

Guardian Angels Parish

May 6, 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.

5th Sunday of Easter

Parish Announcements

MASS INTENTIONS

May 7 – May 13

Mon. - 7 pm:

+Roy Carter+

Tues. - 8:00 am:

+Noel Fahy+

By: Family

Wed., - 8:00 am:

+Frank Vigilanti+

By: Joe & Eileen Morabito

Thursday: 8:00 am:

+Eliseo Valdez +

By: Family

Friday: 8:00 am

+Michael Herringer+

By: Nikki Fabish

Saturday

9:00 am: +Rosemarie Mascarenhas+

By: Theresa Dagenais

4:00 pm:- +James Patrick Staskunas+

By: Vivian Coubarakis

Sunday:

9:00 am:

+Rosemarie Mascarenhas+

By: Theresa Dagenais

11:00 am:

Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

12:30 pm:

+Luz Cuyugan+

By: Family

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.



We are no longer accepting donations of merchandise for the bazaar on Wednesday. For further details, please contact Cecile 604 683-0143

BAKE SALE: Your donations of baked goodies for the Bazaar & Bake Sale shall be received on Friday, May 11 between 10 am to 3 pm. **Please call Cecile at 604 683-0143 for more details.**

MAY IS THE 'MONTH OF MARY'

- **Children's Choir** invite you to join them in song and prayer devotion to Mary on **May 11th at 6pm** here in the Church. Please use entrance from the side door.
- **The Legion of Mary** invite you to join them in a special ceremony - Crowning of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother. **Sunday, May 13th at 1:30 pm.** There will be special prayers and Rosary. Light refreshments will follow in the Rectory Basement.

A BIG THANK YOU -

For all your beautiful messages and gifts for my Silver Jubilee. Most especially, I thank those who were present in the celebration last Saturday, April 28. Photos are posted in our website.

Scriptural Readings

Monday: May 7

Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115;
John 14:21-26

Tuesday: May 8

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145;
John 14:27-31

Wednesday: May 9

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122;
John 15:1-8

Thursday: May 10

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96;
John 15:9-11

Friday: May 11

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57;
John 15:12-17

Saturday: May 12

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100;
John 15:18-21



Pastor's Corner

5th Sunday of Easter

Do You Know Who I Am?

The Los Angeles Times published the story of a commercial airline flight cancellation which resulted in a long line of travelers trying to get bookings on another flight. One man in the line grew increasingly impatient with the slow-moving line. At last, he pushed his way to the front and angrily demanded a first-class ticket on the next available flight. "I'm sorry," said the ticket agent, "First, I'll have to take care of the people who were ahead of you in the line." The irate man then pounded his fist on the ticket counter, saying, "Do you have any idea who I am?" Whereupon, the ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and said, "Attention, please! There is a gentleman at the ticket counter who does not know who he is. If there is anyone in the airport who can identify him, please come to the counter." Hearing this, the man retreated, and the people waiting in line burst into applause.



We are like this man. Sometimes, if not often, we forget how to wait patiently. Today's gospel teaches us to recognize Jesus' meekness and humility, to realize His patience and understanding for us. Jesus is the 'true vine' and we are the 'branches' - 'apart from Him we can do nothing' - yet He waits for us patiently, to know Him and receive Him in our hearts.

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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, 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.

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.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations

Ms. Marjeta Bobnar has been appointed as the Coordinator of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Please contact Marjeta at 604-683-0281 ext. 229 or email mbobnar@rcav.org, if you have any questions regarding ecumenical or interfaith issues.

Dinner Dance hosted by St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club

St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club will be hosting the annual dinner dance on **May 26** at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Tickets will be available till **May 24**. Members \$30 Guests \$35. More info call Lina 604-433-0055.

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.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Cursillos

The annual conference will be held this year in London, Ontario from **June 21** to 24. All Cursillistas are welcome whether active or not. Conferences are a time to go deeper into understanding the Cursillo movement, meet and/or reconnect with friends from across the country and take home a wealth of information to share with your local movements. Phone 250-938-4241 or check the website www.cursillo-canada.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

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.

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

5th Sunday of Easter May 6, 2012



Stewardship Reflection

For us to be fruitful disciples, it is essential that we live a stewardship lifestyle. Because we are joined to Christ in the Eucharist, we are called to use and share our gifts in a manner that truly demonstrates that we are indeed in relationship with Christ. Consider how your day to day actions and conversations glorify God and thereby demonstrate that you are indeed a fruitful disciple.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg,

Employment Opportunities

- Part-time Cook, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
- General Staff, Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre

More information at:
www.rcav.org

Pastor's Corner continued...

The image of Jesus, as the vine, and ourselves, as branches, reminds us that salvation and wholeness, and indeed all good things that we experience and produce, come not because of what we do, but because of what we are and where we are. We are Christ's branches to be pruned in order to bear much fruit in the Lord's vineyard.

I do not think that there is any better image of the Christian life and of what is supposed be like than this. I want to dwell on this image today and on the promise that is made with it, the promise that says: "If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit". I find this image of what it means to be a Christian tremendously reassuring.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener; He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.... I am the vine, you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 1...

The Plant Dying

An avid gardener told me one time about a plot he had planted: He had been very careful to select the best seeds, and plant each one at its proper depth. He fertilized and watered the plants, he worked the soil faithfully each week to prevent weeds from encroaching and he sprayed to prevent bugs and blights from afflicting the young plants. The season was a good one - just the right amount of rain and sunshine, and on the vines appeared broad green leaves and in due course the blooms. It looked magnificent. One day he noticed that here and there certain leaves were dying, certain blooms fading. Most of the leaves remained a healthy glossy green, but scattered among them were those turning brown. Why, he wondered, would some die in the midst of all the living? So he investigated.

Stepping carefully among the tangled mass of vines he traced the ones on which the leaves and blooms were dying, until he found that they were all connected to a single stem. There, just above the ground, cut-worms had severed the stalk. The entire vine above that point was dying because it was no longer attached to the roots and the stem that had produced it.

This reminds us that we die spiritually, that we are incapable of producing fruit, when we are not attached to the vine, or when we are not connected to the roots which nourish us. It also reminds us, on the other hand, that when we are attached to the vine, the fruit that we produce - indeed the prosperity of the land itself- comes to us naturally, as a gift from God.

The gardener does the work and the vine he plants carries the sap and all its nutrition to us, and we, because we are in the right place, prosper and produce for the world the fruit that it needs.

We remain a part of the vine and produce fruit when we commune with God, the Gardener - when we are willing to pray to Him and 'patiently' wait for His answers, - when we are willing to worship Him even if it takes us away from our Sunday dinner, the latest baseball, hockey or Cricket game for a few minutes - when we are willing to trust in Him even when we think that He is not doing enough.

*God bless you,
Fr. Rudy*

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