

# Guardian Angels Parish

December 12, 2010

## PARISH INFORMATION:

### **Pastor:**

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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 onHolidays).

### **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
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#### Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays	6:30 pm
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#### Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays	1:30 pm
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### **First Fridays:**

All Day Adoration after morning  
Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass  
follows at 7:00 pm

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**"The coming of the Lord is near" James 5**



### **Intentions This Week**

**Dec. 13-19**

**Mon. : +Aura Radaelli+**

*By: Fernando Este*

**Tues.: Deceased Members of  
Ellis Family**

**Wed. : +Lourdes Marucut+**

*Cecilia Stephenson & Family*

**Thurs: +John E. Walsh+**

*By: Patrick Walsh*

**Friday: +Roger Ingoldby+**

*By: Lucy Ingoldby*

**Saturday:**

**9 am: +Ventura Crame+**

*By: Violet & Mia Poblete*

**4 pm: +Ventura Crame+**

*By: Juanita Costosa*

**Sunday:**

**9:00 am: +Ventura Crame+**

*By: Conchita Perez*

**11:00 am: +Edward John**

**Stephenson+ By: Family**

**12:30: Int. of Guardian**

**Angels Parish**

***"Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us!"***

Pray, O Mother, for all of us. Pray for humanity for those who suffer poverty and injustice, violence and hatred, terror and war. Help us to contemplate with the rosary the mysteries of Him who "is our peace" so that we will all feel involved in a persevering dedication of service to peace. Look with special attention upon the land in which you gave birth to Jesus, a land that you loved together with Him, and that is still so sorely tried today. Pray for us, Mother of hope! "Give us days of peace, watch over our way. Let us see your Son as we rejoice in heaven". Amen!

***Prayer by Pope John Paul II***



## Here in our Parish...

• **Christmas tokens from Fr. Rudy** - CD's of Christmas carols enclosed in Christmas cards are handed out today at all Masses.

• **K of C**

Buttons for sale by the Knights:

**"Keep Christ In Christmas" - It's OK to say "Merry Christmas" to me!**

at \$ 2 each after all Masses today.

Pls. continue to recycle your used postage stamps in the K of C box in the Church foyer.

These words echo the Words of Jesus,

**"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."**

[Mt. 7:1-2]

### **ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

The schedule of Advent Confessions in the different parishes of the West Deanery is posted on the bulletin board. Guardian Angels' schedule is on Monday, December 20th at 6:00 pm. There will be 3 priests including Fr. Rudy to hear confessions.

### **CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS: 'Small Winter Warmers'**

Many thanks to those who have generously responded to our plea for winter warmers for the homeless who come

to our parish for sandwiches. **These winter warmers will be distributed at a Christmas Luncheon we will serve the Homeless on Christmas day at the Millennium Hall.** Thank you for your generous support to our work for the local poor.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS**

our Ushers will be passing the basket next weekend for your voluntary contribution towards flowers and decorations to make our Christmas celebrations beautiful and joyous!

### **Pastor's Corner**

One day a parishioner approached me and said that he is going to resign from the post of being Parish Pastoral Council Member. I asked him why he was doing so. He said that he was fed up of people complaining against him. Then I said to him, "if you were in my place what would you do? Run away from here? Here I am dear friend, day and night listening to complaints of people. They will never see what good you have been doing. They will only see what you have not done. All the good you have done will be unnoticed, because it is good, and normally good things are just overlooked. Here I am attending to sick calls, listening to people with problems of family life, wayward sons and daughters, some into addiction, stealing, and many others neglect their studies. A lot of shaky marriages— what would I do? Besides, there are choir problems of the parish, each group complaining about others. Moreover, some Readers complain about other Readers /Lectors. They feel that they are born lectors, each time some one else is reading they are dissatisfied. A few who are never satisfied about the liturgy in the church, and at times even not understanding what the word "liturgy" means, and they are the ones when they do something wrong accept themselves as perfect liturgists. Well, there is not point in satisfying all. Just take it with a sense of humor and things will be alright." "If you were in my place", I told him, "you would have run away from this parish. Work for the Lord and do not work for people who criticize you. Just love them with Christ's love. Things will be fine." The gentleman shook my hands and left the office with a smile promised never to complain and would think about his resignation.

These words echo the Words of Jesus, "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." [Mt. 7:1-2] (continued on page 3)

### **CHRISTMAS 2010 Schedule**



**Christmas Vigil— Friday, Dec. 24**  
7:00 pm (Children's Mass)

**Evening Mass— Friday, Dec. 24**

11:00 pm (Christmas Caroling starts at 10:00 PM)

**Christmas Day—**

Saturday, December 25

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

**Feast of the Holy Family—**

Sunday, December 26—

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

**Feast of Mary, Mother of God—**

Saturday, January 1, 2011

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

(No evening or Anticipated Mass on Friday)

**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Sunday, January 2, 2011

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

(No Anticipated Mass on Saturday)

Office will be closed starting December 24, 2010 and will re-open on January 4, 2010. Church will also be closed after the Mass during the holidays.

### **VOLUNTEERS' & STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Wed., **January 5, 2011** - 6:00 pm at the Millennium Parish Hall  
Dear Volunteers, please sign-up your name on the sheet intended for your respective ministry. If you are serving in two or more ministries, please sign-up in one ministry only. Your respective spouses are also invited.

## Archdiocesan News / Events

### Prayer 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, Marian Ivanda, Elizabeth Walton, Iva Bricel, Harold Chisholm, Barry McDermott, Dick Herring, Eddie Bilek, Margaret Stepler, 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 who heal those who believe. Amen.*

### Scriptural Readings

Mon, Dec. 13– St. Lucy  
Num. 24:2-7,15-17; Psalm 25;  
Matthew 21:23-27

Tues Dec.14: St. John of the Cross  
Zeph. 3:1-2,9-13; Psalm 34;  
Matthew 21:28-32

Wed, Dec. 15–  
Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25; Psalm 85  
Luke 7:19-23

Thurs, Dec. 16– Ferial  
Isaiah 54:1-10; Psalm 30  
Luke 7:24-30

Fri, Dec. 17 – Ferial  
Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72  
Matthew 1:1-17

Sat., Dec. 18–  
Jere. 23:5-8; Psalm 72;  
Matthew 1:18-24

### White Mass for Health Care Providers

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of Vancouver is hosting a White Mass with Archbishop Miller followed by a reception. Physicians, all health care providers and their families are invited. Jan. 14, 2011 – 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's parish, 2028 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver. Contact Info: drtoniparsons@telus.net or Judy Talas 604-430-2712.

### St Paul's Catholic Singles hosting a Dance

New Year's Eve Dance organized by St Paul's Catholic Singles Club at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere Street, Vancouver. Music by **Euro Band**. Doors open at 8:15 pm. Champagne at mid-night. Married couples and their friends are welcome. Tickets to be purchased by Dec. 28. Members \$40; guests \$45. For more details call Lina 604-433-0055.

### Christmas by Candlelight: Baroque & Beyond

The Corpus Christi College Chamber Choir, with special guests Infinitus String Trio, presents a candlelit Christmas

concert at the Canadian Memorial Church & Centre for Peace - corner of W 15th Ave & Burrard St., Vancouver. Featuring vocal and instrumental music by Handel and Vivaldi. A wonderful experience of exuberant choruses and sublime music-making for the whole family! Dec.18 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 at the door. Call 604.822.6862; email info@corpuschristi.ca.

### The Human Person in the Likeness of God -Theology of the Body:

*"The human person, in the image and likeness of God,"* according to Pope John Paul II. Come and discover God's original design for us, our call to holiness, and our destiny with him in heaven. Fr. Alan Boisclair will present an 11-week course, starting Jan. 12 at St. Andrew's Parish, Vancouver, or Jan. 13 at Christ the Redeemer Parish, West Vancouver. The cost is \$50 if purchased on or before Jan.2; price goes up to \$60 from Jan. 3, includes the textbook "Man and Woman, He Created Them – A Theology of the Body."For more info visit [www.rcav.org/tob](http://www.rcav.org/tob)

### Stewardship Reflection 3rd Sunday of Advent - December 12

In the readings today, we discover two virtues of the disciple and Christian steward – patience and persistence. The stewardship way of life is both joyful and rewarding, while at the same time being challenging. We need to be patient with ourselves and with others if we are to persist in the journey. It is, after all, the work of a lifetime. Being a steward and disciple is to place Christ at the center of our lives. In doing so we are able to take on the daily challenges of life with confidence and hope.

Stewardship Office,  
The Archdiocese of Winnipeg,  
[www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

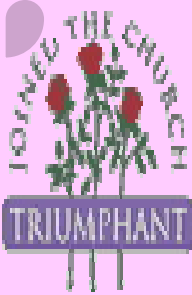
### Pastor's Corner (continued)

*Ernest Gordon has written a book entitled Through the Valley of the Kwai in which he describes spending a large part of World War II as a prisoner in Thailand on the banks of the river Kwai. He worked on a railway which the Japanese were building. Over 12,000 allied prisoners died of starvation building the railway. Gordon says their worst enemy was not the Japanese but themselves. The law of the jungle took over among them. They stole from each other, and informed on each other to win favors from the Japanese. Morale was at rock bottom. Two men whose faith kept them going decided to try to do something. They organized Bible reading and discussion groups (pages 100-107 in the book). They met at night and at first the numbers were small but not too long after the numbers grew to the hundreds. When reading the Bible they noticed that Jesus faced the same problems as themselves, he often had no place to lay his head, no food for his belly, no friends in high places. He too had known bone-weariness from too much toil, the suffering, rejection and disappointments that are part of the fabric of life. Everything about Jesus began to make sense. The prisoners underwent a change of heart and stopped destroying one another as they had been doing. Reading the Bible and using it for prayer and discussion transformed a prison camp.*

*Jesus works miracles even today, through His word. We need to look at Jesus through the Word of God. He will certainly heal us. God bless, Fr. Rudy*



**"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."**



**In Loving Memory of:  
+ Vicky Crame +**

She was a long-time parishioner here in our parish. She passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2010. She is survived by her two sons: Enrique and Joaquin. Funeral will be on Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00 am here in Guardian Angels Parish.

*"Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.." Isaiah 57:2*

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### **The Knights of Columbus History** (continued)

In 2010, the cause for McGivney's canonization was before the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. A guild had been formed to promote his cause. On March 15, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood, and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If the cause is successful, he will be the first priest born in the United

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