

# Guardian Angels Parish

February 13, 2011

## PARISH INFORMATION:

### Pastor:

Rev. Rudolf D'Souza, OCD

### In-Residence:

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St. Paul's Hospital Chaplain

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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

## 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time



### Mass Intentions This Week

Feb. 14 - 20

**Mon. : +Alexia Haslam+**

*By: Maeve Talbot-Kelly*

**Tues.: Int. of Guardian Angels**

*Parishioners By: Anonymous*

**Wed. : +Eddie Rosales+**

*By: Family*

**Thurs: +Roger & Fred Ingoldby+**

*By: Family*

**Friday: +Chris Gabbas+**

*By: Family*

**Saturday:**

**9 am: +Jim Wing & Hazel**

**Fung+** *By: Jessie Wing*

**4 pm: Int. of Abigail Cruz**

*By: Riz Geronimo*

**Sunday:**

**9:00 am: +Manuel & Estelita**

**Serenilla+** *By: M.C. Isherwood*

**11:00 am: +Leon & Lucila Deza+**

*By: Family*

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

**Parish**

“...first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.” *Matthew 5*

Starting Soon!!!!

## Here in our Parish...

## Save the date !

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Divine Mercy Sunday  
and theBeatification of  
John Paul IIEucharistic Celebration at  
2:30 p.m. at the  
Holy Rosary Cathedral  
followed by a reception in  
Rosary Hall.  
More details soon.

## Scriptural Readings

## This Week

Mon, Feb. 14– Sts. Cyril and  
MethodiusGenesis 4:1-15, 25 Psalm 50;  
Mark 8:11-13

Tues Feb. 15: Ferial

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29;  
Mark 8:14-21

Wed, Feb. 16—Ferial

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Psalm 116;  
Mark 8:22-26

Thurs, Feb. 17 - Ferial

Genesis 9:1-13; Psalm 102;  
Mark 8:27-33

Fri, Feb. 18 -- Ferial

Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 33;  
Mark 8:34-38– 9:1

Sat., Feb. 19 - Ferial

Hebrews 11:1-7; Psalm 145;  
Mark 9:2-13GREAT  
ADVENTURE  
BIBLE STUDY**Every Monday  
at 7:40 pm starting on  
February 21** in the Rectory  
Hall. The maximum capacity  
(25 seats) has been reached.  
At the Information Session  
last Monday, we received 20  
registrations plus those re-  
ceived in the parish office.  
As space is limited, registra-  
tion is closed (at least for  
this chapter.) Please call  
Christine at 604 662-4118  
for more details.ANNUAL SPRING  
BAZAAR AND  
RAFFLE–  
May 14 & 15Once again we solicit your  
donation of collectables, de-  
corors, bed /bath, house wares &  
small appliances in good work-  
ing condition, saleable fashions  
like clothing, jewelleries, hand-  
bags, shoes and other accesso-  
ries to sell at our annual bazaar  
fundraiser. Every Wednesday  
Cecile Bozyk and her team are  
in the Rectory Basement  
between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
to receive your donations. At  
the same time, Raffle tickets  
will also be available.

Spring

Cost is \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets  
for \$5 or a booklet of 12 tickets  
is \$20 . Prizes: 2 @ \$100; 4 @  
\$50; 8 @ \$25... plus other valu-  
able items and gift certificates  
from popular West End Mer-  
chants. PROCEEDS from this  
event will go to our Fund for the  
Local Poor. As in the past  
years, we look forward to your  
support and cooperation in this  
annual event. Pls. contact Cecile  
at 604 683-0143 for more  
details.

## Pastor's Corner

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some time ago I had a lengthy conversation with a Catholic woman about the Church's authority to teach in the name of Jesus. Her forceful response was 'I don't believe that!' Of course this effectively scuttled the conversation and we moved on to other things.

*I don't believe that.* How sad for a Catholic to even dare to say those words! Nevertheless, this is part of the freedom God gives every human being – to accept or to reject: *He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.*

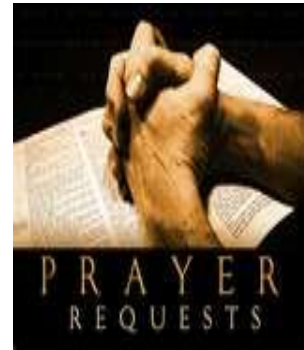
Fortunately no one can judge another person. We simply pray and trust that light will be given. The world chooses very differently from the way a Christian chooses. That's because the world has a different framework of judgment, and a different starting point. The starting point for making choices in the world is *self-centered* while for a Christian it is *other-centered*, the other being *God*.

The world's choices are pragmatic, driven by money and ideology, and therefore, rather unenlightened and with a short use-by date. They depend on human intelligence and powers of reason, particular circumstances, anticipated outcomes, vested interests, external pressures, and a complex of other considerations, including what was had for breakfast that morning. For a Catholic the starting point is the teaching of the Church as it comes to us through Scripture and Tradition. We live our lives guided by the Church because we believe She was founded by Jesus Christ. We live by Her teachings, Her moral precepts, Her authority and Her way of worshipping God. St Paul's words to the Corinthians can be quoted here: *The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God pre-destined to be for our glory before the ages began.*

*The hidden wisdom of God*, the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, was given by Christ to His Church. This is why a Catholic cannot turn away from the Church and claim to be still following Christ. For all the faults, the many faults, the horrible faults of Her members, including the hierarchy, the Church is still the spotless bride of Christ for whom He gave His very life.

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## Archdiocesan News / Events



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,

Li Ming Yao, Mao Mao Chen, Elizabeth Walton, 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.

### Learning, Friendships and Faith

Love the Learning. Build the Friendships. Live the Faith. If you are a woman interested in understanding the mission of women in today's Church, you are invited to an information evening to learn more about **ENDOW - Education on the Nature and Dignity of Women**. ENDOW educates and inspires women through small study groups using documents of the Church. Please join Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB on **Feb. 18 at 7 to 9 pm at the Italian Cultural Centre Room #5** for an information evening to learn more about this new initiative. There is no charge but pre-registration is required. Call 604-443-3220.

### Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Where are we now? Alex Schadenberg, the executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will provide an update and explain recent significant studies in Canada, Oregon and world-wide related to euthanasia and assisted suicide. Feb. 27. Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel, 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$20.00. All are welcome.

### Talk by Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy is coming to the Archdiocese - Mar. 4 and 5. His topics: *Is Holiness achievable, Obstacles to Holiness, Why Holiness is Essential and the Fruit of Holiness in Our Lives*. Both days begin with Mass: Friday 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 7455 10th Avenue Burnaby. Info: Vern 604-460-0114 or [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca). All are welcome to this pre-lent gathering.

### Searching for the Meaning of Suffering

Is there ever purpose or meaning to be found in suffering? John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Salvific Doloris* (On the Meaning of Human Suffering) raises the prospect and possibility of redemptive suffering within individual lives. Join Mark and LaRee Pickup who have dealt with multiple sclerosis for over 25 years in this interactive seminar. *Searching for the Meaning of Suffering: A Christian Perspective*: Feb. 26. Cost: \$20 per person including a light breakfast. St. Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning with Mass. Call 604-443-3220.

### God is Love...

So This is What We're Going to do About it! With Greg Kennedy, SJ, PhD. Continuing Education Course of St. Mark's College. Dr. Kennedy teaches philosophy and is the Coordinator of Service Learning for Corpus Christi College. The course will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 3778 W 28th Ave, Vancouver. Mar. 10 to Apr. 14 - Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost \$50.00. For information: Maureen Wicken: 604.822.4463. [continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca](mailto:continuinged@stmarkscollege.ca);

### Living in an Age of Relativism and Skepticism

Catholic After Hours launches its speaker's series beginning Mar. 6 - April 10 on *Living in an age of Relativism and Skepticism*. Archbishop Miller is scheduled to speak on Mar 6 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the upper room of The Blarney Stone pub, 216 Carrall St., Vancouver. Cover charge \$6. See Facebook for list of other speakers.

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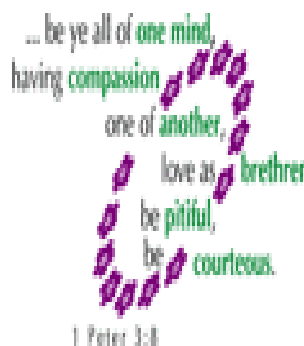
Mass in Irish offered by Rev. Anthony Boniface at St. Pius X Church, 1150 Mt. Seymour Road, North Vancouver at 7 p.m. on Mar.17. For more information: 604-929-1466 or e-mail: [john.oflynn@gmail.com](mailto:john.oflynn@gmail.com)

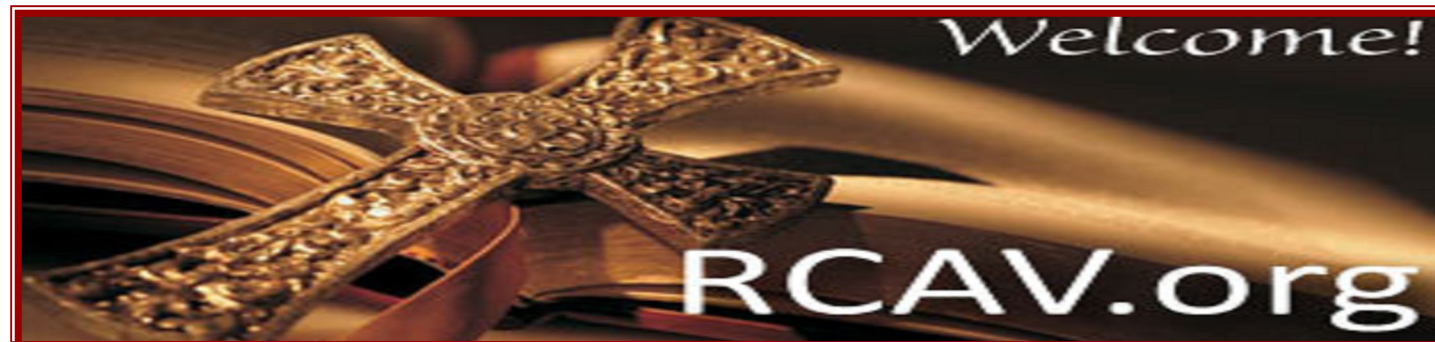
### Stewardship Reflection

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13

The first reading today reminds us that acting faithfully is a matter of our own choice. Likewise, making stewardship a way of life is also a choice. In fact, the stewardship lifestyle is lived through a continuous number of freely made choices. The good steward chooses to live simply, chooses to be grateful every day, and chooses to be generous. These are just three of the virtues of the Disciple and Christian Steward. What lifestyle choices are you making?

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





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available from the Parish Office at \$15 per copy. Please call  
604 684-5775; e-mail: office\_guardianangels@shaw.ca

**Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team**

The Youth Ministry Office is looking for older teens and young adults to  
apply for our **Searching in the Spirit Leadership Team**.  
This dynamic team of youth and young adults will lead recently confirmed  
youth at our 5-day post-confirmation event in July 2011. This is an  
amazing leadership training opportunity! Get more info and download the  
application form at [www.oyyam.com](http://www.oyyam.com)

**PASTOR'S CORNER continued .....**

Those who have reached maturity have grasped this truth and  
have remained faithful; those who imagined that Jesus built His  
Church on the 'goodness' of His Apostles rather than on Peter's  
'faith', have discovered the weak link in their understanding and  
have quit the Church.

But how does an individual make a decision to entirely believe  
what the Church believes; how does one get to that point? The  
answer is one which the world cannot and never will understand  
- it is through the wisdom bestowed by the Holy Spirit. These  
are the very things that God has revealed to us through the  
Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the  
depths of God.

The Holy Spirit who knows the depths of God is given to us at  
Baptism and Confirmation so that we ourselves might come to  
know the depths of God. The Holy Spirit shares with us, to the  
extent that we are capable, the knowledge of God.

The Spirit gives us a desire to know God, to 'see His face' as the  
Scripture puts it. Do you have this desire? Do you really want to  
know God, with all your heart? (I am assuming here, of course,  
that you are already a believer, that you have already found God  
and now wish to know Him.)

The Holy Spirit is not given as warm fuzzy 'I believe' feeling. The  
Spirit is given also for keeping God's word. The response to the  
psalm today shows us what the payoff for doing this is: Happy  
are they who follow the law of the Lord. Jesus, too, repeatedly  
made this clear: "Still happier those who hear the word of God  
and keep it!" (Luke 11:28)

So, if you are feeling distant from the Lord, ask yourself if you  
are doing His will, especially as the Church proposes it. Do you  
believe with all your heart that the Church speaks with God's  
authority? Do you dissent from important Church teachings?  
Are you behaving in a way contrary to those teachings? Perhaps  
it's time to make a serious and mature examination of  
conscience about all this?

God bless you,  
Fr. Rudy

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