

Guardian Angels Parish

June 17, 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

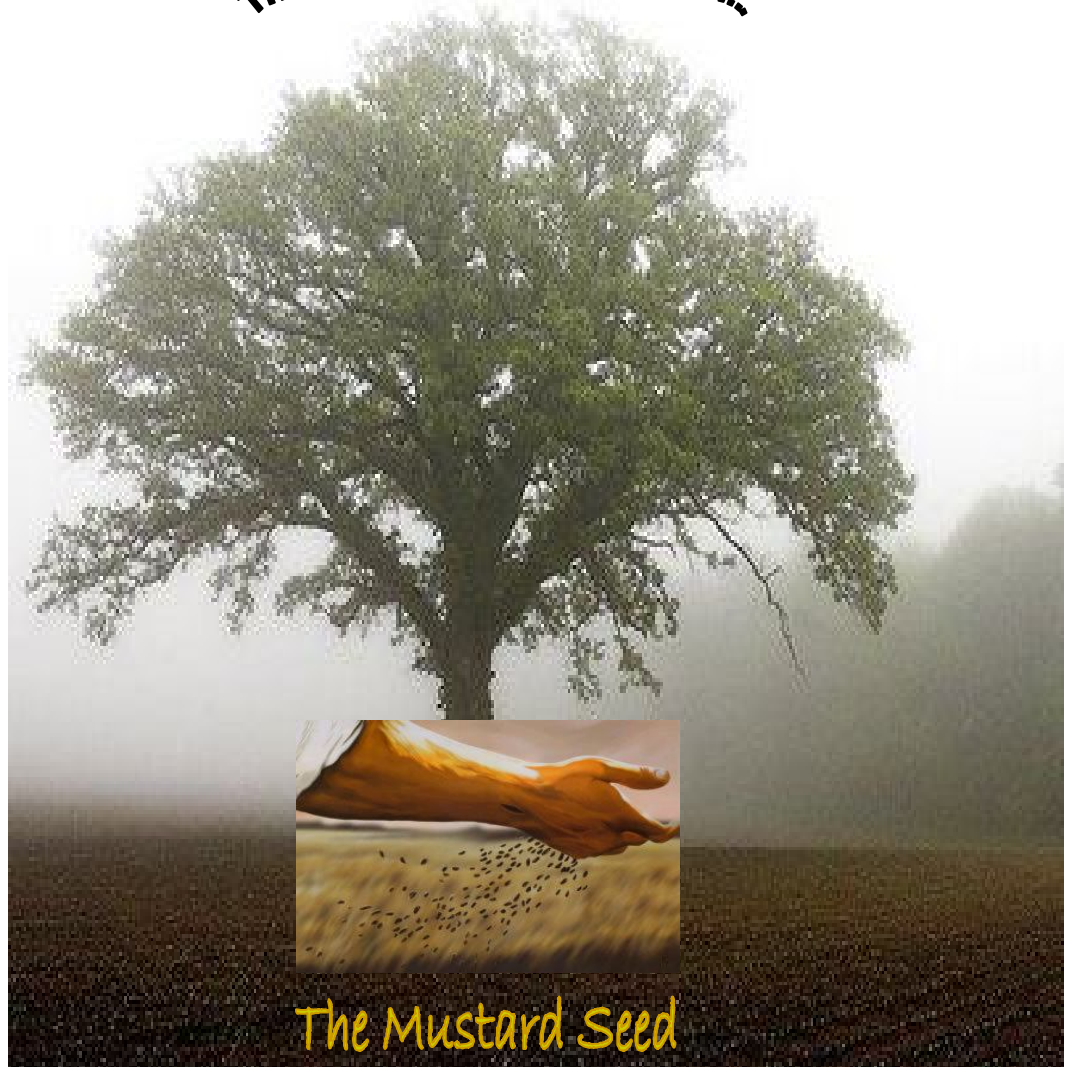
Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays

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

The Kingdom of God is like...



The Mustard Seed

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 if off in the office or in the Collection basket at Mass.

Parish Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS June 18 - 24

Mon. - 7 pm:

+**Louie & John Fernandes+**

By: Kevin Fernandes

Tues. - 8:00 am:

+**Hyacinte Valentian+**

By: M.A. Hovasse

Wed., - 8:00 am:

+**Stephanie Piaumien+**

By: M.A. Hovasse

Thursday: 8:00 am:

+**Simeon Dee +**

By: Enrique Crame

Friday: 8:00 am

+**Simeon Dee +**

By: Conchita Perez

Saturday

9:00 am: +**Simeon Dee +**

By: Lito & Lita Recio

4:00 pm:- +**Simeon Dee +**

By: Jose & Fortuna Perez-Tuells

Sunday:

9:00 am:

+**Marshall Shavchook+**

By Virginia Pettigrew

11:00 am:

+**Bartulan Baksh +**

By: Shairoon Bainbridge

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

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!" Add your donation to these growing numbers. As of last weekend, the **total amount of pledges received by our parish is \$21,100. Our Parish Goal is \$60,000.**

Please take the time to discern your contribution to the good work of the Archdiocese and our own parish. Every gift is important. Learn more by picking up a brochure - "**Sharing with Joy**" - at the Church foyer or by going online to www.rcav.org.

Altar Servers' Outing - Saturday, July 21st

The Altar Servers are invited to sign-up for a 'Day Time Outing' at **Cultus Lake Waterpark**. Three parents will chaperon the group. Those who will sign-up must complete the 'Parent's Permission &/or Waiver' Form (available at the Church foyer) and must be received by the parish office complete with parent's signature on or before June 30th at 4:00 pm.

We need more READERS at Sunday Masses

We need to develop a larger pool of qualified and faithful Readers at Sunday Masses. We will schedule audition and training sometime in September (date to be announced). Those who are interested in Reading at Sunday Masses, please call Carol at 604 682-2765.

Scriptural Readings

Monday: June 18

1Kings 21:1-16; Psalm 5;

Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: June 19

1Kings 21:17-29;

Psalm 51; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: June 20

2Kings 2:1,6-14; Psalm 31;

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: June 21

Sirach 48:1-14; ; Psalm 97;

Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: June 22

2Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Psalm 132;

Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday: June 23

2Chronicles 24:17-25; Psalm 89;

Matthew 6:24-34



Pastor's Corner

11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Mustard Seed

According to Mark's gospel, Jesus began teaching in parables shortly after appointing the twelve. A parable is a wise saying or short fictitious story used by Jesus to set forth His teaching. Parables may contain allegorical elements. Today we hear the parables of the growing seed and of the mustard seed.

He said, "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

Jesus tells his disciples about his Church: The preaching of the gospel; the generously scattered seed will unfailingly yield its fruit, independent of who sows or reaps But it is God who gives the growth. (1 Cor 3.5-9).

This also refers to the action of grace in each soul: God silently works a transformation in each one of us causing us to make resolutions which shape our soul. We resolve to be faithful, surrender ourselves, respond to grace. Our callings and responses may be different as we are individuals (Eph 4.11-13). Even though we must make the decision to become a follower of Christ, it is the Holy Spirit who, working within us, gives a supernatural tone to our thoughts, desires and actions.

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

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Archdiocesan Events



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, 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.

"Pray always. I will be your rest."

Join us for the final talk of a series on the Little Mandate, the spirit of Madonna House. We will have a special guest speaker this month – Frater Leo Barker, OSB, a monk of Westminster Abbey. Frater Leo will give us a reflection on what the Lord's command to us to "pray always" means in our busy lives. We will meet at St. John the Apostle parish hall on Saturday, **June 23** from 9:30am – noon. Call Madonna House at 604-267-1757 or e-mail madonna02@shaw.ca for more information

Remembrance Mass Service for Infant & Child Loss hosted by St. Matthew's

Parents and family members who wish to honour the lives of all children gone-too-soon, including toddlers and infants, babies lost during or after birth and who have died during pregnancy, couples who are struggling with infertility and those trying to conceive, parents who are expecting and those on a waiting list to adopt, as well as parents who lovingly chose to give up and/or welcome children through adoption and fostering will be remembered on this day. St. Matthew's Parish, 16079 - 88 Ave., Surrey on Saturday, June 30 – Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by "**Teddy Bear**" Tea. RSVP: Ann – annamsing@yahoo.com.

Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva

A Solemn Mass on the Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei will be held at the Holy Rosary Cathedral on Tuesday, **June 26** at 7:30 p.m. Archbishop Miller will be the main celebrant. Confessions at 6:30 p.m. Reception at Alice MacKay Room, Vancouver Public Library, lower level of Library Square, 350 W. Georgia St. All are welcome.

Archdiocesan Stewardship Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Archdiocesan Stewardship Award. Nominations should reach the Stewardship Awards Committee by **July 31, 2012**. Archbishop Miller will present approximately 30 awards on **Sunday, Oct. 7** at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Award recipients will be lay people who have provided exceptional service in time, talent or treasure to their parish, group, association or community over an extended time or for a one-time major event or occasion. Nomination form can be downloaded at: <http://www.rcav.org/stewardshipaward>.

Annual Book Sale

The annual book sale will be held at St. Mark's/Corpus Christi College, 5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver, from **July 9 – 13**. Books on history, philosophy, religious studies, spirituality, literature, biographies, art, and more will be available. Fill a bag for \$10. The store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday, **July 12** from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vocations Live-In

On the weekend of **July 6 - 8** there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8715.

Workshop on Power Within- Be the Leader of Your Life

Achieve the winning state of mind and take full responsibility for your life. Learn how to use the opportunities that show up and find out how your days define your life. The workshop will be held on Thursday, **June 28 - 7 p.m.** at St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster. Fee: \$20. Call 778-239-7996 ; milena@mclifecoach.com.

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Stewardship Reflection

Today's First Reading and Gospel speak of tiny seeds and sprouts that grow and glorify God. Stewardship, like faith, begins as a seed planted in our hearts and minds.

Through the grace of God, hearts are changed. It follows that a lived experience of stewardship changes the way we think and the way we live. Like a tiny seed our stewardship then grows into a way of life that magnifies our Lord.

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

Employment Opportunities

- Filing Clerk, Chancery Office
- Part-time Cook, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre

More information at: www.rcav.org

Pastor's Corner continued...*(The Mustard Seed)*

How Can the Seed Grow?

A pastor in a parish tells about a woman who called him to speak of her dissatisfaction with the program of the Church. He invited her to come to his office and talk the problem over with him. She accepted the invitation and brought to his attention some of the things that were needed and could be done.

He gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas. He then said, "This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in this. You are the very person this Church needs to head up this program and be the Coordinator. Will you take the job?"

Her reply was just as immediate. "Oh, no, I don't want to get involved. With my club work and the hours that I put on some other things, I just don't have the time. But I will be glad to advise you any time."

The preacher's answer was classic and well put: "Good, gracious, lady, that's the problem now. I already have 400 advisers. I need someone who will work."

Our Earthly Home

This earthly tent we occupy is not our home; our home is in heaven. We are just passing through this place. We are shown in other places (Acts 16.16-40; 22.22-29; Romans 13.1-7; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Ephesians 4.28) that just because we are not with the Lord now, doesn't mean that we shouldn't concern ourselves with building up the earthly city.

We who in this world are away from the Lord, walk about on earth, it is true, but we are hastening on our way to heaven. For here we do not have a lasting place, but we are wayfarers and pilgrims, like all our fathers (Saint Jerome; after A.D. 392, Short Commentaries On The Psalms, 63).

We are Citizens to Two Cities

This council exhorts Christians, as citizens of two cities, to strive to discharge their earthly duties conscientiously and in response to the Gospel spirit. They are mistaken who, knowing that we have here no abiding city but seek one which is to come (Hebrews 13.14), think that they may therefore shirk their earthly responsibilities. For they are forgetting that by the faith itself they are more obliged than ever to measure up to these duties, each according to his proper vocation (2 Thes 3.6-13; Eph 4.28). The Christian who neglects his temporal duties, neglects his duties toward his neighbor and even God, and jeopardizes his eternal salvation. Christians should rather rejoice that, following the example of Christ Who worked as an artisan, they are free to give proper exercise to all their earthly activities and to their humane, domestic, professional, social and technical enterprises by gathering them into one vital synthesis with religious values, under whose supreme direction all things are harmonized unto God's glory (Vatican II; 7 December 1965; Gaudium et spes, 43).

Overall, the meaning of this parable has to do with the contrast between the great and the small. The seed of the Kingdom of God on earth is something very tiny to begin with.

(Lk 12.32; Acts 1.19); but it will grow to be a big tree. The seed is planted in Peter and the apostles, has set its roots in Rome, and has grown to be a big tree; one which encompasses the whole world; a great multitude which no man can number (Rev 7.9)

God bless you,

Fr. Rudy

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