

Guardian Angels Parish

April 1, 2012

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PARISH INFORMATION:

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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 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 in front of the Blessed Sacrament (except during Lent); Exposition right after morning Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass follows at 7:00 pm

Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.

—Matthew 21:9



Passion (Palm) Sunday

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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.

New in the Parish? Have you registered yet? If you are new or have not registered yet, please fill out a Parish Registration Form available on the table in the church foyer. Drop it off in the office or in the Collection basket at Mass.

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. Process begins in September

Faith Study

Catechesis by NeoCatechumenal Way Community every Monday and Thursday at 7:00 pm Venue: Millennium Parish Hall.

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS:parish.ga@rcav.org**MASS INTENTIONS
April 2 - 8**

Mon. - 7 pm:

+Susan Roth + By: Friend

Tues.- 8:00 am:

All Souls in Purgatory

Wed., - 8:00 am:

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: 7:00 pm:

(Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Friday: 3:00 pm

(Celebration of the Lord's Passion)

Saturday- Easter Vigil**9:00 pm:**

Int. of Annette Jaudouin (Joduin)

By: Albane Germon & Family

9:00 am: Easter Sunday:

+Inigo Palmiano+ & Family

By: Bagaipo Family

11:00 am:

+Bernardino Manzanares+

By: Eric & Alma Salvador

12:30 pm:

Int. of Guardian Angels Parish

PARISH GROUPS**Knights of Columbus
(Council # 14723)**

- Terry Brennan - Grand Knight
778-229-7228

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

Parish Announcements



Schedule

April 1- Palm Sunday

Masses: 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM; 12:30 PM
(Anticipated Mass on Sat., March 31 at 4 PM)

April 2 & 3- Masses at 8:00 am**April 4 - Wednesday**

Holy Mass 8:00 AM
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena 7:00 PM
**CHRISM MASS at Holy Rosary Cathedral
at 5:00 PM**

April 5 (Holy Thursday)**NO MORNING MASS****7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

(After the evening Mass when the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Altar of Repose, you may stay for a silent adoration until 10:00 pm.)

April 6 (Good Friday of the Lord's Passion)

11:00 am - Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm - Celebration of the Passion with Communion
(After the celebration, Church will be open until 7:00 pm for silent prayers)

April 7 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 pm - Easter Vigil
NO Morning Mass;
NO 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass

April 8 (Easter Sunday) -

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

(The Office is open on Holy Wednesday 9:00 am to noon; will be closed Holy Thursday to Easter Monday)

TRASH & TREASURE

SATURDAY, MAY 12 & 13 AT 10:00 AM in the Millennium Parish Hall. Please bring your donations of merchandise (new or used clothing, jewelries, home accessories, decors / collectables, housewares, or small kitchen appliances in good, running condition) in the Rectory Basement - Cecile and her team are there every Wednesday, between 10 am to 2 pm, to receive your donations. Raffle tickets are now available: \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5 or \$20 for a book of 12 tickets. Please call Cecile at 604 683-0143 for more details.

Spring

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER CELEBRATION**

Your contributions for Easter flowers always helped us make our Easter celebrations beautiful. Our Ushers will be passing the basket at the foyer after each Mass today and next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Ongoing...

'COME AND MEET**THE RISEN JESUS CHRIST'**

Neo Catechumenal Way Community invites you to a catechesis every Monday & Thursday (**EXCEPT ON HOLY THURSDAY**) at 7:30 pm in the Millennium Parish Hall. Come and discover a deeper understanding of your Faith and a personal relationship with Jesus. Baby sitting is available. Call Milton @ 604 321- 7265

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP - for Fr. Rudy's Silver Jubilee Celebration of his priestly ordination? It will be a 'potluck dinner' with FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, music, dancing and sing along at the Millennium Parish Hall after the 4:00 pm Mass, Saturday, April 28, 2012 .

Please call Cecile Bozyk at 604 683-0143.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 3 at 7pm in the Millennium Parish Hall.



Anyone who has been collecting spare change for Pennies for Heaven is asked to turn in their funds to a member or at the parish office by mid-April. The amounts need to be tallied before the Knights of Columbus convention where they will be presented to the Archbishop. All of these funds go to support vocations in the archdiocese. The Knights of Columbus thank you for your continued support.

Scriptural Readings**Monday: April 2**

Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27;
John 12:1-11

Tuesday: April 3

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 7;
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: April 4

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69;
Matthew 26-14-26

Thursday: April 5

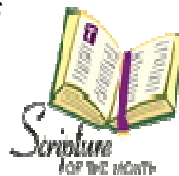
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116;
1Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday: April 6

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31;
Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Saturday: April 7

(Refer to Sunday Missal)





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, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Dick Herring, Eddie Bilek, 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.

Men – Do You Need a Break?

St. Ann's Parish invites men to get away on retreat to enjoy a rest and renewal on Rockridge Canyon's 1,500 beautiful acres near Princeton. Step away to pause and reconnect with God, yourself and other men - seminars, prayers, delicious meals, and plenty of free time. Join retreat leader Jake Khym and spiritual director F. James Hughes along with other Catholic men for a Theology of the Body retreat. **Apr. 13** to 15. Registration cost: \$210. For information call 604-852-5602, visit www.stannsabbotsford.ca or email: mensretreat@telus.net

Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians Societies

The 4th Annual Conference will be held on **April 27** – 28 at the Metropolitan Hotel, Vancouver. Info: www.members.shaw.ca/cpgv; drtoniparsons@telus.net; Judy Talas 604-430-2712.

Jesus the Teacher – Retreat for Catechists

By Fr. James Hughes—Catechists deepen their relationship with the one Teacher, Jesus Christ, and reflect on their vocation to lead others to Him. **April 27** – 29 at Westminster Abbey, Mission. Cost: \$150. Priority will be given to candidates who pursue the Archdiocesan RCIA and PREP Catechetical certification. All others will be placed on a wait-list. More information: Office of Catechetics at 604 683-0281; e-mail oc@rcav.org; visit www.rcav.org/oc www.rcav.org

Endow in a Day Seminar Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth

This special day for women presents the remarkable story of a 20th century saint. Saturday **Apr. 21** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish hall, 1450 Delta Ave., Burnaby. Cost: \$90 includes seminar, study materials, notebook and lunch. Registration deadline is **Apr. 2**. Call 604-443-3220.

All Couples in Marital Crisis Take Heart!!

- Retrouvaille helps couples like you recover intimacy and a loving marriage. You can come back from serious problems of all kinds, even infidelity or years of misery. (Please consider this highly successful option before you consider divorce, for the sake of your family.) You CAN heal the pain and rediscover romance!! (Learn the tools to regain love, positive communication and respect.) For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of **April 13** - 15, 2012, call **604-530-6710**, email 1009@retrouvaille.org or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Living Through Grief - Bereavement Seminar

Presented by guest speaker Denis Boyd, R. Psychologist & Donna L. Crombie. **Apr. 23** - 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Vancouver. Denis will discuss characteristics of healthy and unhealthy grief, as well as effective coping strategies after the loss of a loved one. Cost: \$25. Pre-payment, registration is requested at least one week prior to workshop date. Please call 604-931-7211; for details, please visit: www.denisboyd.com

Walk / Run for Birthright

Birthright is a non-profit, non-political, interdenominational emergency pregnancy service offering alternatives to abortion. Birthright Vancouver will be holding a Walk/Run fundraiser to support its ongoing services for pregnant women. The event is a walk or run to be held on **May 26**, around Queen Elizabeth Park. We cordially invite you and all other supporters to register and begin collecting donations on behalf of Birthright Vancouver. More information e-mail birth-rightvancouver@gmail.com ; visit: www.birthright.org



Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me

Passion of Christ, strengthen me!
Strengthen me under the pressure of temptation.
Strengthen me when principle is at stake.
Strengthen me to do Your Will, My God.
Strengthen me in moments of suffering, in times of loneliness, in periods of depression.
Strengthen me that I may never swerve from You, dear Christ, nor weaken through human respect, through a desire to be popular, through hope of social distinction.
Strengthen me to accept my cross and carry it generously to the end.
On the battlefield of life, stand by me that I may never prove a traitor in the ranks.
Stand by me that I may not be dazzled by the glitter and glow of the enemy camp. Amen.



Let us 'welcome the little ones'

Marquis Ian Bandong
Baptized on
Sunday, April 1, 2012



Child of
Marvin & Juvelyn Bandong

Pastor's Corner

Palm Sunday , 2012

"Help! Help!"

There is an old story about a preacher who was having problems and decided to leave the ministry. But he ran into trouble finding another job. Finally, in desperation, he took a job at the local zoo. The gorilla had died, and since it had been the children's favorite animal, the zoo officials decided to put someone in a gorilla costume until a real replacement could be found. To the minister's surprise, he liked the job. He enjoyed ministering to children as the donkey on Palm Sunday carried Jesus. He got lots of attention and could eat all he wanted. There was no stress no deadlines, complaints or committees. And he could take a nap anytime he wanted. One day he was feeling particularly frisky. So he began swinging on the trapeze. Higher and higher he went. But suddenly he lost his grip, flipped a couple of times, and landed in the next cage. Stunned and dazed, he looked up and saw a ferocious lion. In his panic he forgot he was supposed to be a gorilla and yelled, "Help! Help!" That ferocious lion turned in his direction and said, "oh shut up, man, I'm a minister too."

Unlike these gorilla and lion ministers, all of us are supposed to be donkey ministers by becoming donkey-givers like the man Jesus met long ago and who loaned his donkey to Jesus to ride as he entered Jerusalem for the last time. We become donkey-givers when we give something that promotes Jesus and his kingdom. Five hundred years from now, as we delight in the glory of God's kingdom, we will not even remember how much money we earned on earth or how big our houses were or whether we had much status or popularity. But we will celebrate forever every single donkey we gave to the Master in the form of little things we have done for others in Jesus' name for God's glory.

The Cross

Today's gospel of Mark gives us a glimpse of the full version of the Passion which would lead us to look at the Cross. As much as we would like to have Jesus not go to Gethsemane, as much as we might wish to stop Judas, as much as we would like to get after Peter for his three denials of Jesus, the Cross is inevitable, as we slowly read the narrative of Mark from today's gospel.

What we see in Mark's version of this narrative is a Jesus who does not so much defeat death but rather refuses to avoid it. His forsaken cry from the cross should not be tempered into anything but a true cry of desperation that echoes the truth of the pains we experience in our lives – individually, as well as collectively as the church, as a community, and as a nation.

In Christ crucified we begin to experience authentic life. Such life is not easy in a world still mad with power and prestige, a world that wants to sell a path of service to others as a commodity to be purchased rather than as a life lived like Jesus lived His.

It's a good thing the Good News can only be given away!

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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