

Guardian Angels Parish

November 11, 2012

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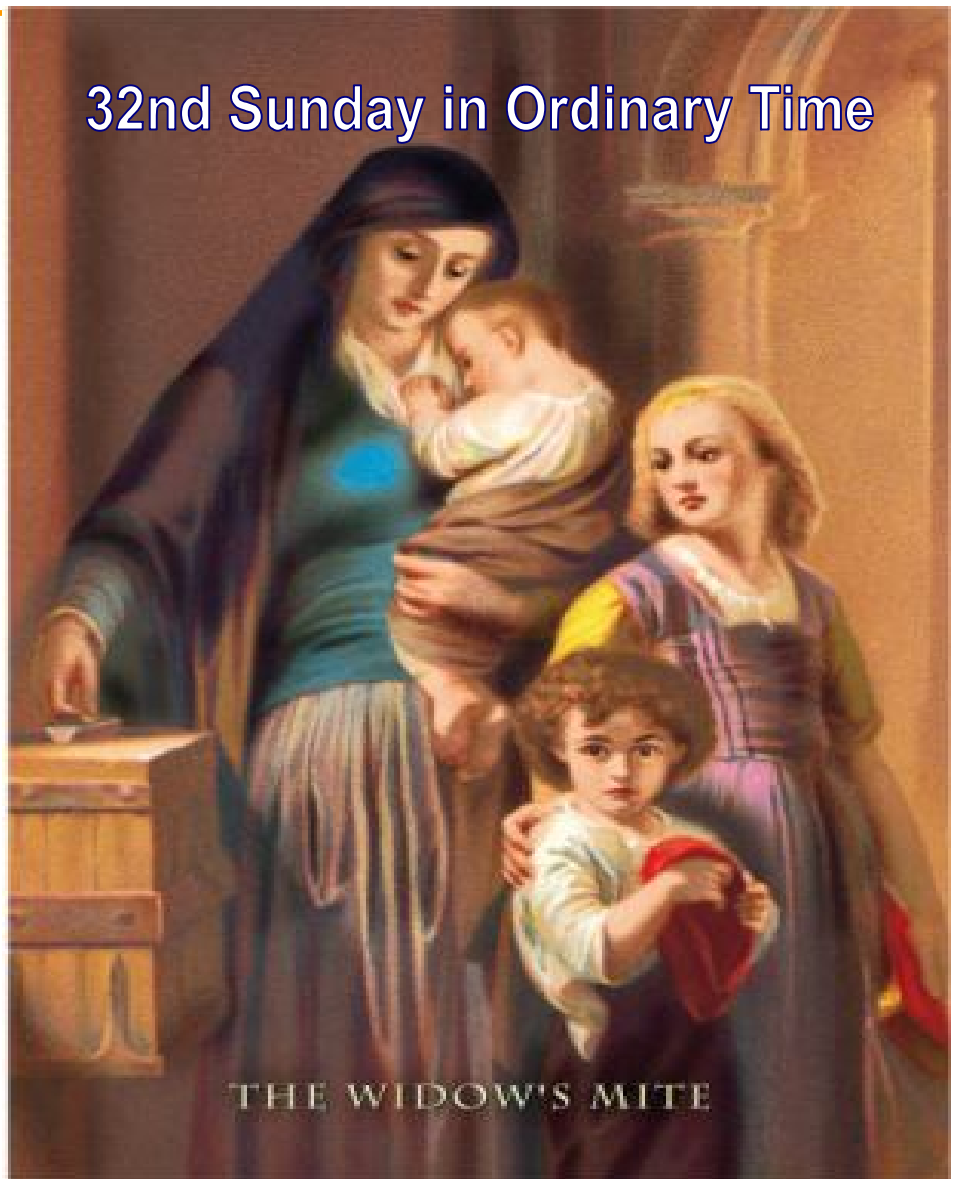
8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Mon. Tues., Thu.
& Friday; **CLOSED** on Wed. & weekends

Church Open:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).

Church Closed on Wednesday & week-
ends after Masses.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00am; 12:30pm

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

Saturday & 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



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MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 12 - 18

Mon., Nov. 12

7:00pm - **+James Patrick Staskunas+**

By: Vivian Coubarakis

Tues., Nov. 13

8:00am - **+Concordia Faulmino+**

By: Cynthia & Argel Faulmino

Wed., Nov. 14

8:00am - **+Lorenzo Faulmino +**

By: Cynthia & Argel Faulmino

Thurs., Nov. 15

8:00am - **+Walter Thompson +**

By: Cirila Momongan

Fri., Nov. 16

8:00am - **Int. of Annie De Louw +**

By: Frances Walsh

Sat., Nov. 17 -

9:00am - **+Castor Cea+**

By: Connie Perez

4:00pm - **+Jesus & Eliezer Bagaipo +**

By: Mylene Bagaipo

Sunday, Nov. 18

9:00am: **Deceased members of**

Kathleen Donahue's Family

By: Frances Walsh

11:00 am: **+Nelson Reaume+**

By David DuPerron & Family

12:30 pm: **Special Intentions of**

Guardian Angels Parishioners



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

NeoCatechumenal Way

- Fr. Boniface D'Souza



Pastor's Corner

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Still Worth the Price

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill? Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. Now who still wants it?" Many more hands went up. Why? - because the twenty dollar bill did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. He has given up His only begotten Son as a ransom for you and me. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you and I are still priceless to Him - we are always worth the price at which He has created us. His great Love!

Widow's Mite

Apparently one of the scandals of Jesus' time was the insidious way that the religious establishment served the needs of the wealthy and, in clear violation of the Torah, violated the poor, especially those outside the social structures - the widows. The reference to "widows' houses" could refer to the scribes' tendency to abuse their role as trustee for the estates of widows, or it could refer more generally to the way upkeep of the temple (a house of prayer) "devoured" the resources of the poor. Either way, the practice of praying had become a cover for injustice. What is worse, then as now many involved with the temple were unaware of the way the structures worked against needy people, **for the needy were almost invisible**. They didn't walk and sit among the scribes and religious leaders.

Jesus sees things differently. Jesus pays special attention to the poor widow, as in today's gospel, whose clothes were unspectacular and who probably was overlooked by almost everyone. Oh yes, many rich people put in huge sums. That would be impressive, and it was meant to be! **But Jesus commended the woman who put in a penny**. Why? Because the others did it for show out of abundance; she did it for God with "**all she had to live on.**"

The question about both clothes and offerings is the same: What is acceptable worship? What is to be done to be "**noticed**" and who do we want to notice us? Jesus gives us a clue. The scribes gave in order to make a human impression; the widow gave all she had, revealing that **she was completely dependent on God**. The scribes located - socially and religiously where I am located - became a negative example of trust, while the poor woman, contrary to cultural expectation, **provided a positive example of trust**. Here, then, is a vivid instance, so common in the Gospels, of the fulfillment of Mary's song: God has "brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly."

Mighty Works

Most commentators on this Gospel passage tend to speak of it as praise for the widow. She gave all the money she had, and so was a remarkable example of generosity. Similarly the widow in the first reading shared all she possessed with the prophet, and also demonstrated extraordinary generosity. **Both widows can be seen as images of Our Lord Jesus Christ who gave all for us, even his very life**. In this sense the readings show us how radical the Gospel message is.

Scripture of the Day



Monday: Nov 12

Titus 1:1-9

Psalm 24

Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday: Nov. 13

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 37

Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday: November 14

Titus 3:1-7

Psalm 23

Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: November 15

Philemon 7-20

Psalm 146

Luke 17:20-25

Friday: November 16

2John 4-9

Psalm 119

Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Nov. 17

3John 5-8

Psalm 112

Luke 18:1-8



**THE LAW
AND
THE GOSPEL**

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT— FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

On December 6, 7 & 8, 2012, (Thursday, First Friday and Saturday), the Vocations monstrance of the Archdiocese will be here in Guardian Angels Parish. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start right after the 8:00 am Mass on Thursday and Friday; all day adoration closes with Benediction on both days at 6:40 pm followed by Holy Mass. On Saturday, Dec. 8, Exposition will start after the 9:00 am Mass; all day adoration on Saturday closes with Benediction at 3:45 pm. Please sign up for the Adoration.

FR. RUDY WILL BE OFF TO THE CLERGY RETREAT

On November 12 to 16, all priests in the diocese will be in a clergy retreat. Fr. Rudy, our pastor and Fr. Boniface (priest in residence) will be in Harrison Springs for the 5 day retreat. **DURING THOSE DAYS, WE WILL ONLY HAVE THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION.**



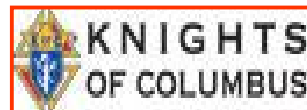
Let Us Pray for the Sick

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 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.

Amen.



The officers of the K of C will be holding an executive meeting on Thursday, November 15 at 7pm in the Rectory Hall. All officers are asked to attend.

Archdiocesan Announcements

Man Alive! thank you

Thank you to the 1200+ men who attended the Oct. 27 men's conference, and to all who contributed to its success - volunteers, parish reps, priests, choir, and more. Stay tuned for information about follow-up initiatives from the Office of Evangelization.

Thank You for the Support of Catholics Come Home Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to the Catholics Come Home Appeal on Oct. 28. If you missed the special collection, ask for an envelope at your parish office. Parishes will be putting out the envelopes in all churches again when the TV commercials start to air in mid December. Your support helps invite all those not actively practising their Catholic faith to come back. What better way is there to celebrate The Year of Faith!

Increase the confidence, competence and commitment of your ministry!

Join us for an informative session related to our prized Catholic Social Teaching principles. The Office of Service & Justice welcomes Shelley MacDonell, MRE who will lead us in a discussion to the importance of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can mobilize your ministries and parish groups. The workshop will be hosted at 3 locations:

Nov. 13 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy, 7455 10th Ave, Burnaby
Nov. 15 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St Francis de Sales, 6610 Balmoral St., Burnaby
Nov. 15 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Immac. Conception, 3776 - W 28th Ave., Vanc.
Please RSVP: egarrucho@rcav.org or call Evelyn Vollet - Director, Office of Service & Justice 604-683-0281 to learn more. The more we strive to secure a common good corresponding to the real needs of our neighbors, the more effectively we love them. Every Christian is called to practice this charity, in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the polis. (Caritas in Veritate, 7).

Volunteer Drive at Birthright

Birthright, an emergency pregnancy service in downtown Vancouver devoted to providing pregnant women with the love, care and support they need, is currently holding a volunteer drive. Training will be provided to all prospective volunteers. If interested, please call 604-687-7223 or birthrightvancouver@gmail.com

Archdiocese of Vancouver Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/archdioceseofvancouver> is updated daily. You're welcome to Like us, find out more from the Archdiocese or details of announcements on your parish bulletins, and maybe make an online friend.

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Stewardship Reflection

"For all of them have contributed out of their abundance", Jesus says of the rich people who gave large sums to the temple treasury. The widow in today's gospel expresses her love for God by giving of her substance, not from what she had left over. Good stewardship and authentic generosity is not measured by the size of the gift but by the level of the sacrifice.

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



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As followers of Christ we are called upon, not just to lead what might be called a respectable life, but to give everything to God. We are to be, not half-hearted disciples, who make all sorts of compromises with the world, but people who find their fulfillment, not in what they have, **but in what they are**. Instead of hoarding our time and our money, we are called to live generously, putting our **trust in God and our faith in eternal life**.

First things First. We must keep our priorities straight. Remember how, earlier in Mark's Gospel, Jesus defended his conduct when he healed sick people on the Sabbath. He did so on the grounds that human need comes ahead of Sabbath observance. Recall that in Chapter 7, Jesus condemned those religious leaders who refused to support their needy parents on the grounds that they were giving the money to the Temple instead; he called this hypocrisy. So today's Gospel reading appears to be emphasizing Jesus' genuine concern about ordinary people and his desire that they be able to satisfy their most basic needs in life. He rejects any sort of religion that ignores those needs. He insists that any kind of religious practice that leads us away from doing all we can to help people live a genuinely human life is false. Such religion dishonours the God who cares deeply about every single person. This Gospel passage also reminds us that, as a Church, we should not find ourselves "devouring the houses of widows." There is a responsibility to support the Church. However there is also a duty on our part as a Church-community to ask why we want that support. If we seek it to pay our legitimate expenses, to support the preaching of the Gospel, and to have something on hand to assist those in need, then all well and good.

Wisdom of God vs. Wisdom of the World

However if we seek it so we can look rich in the world's eyes, so we can be thought strong and successful as a Church, then we are following the wisdom of the world rather than the Wisdom of God. This world treasures honours, money, influence, and regards them as the signs of a successful life. In every age the followers of Jesus are tempted, like the scribes, to buy into that view. We must not let that happen to us. Finally, today's Gospel raises disturbing questions about the kind of witness we give to our world. All of us need money and we sometimes have to occupy positions of authority. However it is our sacred calling, as a Church-community, and as individual Christians, to be a public sign that the **God we serve is the ultimate owner of any money or goods of which we happen to be the temporary stewards**, and that this God is a generous Father, not a miser or an uncaring master. **We give that witness by the way we use money and authority**, and especially by the way we care about the needs of others.

Practical Conclusion

One of the great Christian virtues is liberality, that is, an attitude of generosity in the way we use our time, our talent resource and our treasure. It is from the Latin word "liber", meaning "free". The idea is that **if we are free with what we have, we will experience a great personal freedom ourselves**. At the same time we must never give other people the impression that God does not want them to have enough to meet their genuine human needs. If we did that, we would be insulting the generosity of God.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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

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