

**PARISH INFORMATION:**

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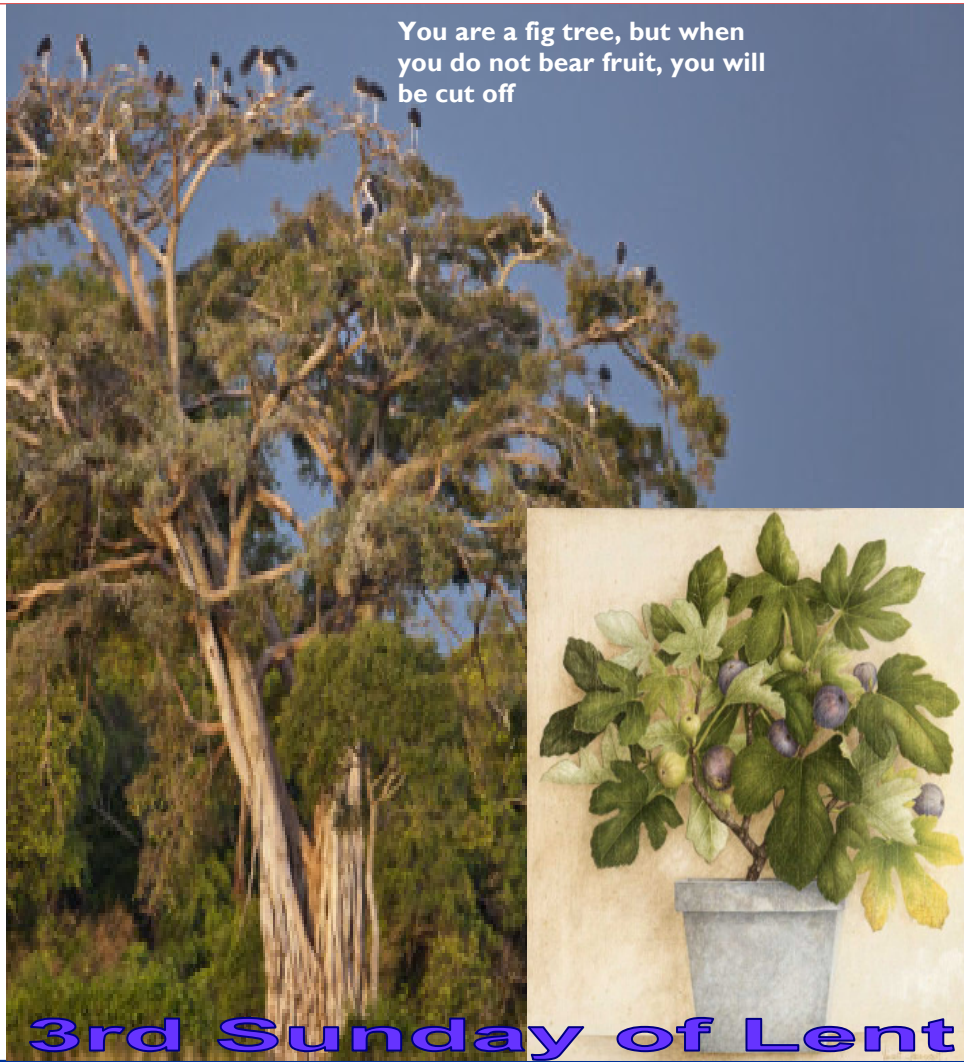
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**Office hours:**  
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm on Mon. Tues., Thu. & Friday; CLOSED on Wed. & weekends

**Church Open:**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
 8 am to 4 pm (except on Holidays).  
 Church Closed on Wednesday & weekends after Masses.



**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 if off in the office or in the collection basket at Mass.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**March 4 - 10**

- Mon., March 4  
 7:00pm - **+Hilda Coffin+**  
 By: Sandra Coffin
- Tues., March 5  
 8:00am - **+Gerald Leslie Jacob+**  
 By: Irene Mary Davis
- Wed., March 6  
 8:00am **+Norman Dias & Parents+**  
 By: Roy Dias
- Thurs., March 7  
 8:00am - **+Vilma Rosales Ancheta+**  
 By: Diaz Family
- Fri., Mar 8 - 8:00 am -  
**+Daniel Boyer, Jr.+**  
 By: Jim Wingham
- Sat., Mar 9  
 9:00am -
- 4:00pm - **+Dante Pacecca+**  
 By: Sylvia
- Sunday, Mar 10  
 9:00am: **+Patricio & Corazon Calas+**  
 By: Vicky Calas
- 11:00 am: **+Alvaro 'Chick' Barretto**  
 By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo
- 12:30 pm: **Intentions of Guardian Angels Parishioners**



**PARISH GROUPS**

- Knights of Columbus**  
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- Terry Brennan - Grand Knight  
 778-229-7228
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- Infant Jesus of Prague**
- Susan Hauck—604 278-6346
- NeoCatechumenal Way**
- Fr. Boniface D'Souza

Pastor's Corner



**Careless Driver**

I told Ronnie to ride slowly on super high ways. Well, Ronnie told me that there is nothing to panic as the roads are laid for a comfortable speed of 80 to 100 Kmph. After a few weeks Ronnie comes back one day wounded on his ankles and hands because of an accident that took place on the highway. I told Ronnie not to ride on risky roads but wear a helmet that he could be assured against the bad conditioned roads. Ronnie got into another accident 6 months later and was badly wounded and was in the hospital for two months. But unfortunately Ronnie never learnt a lesson. This happened just a few weeks back, in the second week of January this year (2007), as he was riding towards Pune on the highway, he was trying to overtake a long truck but met with a fatal accident and his whole body was crushed. He spent few days in the hospital in semi-conscious state and he breathed his last. No one could console his parents. Ronnie never listened to warnings of his friends and well-wishers.

God warns us on various occasions and through different people, circumstances and events that happen in our life. We need to heed so that we take seriously the warning that come to us for our own good.

As we are making our way through Lent, we have on this third Sunday a short parable of warning. The parable is known as "**The Barren Fig Tree**", recorded in **Lk 13.6-9**

That may be true... But the application has as much to do with individual repentance as social repentance. This should make the parable of particular interest to us today, as we attempt to learn from our Lord what He was teaching about the need to repent

**Hard Times**

In First Reading from the Book of Exodus, we heard that God observed the misery of His people. He heard their cries on account of their taskmasters. (Ex 3.7) And so He went to deliver them from the Egyptians. (Ex 3.8)

**True Freedom**

During the Second Reading that provided us with more information about God's people, we learn that God did free His people from slavery. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food. They all drank the same spiritual drink. They thought they were God's people, but he was not pleased with most of them. And He struck them down in the wilderness. (1 Cor 10.2-5)

Why did God strike them down? These things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. (1 Cor 10.6) And we should not complain about this righteousness of God. Those who complained in the days of Moses, they were destroyed by the Destroyer. (1 Cor 10.10)

As St. Paul said, these things happened to serve as an example. And they were written down to instruct us. So, if we think we are standing, **we better watch out that we do not fall (1 Cor 10.11-2).**

**The Barren Fig Tree (Lk 13.6-9)**

God, represented by the owner of the vineyard, is long-suffering. In His law, however, He threatens the just punishment of sin. He demands fruit in keeping with repentance. If that fruit does not appear, the tree will be cut down. John the Baptist preached, "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance...Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matt. 3.8, 10). In the parable, the man did not find any fruit. He tells the vinedresser, "Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?" This time will not go on forever. Judgment will come when we least expect it. We must be ready every day!

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**Stewardship Reflection**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**March 3, 2013**

He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'

(Luke 13:7)

Are we like the barren fig tree? What does God find when He searches for the fruits which we have given back? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you?

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 Winnipeg,

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"Seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it.... And He said to it, 'May no fruit ever come from you again! And the fig tree withered at once.' (19). *Matt. 21:18-22*

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS



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

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 Asterovala, Ollie Korinetz, Zenaida Nicolas, Doreen Millburn, Helena Glavot, Zeenith Garay, Florence Nichols, Joanne Borrrys and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not know by name.

### **When the Pope Resigns - Lecture by Archbishop Miller**

"When the Pope Resigns - Context and Implications of Pope Benedict's Recent Resignation", a free public lecture by Archbishop Miller at Saint Mark's College, 5935 Iona Drive on Wednesday, **Mar. 13** from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information; to reserve a seat, please call 604-822-4463.

### **How to answer every anti-Catholic criticism of the Catholic Church**

"The immense social, cultural, and spiritual contributions of Catholic Christianity: How to answer every anti-Catholic criticism of the Catholic Church" - a talk by J. Fraser Field. Theology on Tap is scheduled on **Mar. 7** at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's College / Plato Cave, 5935 Iona Drive. A group calling themselves the "New Atheists" are aggressive in arguing that religious belief is not only a puerile fairy tale, but that it is the major source of conflict and dysfunction in modern societies. The arguments presented by the New Atheists are increasingly taken up in our secular culture. In the face of such attacks most Catholics, have been at a loss to know what to think or say. Catholics, as a rule, simply haven't had the facts or the arguments they need to challenge the misinformation. More information call Father Hien Nguyen - 604-822-6862

### **Lenten Parish Mission at St. Augustine's, Vancouver - Cancelled**

The parish mission at St. Augustine's Parish **March 2** –6th has been cancelled due to the sudden illness of the Priest.

### **ONE Conference Survey**

Please give us, your feedback whether you attended or not the ONE Conference - the annual Archdiocesan Conference for Catholics – held on **Feb. 16**. Your input is important to us. A heartfelt *thank you* to all who made this conference possible especially those in attendance. The survey can be found on [www.rcav.org/one](http://www.rcav.org/one)

### **Attention Ladies!**

On the weekend of March 15 - 17 there will be a Monastic Life Workshop for ladies interested in the consecrated life, at Westminster Abbey, Mission, BC. For more information call 604.826.8975.

### **"Identification with the Lord is the mystery of dying to self, through the other, for love of Him."**

**Catherine Doherty**

If your Lenten journey needs a 'realignment' (or even if it doesn't!) come join **Madonna House for a day of Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm** at St. John the Apostle Parish hall (5457 Trafalgar St., Vancouver). Cost is by donation and lunch will be served.

To register, please call Madonna House at 604-267-1757 or e-mail [madonna02@shaw.ca](mailto:madonna02@shaw.ca)

**Does Your Marriage Need Help?** – Retrouvaille (retroo-vye) is a Christian peer ministry which has succeeded in saving many, many couples from marital breakdown, including those who have experienced infidelity, years of misery, separation, or even divorce. *Rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy communication! Consider this option before you give up - you owe it to your spouse and family.* For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of **April 19 - 21, 2013**, call **604-530-6710**,

### **Knights of Columbus Guardian Angels**

will hold an executive meeting on Thursday, **March 7** at 7pm in the meeting room behind the sanctuary. Our general council meeting will be moved to Wednesday, **March 13** at 7pm in the Millennium Hall.



### **Lenten Penitential Services In Parishes of the West Deanery, Vancouver**

#### **Guardian Angels**

**March 18th, Monday, 6 PM**

#### **St. Anthony**

**March 10th, Sunday, 7PM**

#### **Holy Name**

**March 19th, Tuesday, 7PM**

#### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**March 19th, Tuesday, 7PM**

#### **St. Mark's Parish**

**March 20th, Wednesday, 7PM**

#### **St. Andrew's**

**March 21st, Thursday, 7PM**

#### **Blessed Sacrament**

**March 22nd, Friday, 7:30PM**

#### **St. Augustine's**

**March 22nd, Friday, 7PM**

#### **St. Patrick's**

**March 24th, Sunday, 7PM**

#### **Sts. Peter & Paul**

**March 25, Monday, 7PM**

#### **St. John the Apostle**

**March 26th, Tuesday, 7PM**

### Scripture of the Day



#### **Monday:** March 4

2Kings 5:1-15

Psalms 42

Luke 4:24-30

#### **Tuesday:** March 5

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Psalms 25

Matthew 18:21-35

#### **Wednesday:** March 6

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Psalms 147

Matthew 5:17-19

#### **Thursday:** March 7

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalms 95

Luke 11:14-23

#### **Friday:** March 8

Hosea 14:1-9

Psalms 81

Mark 12:28-34

#### **Saturday:** March 9

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalms 51

Luke 18:9-14

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### The Unfaithful will be cut off

The barren fig tree, if it remained so, was to be cut down. So Jesus warned His disciples that such would happen to them if they did not bear fruit ..."Every Branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away;" - Jn 15.2a. "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned." - Jn 15.6. Paul warned the Gentile Christians that they would be cut off if they did not remain faithful (which implies fruitfulness) - Rom 11.19-23. We read of the end of those who were saved, but fell away; despite receiving blessings from God, their end is likened to that of thorns and briars - He 6.1-8. That is, "rejected and near to being cursed".

**You are a fig tree, but when you do not bear fruit, you will be cut off:** Today God observes you through his flock around you, and when you are fruitless; certainly you will be removed, cut off or cast out.

### Repent and Believe

In light of such warnings, perhaps we can appreciate more... The two-fold warning given by Jesus: "...unless you repent you will all likewise perish" - Lk 13.3,5. The basic lesson of the parable of "**The Barren Fig Tree**" **What does it mean when it is said that one does not bear fruit? It means that they are doing the work of the flesh: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing and things like these. (Gal 5.19-21) As Saint Paul says in the Letter to the Galatians, "I am warning you, as I warned you before; those who do these things will not inherit the Kingdom of God." (Gal 5.21) These are the fig trees that bear no fruit. Repent NOW! - Lk 13.6-9.**

The time left may be short! Don't think that people who die tragic deaths are any worse sinners than you. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God - Rom 3.23. And the wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God) - Rom 6.23. So if we do not repent, our end will be no less tragic than the worst calamity ever to befall mankind! But the good news of the gospel is that God offers us the gift of eternal life! - Rom 6.23. However, remember the warning for those who do not repent - Rom 2.4-11. And, unlike the barren fig tree, you may have less than a year to bear fruit!

### Practical Conclusion

Try to find out in your parish how many really try to compete with others, how many try to humiliate and persecute others; give an example of neighbors fighting for property; some fight because of jealousy, they waste their time, energy in just trying to create violent atmosphere around them. How many are just interested in spreading false rumors about others, speaking ill of others etc. You can find out a concrete situation and elaborate so that the message reaches the people. They must carry a lesson home when leaving the church.

God bless you,  
Fr. Rudy

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