is in danger of being lost as more Christians feel pressured to leave their homeland for economic and political reasons. You can buy the religious crafts for gifts or collection. We don't accept any donations please. However, all types of payments are accepted.



Monday: August 6

2Peter 1:16-19;

Psalm 97;

Mark 9:2-10

Tuesday: August 7

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15,,18-22;

Psalm 102;

Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday: Aug. 8

Jere.miah31:1-7; Jeremiah 31;

Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Aug. 9

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51;

Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: Aug. 10

2Cor. 9:6-10; Psalm 112;

John 12: 24-26

Saturday: Aug. 11

Habakkuk 1:12- 2 :4

Psalm 9; Matthew 17:14-20

Pastor's Corner

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Plenty of Room for Others

Have you ever noticed that in Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper everybody is on one side of the table? The other side is empty. "Why's that?" asked someone of the great artist. His answer was simple: "So that there may be plenty of room for us to join them." Want to let Jesus do His thing on earth through you? Then pull up a chair and receive Him into your heart.

The Embarrassment

Two Christian businessmen were having lunch in a downtown restaurant. The waitress serving their table dumped a bowl of hot soup right over one of these businessmen. Everybody gasped and stared. "They just couldn't wait for the manager to run out and fire this lady. They just couldn't wait for this man, standing there, dripping, with his suit ruined, to cuss this waitress out, but the fellow looked at that waitress and said, "Young lady, I'm so sorry this happened to you. I know it embarrasses you." (Jerry Clower, LIFE EVER LAUGHTER, Nashville, Tennessee: Rutledge Hill Press, 1988). How would you have handled that situation? Can you love as the Master would have us love? "Love one another as I have loved you." Jesus' love surpasses all the patient love of mankind.

You Look for Bread

Today's Gospel begins at the moment they met him across the lake (from last week's gospel).

Surprised to see him, the people asked him when he came since they knew the disciples had set off alone. Instead he tells them why they came; a lesson in self-knowledge. "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat." Jesus knows who he is, and he knows who they are. This is what drew the crowds to him; he knows them and teaches them with the full authority of his knowing. (continued on page 4)



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,

Andre Costa, Gerald Thompson, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milbum, 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

Be Touched by God's Healing Love

Be healed by the power of God; let Him renew your mind, body and spirit. Mustard Seed Healing Ministry invites you to a Healing Prayer Service on Saturday, **Aug. 11** at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 - 10th Avenue, Burnaby. Mass at 5 p.m. followed by exposition and procession of the Blessed Sacrament. For information call 604-507-0351.

Faith Formation and Ministry

Training for Adults
Nourish your soul, explore your faith, developing ministry leaders - Archdiocesan Summer Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Faith formation topics include: Basics of the Faith & Discovering the Gospels. Ministry training offered for RCIA and PREP. New for this year a course on learning new mobile media such as facebook, sms, twitter, etc. **Saturday, Aug. 25** at St. Patrick's Secondary School, Vancouver from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$35, includes lunch. All are welcome. Visit: www.rcav.org/oc/summer.

Triduum of Talks on the Divine Mercy

The Brothers of the Merciful Jesus are a religious community who promote the message of Divine Mercy. Fr. Julian Maria, the co-founder and a well-received homilist, will be at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta for three days of talks. He will speak after the 8.15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses on **Aug. 20, 21** and 22. Accompanying him during the healing Adoration will be Brother Miroslav, a musician.

Project Advance Grants

Applications for one time "Special Needs" grants through Project Advance for 2013 are now available on the Archdiocesan website. To be eligible, groups (not parishes or their projects) must be affiliated with the Catholic Church, be located and serve multiple persons here in our Archdiocese. The grant request must assist with a capital initiative. For more information on eligibility and to download an application, visit Project Advance at www.rcav.org. Deadline for applications is Sep. 30, 2012.

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Stewardship Reflection

"What must we do to perform the works of God?" the people ask in today's Gospel. As Disciples of Christ we too desire to know what we must do to be good Catholic Christians. St. Paul gives us a hint in the second reading today, "Clothe yourselves with the New Man". Putting on the mind of Christ means loving as he loves, giving as he gives, and serving as he serves. This is good stewardship. What gives us the confidence and courage to follow Jesus' example? The strength and nourishment we need is found in the bread of life.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

Priest drawn to religious vocation at a young age **Guardian Angels' pastor fascinated by the Church as a child, encouraged to be altar server by his father**

Taken from BC Catholic July 30, 2012

Fr. Rudolf D'Souza, OCD, the pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver, comes from a very religious family. Born in Mangalore, India, he is the second of seven siblings, one of whom is a religious sister.

As a young child growing up, he was fascinated by the Church and the life of Christ. His father had a great influence on him in his early life. He encouraged him to become an altar server. This closeness to Christ as an altar server and his love for the Church were major factors in him becoming a priest.

He was attracted at an early age by the Carmelites, because he like their brown habits, but as he grew older he grew to love their spiritual lifestyle and discipline. He decided to join them at the age of just 13, knowing even at that tender age exactly what he wanted to do in life.

After completing his schooling, he started his religious studies in 1978 and was professed a Discalced Carmelite in 1980. He was ordained a priest in 1987.

The Carmelites are well known for their spirituality and contemplative prayer; the influence of the ascetical, mystical theology of St. John of the Cross is reflected in Fr. D'Souza and in his lectures and writings.

Fr. Rudolf has been blessed with talents in many spheres of life. He has two bachelor's degrees, one in philosophy and one in theology. He has two master's degrees, one in sociology and one in spirituality. He also has a doctorate in spiritual theology and a diploma from the Institute of Yoga in Mumbai, India.

The regional superior of the Carmelites in Canada, he has written over 25 books, he has given retreats and seminars in seven different countries, and has even given yoga lessons in Spain and Italy. He can say with St. Paul (1Cor. 9:23) **"I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some."**

In spite of all his academic knowledge and life experiences, Fr. D'Souza is a real down-to-earth man. His greatest joy as a priest is to celebrate Mass. He spends what spare time he has reading and writing.

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In other words, you are not looking for Me (for God); you are looking for bread (for yourselves).

What do we want?

We might ask ourselves why are we here? What is the real reason? What are we looking for - worship (God) or consolation (self)?

Jesus' teaching proceeds through a series of questions and answers which are all set against the miracle of the previous day. The word 'work' becomes the lynch pin of each new step in the unfolding catechesis.

- You 'worked' (i.e. got into your boats and crossed to this side of the lake) looking for bread that cannot last.
- Do not work for food that cannot last.
- Work for food that endures to eternal life.
- What work does God want us to do?
- This is the work God wants – believe in the one he has sent.
- What work will you do – to show us we should believe in you?

At this point Jesus, as he always does, shows that it is really God, his Father, who is doing this work; that Jesus himself is the work of the Father: for on Him the Father, God himself, has set His seal.

The Ambassador

When a king, emperor, president, or any leader sends an ambassador to a foreign country to speak in his name that ambassador speaks with the full power of the one who sent him. The teaching of Jesus is therefore the teaching of the Father himself and consequently, the works that God wants from his people is to believe in the one he has sent.

The connection between God and Jesus is inescapable, just as the connection between Jesus and the Apostles is inescapable: As the Father sent me, so am I sending you. (John 20.21) And then: Anyone who listens to you listens to me; anyone who rejects you rejects me, and those who reject me reject the one who sent me. (Luke 10.16)

God-Jesus-Church

To reject the authentic teaching of the Church is to reject Jesus, and to reject Jesus is to reject the Father who sent him. As Pope Benedict has clarified for us, "those who say Jesus yes, Church no, are actually saying Church no, Jesus no."

So, finally, what is the work that God the Father is here doing through Jesus? It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. (Please note the present tense of the words is and gives – so they apply to us here in this church too, here and now.)

I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

Jesus is the true bread which the Father has given His people from heaven and to accept Him as such is to do the work the Father wants of us.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

"At the evening of life, all will be examined through Love" St. John of the Cross

Priest drawn... (from page 3)

Guardian Angels Parish in Vancouver has changed spiritually and physically in the short time he has been there. Church attendance has increased, the church building has got a new look, and a program for the hungry and poor has been instituted. ☐

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