

Guardian Angels Parish

February 20, 2011

PARISH INFORMATION:

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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
Infant Jesus of Prague:	
Mondays	6:30 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet:	
Sundays	1:30 pm

First Fridays:

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

7th Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions This Week

Feb. 21– 27

Mon. : +Salvacion Fornelos+

By: Lolita Fornelos

Tues.: Thanksgiving of Jose &
Lita Recio By: Family

Wed. : Thanksgiving of Karrie
Mendoza By: Family

Thurs: +Angel Valdez+
By: Family

Friday: +Carmela Noriega+
By: Enrique Crame

Saturday:

9 am: +Rosemarie Mascarenhas
By: Theresa Dagenais

4 pm: Int. of Bernadette Hu
By: Family

Sunday:

9:00 am: +Eduardo Manoy+
By: L. Fornelos

11:00 am: Int. of Shiela
Thompson By: Teresa Talbot

12:30: Int. of Guardian Angels
Parish

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:38-48

This Monday!!!!

Here in our Parish...

Save the date !

Sunday, May 1, 2011

Divine Mercy Sunday
and the

**Beatification of
John Paul II**

Eucharistic 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. 21— St. Peter Damian
Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm 93;
Mark 9:14-29

Tues Feb. 22: Feast- Chair of St. Peter
1Peter 5:1-4; Psalm 23;
Matthew 16:13-19

Wed, Feb. 23—St. Polycarp
Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119;
Mark 9:38-40

Thurs, Feb. 24 - Ferial
Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm 1;
Mark 9:41-50

Fri, Feb. 25 -- Ferial
Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm 119;
Mark 10:1-12

Sat., Feb. 26 - Ferial
Sirach 17:1-4, 6-8, 10-15; Psalm 103
Mark 10:13-16

**GREAT
ADVENTURE
BIBLE STUDY**
Every Monday



at 7:40 pm starting on
February 21 in the Rectory
Hall. Registration is **closed**.
Please call Christine at 604
662-4118 for more details.

**THIS IS AN APPEAL -
To those who use
Envelopes that belong to
another parish:** PLEASE
DO NOT PUT in the collec-
tion basket your envelopes that
are not for Guardian Angels.
You hold on to the envelope
until your next visit to that
parish. Thank you.

**ANNUAL SPRING
BAZAAR AND
RAFFLE-**
May 14 & 15

Once 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mosaic Law of mild retaliation: During their captivity in Egypt, the Jews became familiar with the crude tribal law of retaliation (Lex Talionis= Tit-for-Tat), given by the ancient law-maker Hammurabi during the period 2285-2242 BC. When this law was first developed, it made life better and more civilized. It restricted revenge and made it commensurate with the offense. Moses instructed the Israelites to follow tit-for-tat retaliation, rather than to wreak total destruction upon their enemies. That is, instead of mutilating or murdering all the members of the offender's family or tribe, they should discover the offender and only punish him/her with an equal mutilation or harm. Later, a milder version of this law was substituted. It demanded monetary compensation, as decided by a judge, in the place of physical punishment. Moses also gave the Israelites several laws commanding merciful treatment for the enemy (e.g., Lev 19: 18). By advising, "Turn to him the other cheek," Jesus instructs his followers to forgive an insult gracefully and convert the offender. He commands that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us to prove that we are children of a merciful heavenly Father. The meaning of "turn the other cheek" is "Don't return insult for insult." The message of Jesus is, "Don't retaliate." Instead, we are to win over the aggressor with tough, wise love, so that we may win people to Christ and transform human society into the Kingdom of God.

The true Christian reaction: Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount rejects even the concession of milder retaliation allowed by Moses. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, although graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength and discipline of character as well as strengthening by God's grace. Jesus wants his disciples to repay evil with kindness. Instead of retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. Jesus illustrates the Christian approach by giving three examples:

1) Turn to him the other cheek: Striking someone on the right cheek requires striking with the back of one's hand, and according to Jewish concept it inflicts more insult than pain. Jesus instructs his followers to forgive the insult gracefully and convert the offender. It is interesting that Gandhi said, "Everyone in the world knows that Jesus and His teaching are non-violent, except Christians."

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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.

100th Anniversary - Int'l. Women's Day

The sexual exploitation of girls and women in the commercial sex trade is a human rights crisis and a direct hindrance to women's equality. Prostitution cannot be made safe through decriminalization and regulation. Join the presentation by Gunilla Ekberg, Internationals Women's Human Rights Consultant, Aboriginal Women's Action Network (AWAN) and Trisha Baptie of Formerly Exploited Voices now Educating (EVE) on Mar. 10 - 7 to 9 p.m. at the Vancouver Downtown Library, Alice Mackay Room. All are welcome. Contact Michelle Miller: 604-725-3838 or Trisha Baptie: 604-518-4798.

Ignatian Spirituality

Discovering Christ's Call with Elton Fernandes, SJ of St. Mark's College. Fr. Fernandes is currently providing spiritual direction, facilitating retreats, and giving the spiritual exercises in the Archdiocese. The course will be held at St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St, Vancouver. Mar. 10 to Apr. 14, Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost \$50. Contact: Maureen Wicken at 604-822-4463 or con-tiuinged@stmarkscollege.ca

TRC's Three-day Forum

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission is working to create an historical record of the residential school system. Its mandate includes establishing a National Research Centre open to the public. The TRC will hold a three-day forum in Vancouver, Mar. 1-3 at the Sheraton Wall Centre. The vision that emerges from this forum will be the basis on which the National Research Centre will be established. For information, visit www.trc-nrc.ca.

Retreat at St. Mark's College Chapel

A retreat by Bishop emeritus Remi De Roo will be held at St Ignatius of Antioch Parish 5935 Iona Drive (St Mark's College Chapel) from Mar. 21 - 25 at 7 p.m. Bishop Remi is one of the last surviving bishops who attended the sessions of Vatican II and will have much to share with us all. All are welcome. Parking is limited so please car-pool or take the bus. All are welcome.

Simplicity and Prayer

An evening of reflection, an opportunity to reflect on the season and its meaning by Fr. Eugenio Aloisio on Mar. 4 - 6 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vancouver and by Fr. Craig Scott, on Mar. 7 - 6 p.m. at St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Coquitlam. Cost: \$15 per person, light supper included. Online registration: www.rcav.org/ore. Click on Twilight Retreats; fax 605.689-5673 or mail response by Feb.25.

Explore the Rich Sunday Scriptures

A Retreat Day - dive into Lent by exploring the rich Sunday scriptures of Year A Liturgical Cycle with Sr. Monica on Mar. 12, 9:30 to 4 p.m. at the Cenacle, 5989 Mackenzie St. Call 604-266-1611.

The Marian Movement of Priests

The Annual Regional Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests, a means by which the message of Fatima is being fulfilled - Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Cenacle prayers on May 16 - 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. For more info, call 604.787.0902 or e-mail: mmp911@gmail.com or visit www.mmp-usa.net

Stewardship Reflection

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20

God tells Moses to say to the people, and to us, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy'. What does stewardship have to do with being holy? God created us to be like him. (Genesis 9:5)

- To be like God is to be **generous**.
- To be like God is to be **merciful**.
- To be like God is to be **patient**.

All of these are virtues the Christian Steward cultivates on the road to holiness. Stewardship is not all of it, but it is a part of being holy.

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



Leviticus 19:18

PASTOR'S CORNER continued

2) "If anyone sues you to take away your coat (*chitona*), let him have your cloak (*himation*) also": (v. 40). A *chitona* is a lightweight garment like a shirt (but long like a robe), worn close to the skin. A *himation* is an outer garment like a coat, and is also long. To surrender both *chitona* and *himation* would render a man essentially naked, which suggests that Jesus is using exaggerated language to make the point that we are to defuse conflict by yielding more than is required. Jesus teaches that his followers should show more responsibility and a greater sense of duty than to fight for privileges.

3) Go with him two miles. Roman law permitted its soldiers and other officials to require people to carry a burden for a mile. Service of this sort could be quite oppressive. Here Jesus tells us that a Christian has the duty of responding, even to seemingly unjust demands by helping or serving gracefully, not grudgingly. The principle is this: When we respond to an onerous duty with cheerfulness rather than resentment, we may win over the one who gave us the duty.

Christian ethic of personal relationship: The second part of today's gospel passage is perhaps the central and the most famous section of the Sermon on the Mount. It gives us the Christian ethic of personal relationship: love one's neighbors and forgive one's enemies. Above all, it tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve it. The Old Law never said to hate enemies, but that was the way some Jews understood it. Jesus commands that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us to prove that we are children of a merciful heavenly Father. A Christian has no personal enemies. If we only love our friends, we are no different from pagans or atheists.

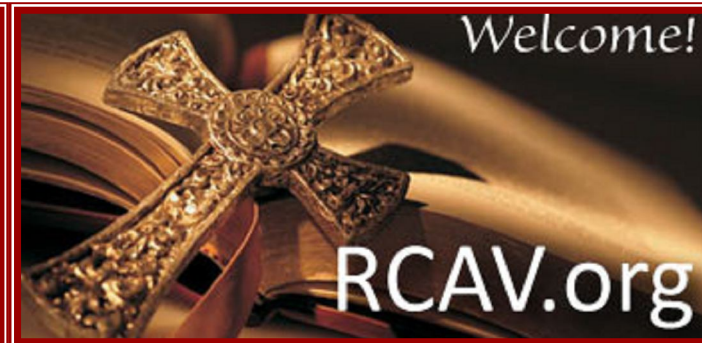
We need to love our neighbors and our enemies too: The Greek word used for loving enemies is not *storge* (natural love towards family members) or *philia* (love of close friends) or *eros* (passionate love between a young man and woman), but *agape* which is the invincible benevolence or good will for another's highest good. Since *agape* is not natural, practicing it is possible only with God's help. *Agape* love is a choice more than a feeling. We choose to love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them. We have in the Acts of the Apostles the example of St. Stephen, the first martyr who prayed for those who were putting him to death.

Life messages

1) We need to have a forgiving heart: Jesus' demands that we should forgive, pardon and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, and even if we are not loved in return. He also tells us to pray for those who willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

2) We are to try to be perfect, to be like God: We become perfect when we fulfill God's purpose in creating us, i.e., when we become Godlike by cooperating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy



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.oxyam.com

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