

Guardian Angels Parish

November 27, 2011

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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 on Holidays).

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 (except during Lent)

Baptism -

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Marriage -

One of the parties applying for marriage must be a parishioner for at least one year. Marriage Preparation Course is a pre-requisite. Please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals-

Please contact the Parish Office

Confessions-

Every Saturday between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Holy Communion for the Shut-in - may be given at home upon request. Please book with the Parish Office.

P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Program)

Sundays. 10 am to 11 am.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults who wish to be baptized and received in the Catholic Faith. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. Contact Tom Weaver 604 408-2125

Bible Study

The next schedule will be announced in the parish bulletin
Contact the Parish Office 604 684-5775

Parish News.....

IMPORTANT !!!

MASS INTENTIONS This Week Nov. 21 - 27

- Mon. - 7 pm:
+Teresa & Jimmy Higgins+
By: Frances Walsh
- Tues.- 8:00 am:
Intentions of Annie De Louw
By: Frances Walsh
- Wed., - 8:00 am:
+Elvira Rodrigues+
By: Elizabeth Noronha
- Thursday: 8:00 am
+Janet Belray+
By: Mary
- Friday: 8:00 am
All Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday
9:00am:
All Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00 pm:
+Constance Lebel+
- Sunday:
9:00 am:
+Gene & Lorraine La Belle+
By: Mollie Smith
- 11:00 am:
+Reynaldo Mendiola+
By: Anonymous
- 12:30 pm:
Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

PARISH GROUPS

Knights of Columbus (Council # 14723)

- Meeting every first Thursday of each month. For more info: Sean Hinton 604 374-0172

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

NEW ROMAN MISSAL

The pew cards with the 'Revised Prayers' from the **New Roman Missal** as well as the hymn booklets SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN HOME. They should be left in the Church pews.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There are still a few tickets available for the Knights of Columbus spaghetti dinner which takes place at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 3. The dinner is free; however you will need a ticket as the number of guests is limited. Remaining tickets will be available after Sunday Masses on a first-come basis. For details please contact Terry Brennan at 778-229-7228.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES 2012

Your set of Sunday Envelopes 2012 will be ready next weekend. They will be alphabetically arranged on the last pew of the left row (from the Church entrance). Please pick-up your box of envelopes as soon as possible. For those who may not see their name on the

boxes and wanted to get one, please fill-out the form '**Request for Sunday Envelope**' and submit the form to the parish office either in person or by putting them in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

IMPORTANT: Please do not start using your 2012 Envelopes until January 1st, 2012.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING CARMELITE SEMINARIANS IN INDIA?

Please call or e-mail Fr. Rudy through the parish office. Your donations will be tax-deductible. Your generous donation will help produce more priests to serve in different countries, like ours, that are in dire need of priests.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2011

We are still accepting pledges for Project Advance. Credit card pledges should be submitted by December 12 to be credited in 2011. Otherwise, check donations may be dated and submitted by December 31st. Pls. drop your pledge forms with your donation in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

Scriptural Readings 34th Week In Ordinary Time

- Monday:** Nov. 21
Daniel 1:1-6,8-20; Daniel 3
Luke 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Nov. 22
Daniel 2:3,9,10,27,31-45;
Daniel 3; Luke 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Nov. 23
Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28;
Daniel 3; Luke 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Nov. 24
Daniel 6:11-28; Daniel 3;
Luke 21:20-28
- Friday:** Nov. 25
Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3;
Luke 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Nov. 26
Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3;
Luke 21:34-36

Pastor's Corner

A Unique King With A Unique Kingdom

Christ the King Sunday

Jesus Christ still lives as king, in thousands of human hearts all over the world. The cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount is his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love one another as I have loved you." His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. That is why the preface in today's Mass describes Jesus' kingdom as "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." He is a king with a saving and liberating mission: to free mankind from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth and to inherit eternal life in heaven.

The Kingdom of God is the central teaching of Jesus throughout the Gospels. The word kingdom appears more than any other word throughout the four Gospels. Jesus begins His public ministry by preaching the kingdom. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:14). In Christ's kingdom, "we are all a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). According to the teachings of the New Testament, the "kingdom of God" is a three dimensional reality: i) the life of grace within every individual who does the will of God, ii) the Church here on earth, and iii) eternal life in Heaven. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that the Church is the kingdom of Christ already present in mystery. It is the mission of the Church to proclaim and establish the kingdom of Christ in human souls. This mission takes place between the first coming and the second coming of Christ. The Church helps us to establish Christ's kingdom in our hearts, thus allowing us to participate in God's inner life. We are elevated and transformed through sanctifying grace. This supernatural life of grace comes to fulfillment in the eternal life of Heaven.

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Archdiocesan News and Events



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,

Gerald Thompson, Rudolph Walters, Hassiran Hakim, 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 Christ who heal those who believe. Amen.

Catholic Charities Men's

Hostel is looking for volunteers for our Extreme Weather Response program. We need extra help over the holiday season as the weather gets worse. If interested, please call Frances Cabahug at (604) 786-8981 or email fcabahug@rcav.org for more information.

Handel's Messiah Christmas at the Orpheum- Dec. 10

Archbishop J. Michael Miller extends a heartfelt invitation to all parishioners and friends Visit www.rcav.org/messiah2011 to purchase tickets online.

Set Free Retreat - 'To Live and To Love'

The retreat with Fr. Elias Vella and Diana Mascarenhas, sponsored by Sts Cyril and Methodius Parish will be held at Rosemary Heights from Dec. 9 - 11. Father Vella from Malta leads retreats, spiritual exercises in several countries and is considered one of the most prominent exorcists in his country. He is the president of the Archdiocesan Commission on Occult and Satanism. Diana Mascarenhas is Co-Director of IWE-ICPE India Catholic Mission Centre. The registration deadline is Nov. 22. To register, call Bertha 604-936-4669; Rozalia 604-944-1554; visit <http://www.eliasvella.org/> <<http://www.eliasvella.org/>> .

Advent Retreat Day

Entering the quiet mystery of birthing - in Mary, in us. Gloria Sutcliffe, retreat & spiritual director, will facilitate this day. Nov. 26 - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cenacle, 5989 Mackenzie St. \$50 includes lunch and refreshments. Call Sr. Monica at 604-266-1611 for reservations.

Concert at Holy

Rosary Cathedral

Saint Andrew's-Wesley United Church organist Darryl Nixon in concert at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Works by Rutter, Bach, Liszt and

others. Giant screen. Friday Nov. 25 - 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20 / Students and Seniors \$15, info: 604-682-6774 http://hrc.rcav.org/Concert_Series/index.htm

Centennial History Book of St. Edmund's Parish

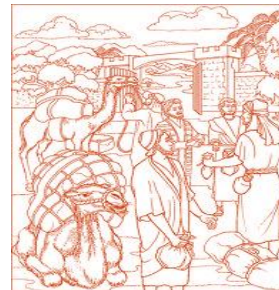
Every decade of the past century opens with an overview of world and local events, continues with stories of priests and families who pioneered each period. Wonderful photos, great Christmas present. \$25 a copy. Contact parish office at 604-988-3211

You and the Archdiocese

How can you possibly stay on top of everything going on in the Archdiocese of Vancouver? The Friday Report is your weekly one-stop newsletter of all things Catholic in Vancouver, now with a new look and format! Subscribe by visiting www.rcav.org/fridayreport.

Stewardship Reflection

November 20



'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' In today's readings we see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will care for us in our time of need. However, our relationship with Jesus should not be all take and no give. We, in turn, are expected to care for one another just as Jesus cares for us.

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

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway."

...Mother Teresa

Pastor's Corner continued:

Life messages :

1) **We discover our hidden king and God in the suffering millions.** One of the first lessons that grows out of this parable of the Last Judgment is that our God is a hidden God who hides himself and who goes incognito wearing a mask. When our God is being crucified today in the suffering millions, he is the most hidden God. Hence, the real message of today's parable is to seek God hiding behind the faces and in the places of suffering people. It is an invitation for us to embrace a suffering humanity, just as St. Francis of Assisi did, just as Blessed Mother Teresa did. The first requirement is that we have the love of Christ inside us. We can't embrace hurting people unless the love of God lives in us. That embrace begins at home, in unselfconscious acts of generosity to one's husband, wife, family. We start forgetting ourselves in loving and caring for another person. This quality of love then spreads from our home to the neighbor down the street and to the man who had a stroke or to a person who was crippled in a car accident.

2) **We need to be prepared to answer "Yes" to the king's six questions.** In the parable about the separation of sheep from goats in the Last Judgment, Jesus reminds us to get ready to answer "yes" to his six questions based on our corporal and spiritual acts of charity. "I was hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, imprisoned; did you help Me?" When God threatens us with punishment, or the withholding of rewards, it is His way of motivating us to do what He wants us to do, just as mature parents have always done. We are reminded that when we care for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned, we are actually taking care of Jesus who lives behind the faces of these people. Blessed Mother Theresa explains that they are, "hungry, not only for bread, but hungry for love; naked not only for clothing, but for human dignity and respect; homeless not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise." Jesus lives within these hurting people, behind their eyes, their tears, and their pain.

3) **The fight against the enemies of Christ's kingdom.** Terrorism has affected the entire world. The Kingdom of Christ is under attack by Satan's terrorists. These terrorists continue to engage in a frontal attack on the modern family by making the evils of abortion, divorce, same-sex marriage, cohabitation, and all kinds of greedy exploitation seem "normal" and palatable by means of provocative television shows, movies, Internet sites, dance, dress, speech and music. The whole of this campaign is designed and intended to eradicate any recognition of Jesus Christ as our King and Lord. These terrorists have infiltrated even the ordained ranks of the Catholic Church as evidenced by the scandals of clergy sex abuse cases. Hence, Jesus the King needs convinced apostles prepared and ready to fight against the enemy. To ensure that Jesus is always the king of our hearts requires of us great commitment, sacrifice, conviction, hard work and the continuing prayer that we may receive and be transformed by His presence and His grace.

4) **We need to use our authority for serving Jesus in our subjects.** This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the government, public offices, educational institutions or in the family to use it to serve Jesus. Let us examine our own consciences asking the following questions: Are we using our God-given authority in order to serve others? Are we using it to build a more just society rather than to boost our own egos? Are we using our power in any way that could help to alleviate pain instead of causing pain? Let us conclude the Church year by asking the Lord to help us serve the King of Kings to the best of our abilities. Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! Christ conquers! Christ rules! Christ reigns! God bless you.

Fr. Rudy

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