

Guardian Angels Parish

March 17, 2013

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Church Open:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).

Church Closed on Wednesday & weekends
after Masses.

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5th Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00am; 12:30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 7:00 pm
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am

Sacraments:

Confessions– Saturdays between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

Baptism / Marriage / Anointing of the Sick or Home Communion / Funeral- Please contact the Parish office.

Devotions / Prayers

Morning Prayers / Breviary:

Tuesday-Friday 7:40 am
Saturday & 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- Holy Hour at 6:00 pm (except during Lent)

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) - every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

March 18 - 24

Mon., March 18

7:00pm - Sp. Int. of Khadijah Ali
By: Shairon Bainbridge

Tues., March 19

8:00am - +Remedios Tomas+
By: Connie Perez

Wed., March 20

8:00am +Ramon Otazu+
By: Connie Perez

Thurs., March 21

8:00am - +Rosemarie Mascarenhas+
By: Theresa Dagenais

Fri., Mar 22-

8:00 am -

Sat., Mar 23

9:00am -
4:00pm - +Emma Tinio +
By: Lorie, Eric, Laurel & Weitzel

Sunday, Mar 24

9:00am: +Susan Gray +
By: Susan Wallace

11:00 am: +Emma Tinio +

By: Velia, Bobby, Hasha, & Giaco

12:30 pm: Intentions of Guardian
Angels Parishioners



PARISH GROUPS

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- Terry Brennan - Grand Knight
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- 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

NeoCatechumenal Way

- Fr. Boniface D'Souza

Pastor's Corner



Breaking Jars

A rich Japanese millionaire had a hobby of collecting Chinese Jars. He had a lovely small family – his wife Tsang and daughter Erica. He had collected such a lot of Jars that his home was filled with them. He would place them everywhere. He had warned his wife and child of dire consequences if something would happen to his jars. Well, one day when he was away for his business, Erica began playing the ball carefully. For her bad luck the ball fell on one jar that jar tilted on another, and another jar fell on another. Consequently a couple of jars were broken to pieces. The mother comes running and yells at her child saying 'you will be punished mercilessly baby' for these jars. In the evening the man comes home and finds that a couple of jars were strewn on the floor, broken and in pieces. He shouts loudly 'where are you Erica? I will break you into pieces like these jars, where are you?' He goes in search of Erica, but she could not be traced at home. He runs outside his home, to his neighbours, to relatives' houses. No trace of his daughter. He comes back home furious. Spends some time and gets upset with everything. Finally, he comes to his senses and really looks for Erica. He was now greatly concerned. When he could not find her anywhere, he becomes anxious and worried. Reports to the police and they begin a search for her. Now three days are over. Erica is nowhere to be found. Now the rich man is desperate. He begins to repent. He goes to the nearby T.V. station and says 'I will pay you any amount of money, please come home and video tape all what I want to say and do, and air it in the next programme in your T.V.'. Well, the reporters come home and begin to videotape all that the rich man had to say. He begins his confession 'Dear Erica, my sweet daughter. Come home my darling. I love you so much. My hobby of collecting jars blinded me. I loved the jars more than you. Now I repent and you see what I am doing. He takes a club in his hand and breaks every jar at home and says 'dear Erica, you broke only 5 jars. I have broken all the jars. Now do not be afraid to come home. I want you'. Saying this he weeps bitterly for his mistake. The T.V. reporters air these happenings in the T.V. and in a day Erica gets back home embracing and kissing her father.

Do we condemn?

I do not know how many of us rejoiced when Saddam Hussein was recently hanged to death. Some even videotaped the agonizing man dying. Once himself a great dictator and a murderer had to pay the price with his own death. However, we have no right to rejoice at anyone's death. Death is the right reward for our sins. That is why the woman was brought to be stoned. But fortunately life came on the way (Jn 10.10). He came to give life, but life in abundance. He told his listeners that those who have not sinned may cast the first stone at her. Well, he also said, do not judge, that you may not be judged (Lk 6.36)

Biblical notion of Forgiveness

Throughout the Bible, forgiveness carries the idea of "release," "sending away," or "letting go." The Greek word often translated "forgiveness" was used to indicate release from an office, marriage, obligation, debt, or punishment. The idea of a debt or something owed is inherent to the concept of forgiveness.

In biblical terms, therefore, forgiveness is the loving, voluntary cancellation of a debt. It is the kind of release Jesus spoke of when, during a teaching moment at Simon the Pharisee's house, He likened forgiveness to the cancellation of a financial obligation (Lk 7.36-47). While having dinner there, Jesus was visited by a broken, repentant prostitute. Her emotions were uninhibited. Expressing deep affection for the Lord, she washed His feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, kissed them, and poured an expensive perfume on them (vv.37-38). Luke says that Simon was incensed and thought within himself that if Jesus were a prophet, He would know what kind of woman was touching Him.

In response to Simon's reaction, Jesus told the following story: "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii (1 1/2 year's wages), and the other fifty (2 month's wages). And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, 'I suppose the one whom he forgave more.' And He said to him, 'You have rightly judged'" (vv.41-43).

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Stewardship Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2013

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."

(Philippians 3:8)

Learning to detach ourselves from our material possessions and seeing them as "rubbish" is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.

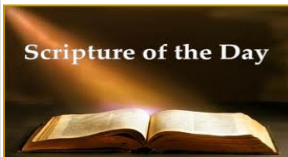
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Let us pray for those in our long-term prayer list

Marie Crowe, Ronald Bainbridge, Andre Costa, Gerald Thompson, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, 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



Monday: March 18
Daniel 13
Psalm 23; John 8:12-20

Tuesday: March 19
2Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14,16
Psalm 89;
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
Luke 2:41-51

Wednesday: March 20
Dan.3-20,24, 49-50,91-95
Daniel 3
John 8:31-42

Thursday: March 21
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105; John 8:51-59

Friday: March 22
Jeremiah 20:7, 10-13
Psalm 18
John 10:31-42

Saturday: March 23
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31
John 11: 45-57

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come and Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at Guardian Angels- April 7, 2013

"In a special way, it is the Sunday of thanksgiving for all the goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter mystery." Pope John Paul II. Jesus asked that this Feast be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would start on Good Friday, March 29th. Say one chaplet each day following the novena intention.

Neo-Catechumenal Way Meetings - every Wednesday and Saturday at 7:30 pm in the Millennium Parish Hall unless announced otherwise.

Schedule of Holy Week Services

March 24- Palm Sunday

Masses: 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM; 12:30 PM
(Anticipated Mass on Sat., March 23 at 4 PM)

March 25, 26 - Masses at 8:00 am

March 27 - Wednesday

Holy Mass 8:00 AM
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena 7:00 PM

March 28 - (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.)

March 29 (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)

March 30 (Holy Saturday)

9:00 pm - Easter Vigil
NO Morning Mass;

March 31 (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)

There are limited number of spaces available at St. Patrick Regional Secondary for Grades 8 -12. Interested applicants may pick up a Registration Package from the office at the main school. Check out our website at www.spats.bc.ca

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

Migrant Workers – Journey with the Lord

Experience the presence of our Lord through the Migrant Workers Way of the Cross. Holy Rosary Hall, 646 Richards St. on Saturday Mar. 23 from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Registration will open at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP Edna: 604-683-0281 ext. 290; email egar-rucho@rcav.org

Basic Instructions before Leaving Earth

Do you get frustrated reading the Bible? Do you feel that the Bible is not relevant to your life? Live presentation by Kyle Neilson, Director of the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and receive practical guidance on how Catholics are to understand the Bible. Get motivated to dive into the Scriptures and allow God to infuse you with life. All are welcome. St. Mary's Parish, 5251 Joyce St. Vancouver on Saturday, Mar 23 – 10 a.m. to 12noon

A Telecast by the The National Catholic Mission 2013

Speakers Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Father Anthony Gittins, CSSp and Father Pat Fitzpatrick, CSSp will address the subject of Trust the lack of which can lead to paranoia and fear. They will also stress the importance of "Remembering" what Jesus said and what Jesus did in His time here with us. The Year of Faith will be telecast on Vision TV on March 25 and 26. Part I is scheduled for March 25 – 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Part II on Mar. 26 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Pursuit of Love" Musical

Do we live on bread alone or is there a deeper meaning to life? To align with the Year of Faith declared by the Pope and the Catholics Come Home campaign of our Archdiocese, the Fountain of Love and Life will be hosting a Chinese Evangelization Event named 'Pursuit of Love' at the Michael J. Fox Theatre on Mar. 24 - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 604-818-6888.

A presentation by Catholic After Hours

"Just War Theory - A Philosophical and Theological Outline" by Daniel Hahn will be held on Sunday Mar. 24 at St Regis Bar and Grill, 608 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Talk at 7:30 p.m. There is a small cover charge. More information on Catholic After Hours Facebook page.

(Pastor's Corner continued...from page 2)

The point is that sin incurs a debt that must be cancelled or forgiven. The more aware we are of how much we've been forgiven, the more love we will have toward the one who cancels the debt.

What is the offence or sin committed against us that Jesus told us to respond to? While He was not specific, we must remember that sin can be defined as any failure to love. On another occasion, Jesus summed up our entire obligation to God and to one another as a debt of love (Mt 22.37-40). Paul did the same when he said, "Owe no one anything except to love one another" (Rom 13.8).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notice Jesus' last words to the woman, "go away and don't sin anymore." Although Jesus has forgiven her sin he expects her to live a life of grace and union with God from now on by not sinning any more. Jesus doesn't say that sin does not matter because sin does matter and damages our relationship with God. When we receive Jesus' forgiveness he expects us to live as new people afterwards. That is precisely the attitude with which we are to come to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It would make no sense to come to confession if we intended to continue committing the same sin again. In weakness we may commit the same sin again but as we come to confession if we do not intend to amend our lives then surely we cannot say that we are truly sorry for our sins. Surely we can only genuinely say that we are truly sorry for our sins if we have a firm intention not to commit sin again.

Beginning of Sin

Sin begins in the mind, from there it moves on to become an action, from there it moves on to become a lifestyle, and then it affects us in eternity. Jesus said not to sin again. We need to begin by feeding our minds with what is good instead of with what is rubbish. In our second reading today we see Paul filling himself only with Jesus and cutting out all rubbish from his life.

Our Sinful tendencies

First of all a personal examination of conscience will reveal that basically we are all sinners. We need a deep purification. At times our confessions are just an exercise to get rid of our fear of hell. Not real repentance to come back to God. We are all filled with the fear of hell, and consequently our repentance an exercise of getting rid of our fears or torture and not cultivation of love.

We have lot of tendencies in us: first of all, like judging others as bad, insincere, rude, cruel. Secondly, we look down upon others, considering that we are the best, we excel in virtues, and devotions and others are good for nothing. Thirdly, we consider ourselves worthy of God's love, forgiveness and compassion; and at the same time we condemn others to hell of fire.

Practical Conclusion

Need to find out in your own environment events that can strengthen your homily. Just observe people or listen to them and you will find most of them condemning others for the situation they are in. You can also listen to yourself, and find out how many times you condemn others in your thoughts throughout the day. May be in a week you must have condemned more people than those Scribes and Pharisees.

We condemn poor people, drunkards, we condemn the traffic on roads, and we are upset when climate is too warm, too cold. We condemn the public departments. Well, what have you done, to improve situations? Now go and sin no more...

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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