February 27, 2011

Guardian Angels Parish

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(Mon. & Tues.; Thurs. & Friday)

Church Open:

Mon. Tues, Thurs., and Friday 8 am to 4 pm(except onHolidays).

Church Closed:

Wednesday & Saturday after Mass

<u>Liturgical Celebrations</u> 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

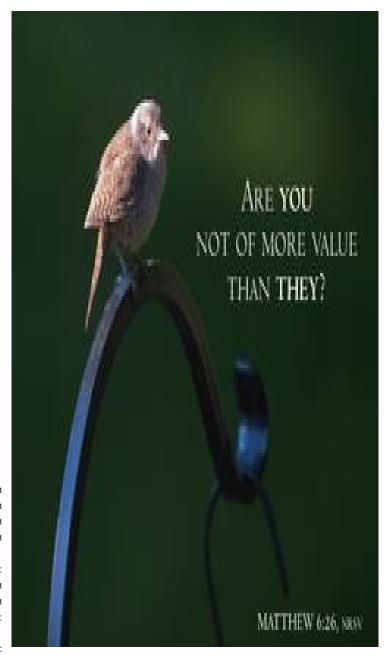
Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays 1:30 pm

First Fridays:

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

8th Sunday In Ordinary Time





Mass Intentions This Week
Feb. 28 - March 6

Mon.: +Alma Ferguson+ By: Family

Tues.: Anne & Bronnie Staskunas By:: Vivian Coubarakis

Wed.: Int. of the Pollard Famiy

By: Teresa Talbot

Thurs: Int. of Oscar Geronimo

By: Family

Friday: Int. of Ava & Nathaniel

By: Teresa Talbot

Saturday:

9 am: +Jesus Bagaipo+ By: Mylene Bagaipo

4 pm: Int. of Ignatius Rozario

Sunday:

9:00 am: Int. of Litzerman
Family By: Teresa Talbot

11:00 am: Int. of Guardian
Angels Parish

12:30: +Jaime & Josefina Chua Tiampo +

"Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them"

Matthew 6:26



Here in our Parish...

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Spring Response Spring Respons

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.

SINGERS FOR OUR CHOIR

We need more volunteers (adults and children) to sing in the choirs! No need to be an expert, but just be able to carry a tune. Please call Shannon @778.998.4738 to meet and have a little try- out. Thanks!

ALL DAY ADORATION First Friday, March 4

Everyone is invited to spend time (an hour or half) with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Exposed all day on first Friday. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed right after the morning Mass; Benediction is at 6:40 pm followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 9

There will be two Masses on Ash Wednesday—one at 8:00 am and another one at 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- PRAYERS every Friday at 6:40 pm starting on March 11th.

Everyone is reminded that during the season of Lent, we do not put flowers inside the Church. Save your money for flowers until Palm Sunday when we will solicit donations for Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your cooperation.

ANNUAL SPRÍNG BAZAAR AND RAFFLE- May 14 & 15

We are soliciting donations of collectables, decors, bed /bath, house wares & small appliances in good working condition, saleable fashions jewelleries, handbags, shoes and other accessories to sell at our annual bazaar fundraiser. Please deliver your donations to the Rectory Basement between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm 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 for this annual event. Pls. contact Cecile at 604 683-0143 for more details.

Pastor's Corner

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thank You! - No Worries!

Worries and anxiety: In a recent survey reported in Reuters, via MSNBC, 90% of the respondents said that they were worried how well prepared they were for retirement. Between 20 and 30 percent of all Americans will live today under significant stress. Thirteen million will worry intensely for at least 90 minutes. It may be about our marriages, children, jobs, mortgages, health, grades, friends or a host of other issues. Whatever the source, worry is an emotion with which all of us are familiar and which 27 percent of us experience virtually on a daily basis. (Statistics taken from American Demographics and MD Magazine, p 28). But a University of Michigan study determined that 60% of our worries are unwarranted; 20% have already become past activities and are completely out of our control; 10% are so petty that they don't make any difference at all. Of the remaining 10% only 4 to 5% are real and justifiable, and we can't do anything about half of those. So only 2% of our worries are real.

"Gracias!" Thank You!: The Catholic priest and prolific writer on the spiritual life, Henri Nouwen, felt God called him from his faculty position at an Ivy League University to live with the poor in South America. In his book, "Gracias!" he writes: In many of the families I visited, nothing was certain, nothing was secure, MAYBE there would be food tomorrow. MAYBE there would be no sickness tomorrow. Maybe.... Maybe not. But whatever came to these people, they still greeted life with joy and with 'Gracias!' What I presumed from God as my rightful claim, my friends in Peru and Bolivia received as a precious gift. What I treated as commonplace was for them a joyful surprise. What I trivialized as ordinary, they celebrated with reverence and said, 'Gracias!' And slowly I realized what I had all but forgotten and dismissed. All is grace. All is God's gift! Are those who can't take for granted that they can provide for themselves more likely to trust God to provide? And are they more likely to say, 'Gracias!' Thank You? Gratitude is what comes from our soul when we are freed from worry. (continued on page 4)

Scriptural Readings This Week

Mon, Feb. 28– Ferial Sirach 17:24-27,29; Psalm 32; Mark 10:17-27

Tues March 1: Ferial Sirach 35:1-15;; Psalm 50; Mark 10:28-31

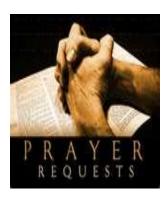
Wed, March 2—Ferial Sirach 36: 1-2,5-6,13-22; Psalm 79; Mark 10:32-45

Thurs, March 3 - Ferial Sirach 42:15-25; Psalm 33; Mark 10:46-52

Fri, March 4 -- St. Casmir Sirach 44:1, 8-13; Psalm 149; Mark 11:11-25

Sat., March 5 - Ferial Sirach 51:12-20; Psalm 119 Mark 11:27-33

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 Milbum, 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, Vanc. Mar. 10 to Apr. 14, Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost \$50. Contact: Maureen Wicken at 604-822-4463 or contiuinged@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 heart and mind. the bus. All are welcome.

Simplicity and Prayer

An evening of reflection, an opportunity to reflect on the season we place our trust in "at 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

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**

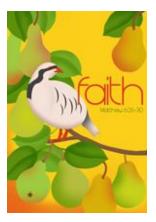
The Annual Regional Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests, a means by which the message of Fatima is being fulfilled - Holy Mass followed by Adoration with Cenacle prayers on May 16 - 7 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Parish, 2881 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. For more info, call 604.787.0902 or e-mail: mmp911@gmail.com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

Stewardship Reflection

8th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** February 27

Making stewardship a way of life begins with conversion, a change of Today's Gospel reading is a great source of conversion for us all. In our society, too often risk" things like our jobs, possessions, and bank accounts. Because this leaves us vulnerable to anxiety and fear, we worry. Today, Jesus calls us to change the way we think...to put our trust solely in God. We're also told that we need to put God first in our lives, doing our part to advance His Kingdom. Good stewards learn to A Retreat Day - dive Into Lent by trust less in themselves and more in God.

> Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg,



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



All Knights of Columbus are reminded that the next meeting will take place on Thursday March 3rd at Millennium Hall starting at 7PM.

The meeting will be one-hour and snacks will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting. We encourage all Knights to attend.

To all parishioners: Please don't forget to donate your used stamps or change to the Knights of Columbus box found in the Church vestibule. All proceeds are fully donated to Vocations programs in the Archdiocese.

Interested in becoming a Knight and serving your Parish and community? Please contact Sean Hinton, Grand Knight, at 604-374-0172 for more information.

Let us offer prayers for the repose of the souls of:

+Helen Soltis +

Died Feb. 22nd; Funeral Mass- March 1st at 10:30 am

+ Frank Partaik +

Died Feb. 18; Memorial Mass- March 2 at 2:00 pm



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PASTOR'S CORNER continued

"Golfer's Bible" Perhaps the finest golf coach America ever produced was the late Harvey Penick of Texas. He wrote the Little Red Book which is sort of the 'golfer's Bible.' Mr. Penick said that most golfers do not think on the golf course; they just worry. "Worrying is a misuse of your mind on the golf course," said Mr. Penick. "Whatever your obstacle, worry will only make it more difficult. Worry causes your muscles to tense up, and it is impossible to make a good golf swing when your muscles are too tense." "Rather than worrying," he said, "be mindful of the shot at hand and go ahead and play it as if you are going to hit the best shot of your life. You really might do it." [Penick, Harvey, with Bud Shrake, The Wisdom of Harvey Penick, (Simon & Schuster: New York, 1997), p.298.] This is great advice about life, not just about golf. Indeed, Mr. Penick's words remind me of what Jesus said about worry.

Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providence of a merciful God, and then living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us and others.

God bless you, Fr. Rudy



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