



Guardian Angels Parish

March 20, 2016

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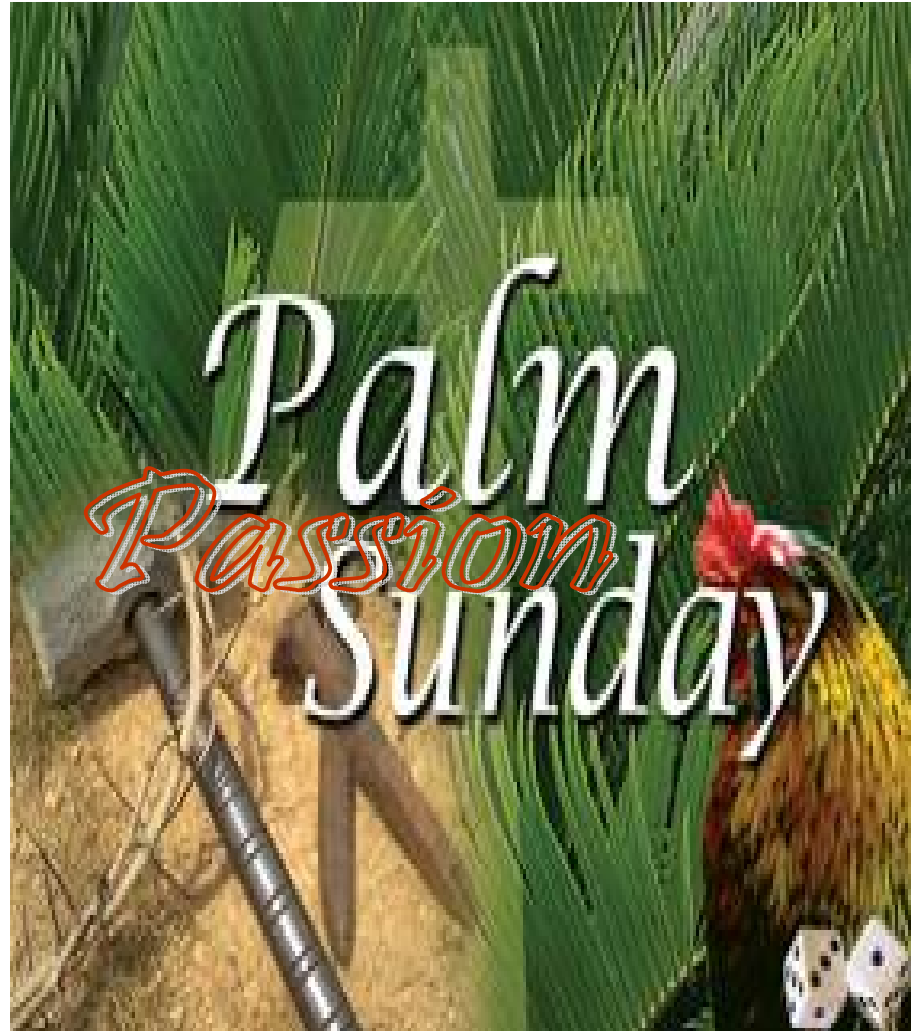
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PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

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.

Pastor's Corner - Passion (Palm) Sunday



Hosanna... Crucify him...

Savio came from UK the other day and was well received by his family members. They had arranged for a sumptuous dinner to mark his arrival. He had four suitcases full of items to share with his family members and relatives. He visited the neighbours and all spoke well of him. The family members were on the top of the world to know that Savio would be called back to UK with a promotion. Days passed, months elapsed, no news of Savio's employment. Family members were fed up, and slowly began to criticize him, ill treat him, and humiliate him. He was completely ignored by his close family members. Rumors spread that Savio was drinking and was depressed. I had a personal contact with Savio. He was really an authentic good man. I encouraged him saying that good days would certainly come back to him. Savio was really hopeful. By now he had learnt a lesson, that his family members and neighbors authentically did not love him. He realized that they loved his money and gifts more than his person. In fact this experience was a huge eye opener to him. He kept working hard and learnt the techniques of doing business here in India. He bought a shop on loan and tried to utilize his experience to start a business. Exactly after 4 years, the fortunes of Savio bloomed. He went back to UK with his new business and instead of working under anybody; he was the boss controlling a huge business. But certainly he would not like to forget his experience at home with his family members.

The Holy Week

The week we now call Holy Week, started with Palm Sunday. Why was this week so important that three of the gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) devote a full third of their contents to reporting this week, and the Fourth (John) dedicates its entire last half? Jerusalem, which had a normal population of about 50,000 at this time, had at least tripled in size because of the influx of pilgrims celebrating the Jewish holiday Passover. Early Sunday morning, Jesus boldly made his public entry into the city. This was the end of all privacy and safety, and the beginning of what would be an inevitable collision course with the religious and political authorities. Crowds began to gather to see the rabbi from Galilee. The procession began accompanied by shouting and singing from the throngs as they threw down their garments on the pathway to cushion his ride - an Oriental custom still observed on occasions - as well as palms, the symbol of triumph. The Old Testament prophet Zechariah had foretold the arrival of the Messianic king in Jerusalem via the humble conveyance of a colt. Here the crowd hailed Jesus as "the son of David", a loaded name used at a loaded time. The priestly establishment was understandably disturbed, as the palm was the national emblem of an independent Palestine. These were Jewish flags. What if Jesus should claim to be the heir of King David?

'Hosanna King of David', is the slogan whenever you succeed and make a mark. But then it fades when you fail to keep yourself on top position, you would hear, 'crucify him, crucify him'. This world is full of people who would like to be your friends, when you are well with them, help them, perform extraordinary thing for them. When you are no more able to perform, they would forget you. We need Encouragement, but we should never expect it always. Keep working without applause. We learn it from Jesus.

Triumphant Entry

This entry signifies that Jesus always was triumphant in his life, especially against evil. He never was defeated by the evil or the devil. He loved all people and therefore he accepted their recognition, even though it was just for a while, that he wanted it to happen. He knew that the earthly glory is going to last just for a while. That is why he had told Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world.

The Colt

A colt is a young male horse. This animal is considered not so important in the herd of horses. So he chooses the least type of animal for his entry into Jerusalem. He is the friend of least and the lost. Jesus came to make friends with sinners and tax collectors. He came to call the sinners, the least of the society, and not the righteous. That is why he chose something that is very weak to give an indication that he loves the weak and he wants to be among the least of this world.

March Toward Calvary

This procession will soon be followed by another procession with the cross. There is no crown without the cross. There is no easy way to glory. That is why, there is going to be the Way of the Cross in the life of Jesus. When Jesus was transfigured on Mount Tabor, Peter has told him that he would build three booths. But Jesus told him and the others that it was necessary to go down the mountain.

The Palms

The palms signify praises, honor, appreciation. That is needed in life. But, that is not the only thing that lasts. Once we are on the top of our glory, we know there will be a lot of people to praise you and appreciate you. Once you are down, rarely, people will come to give you company.

Today's reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians tells us that, Jesus "though he was in the form of God, (He) did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2.6-8)

Practical Conclusion

Life offers moments of glory but they are momentary; But it offers most of the time pain and crosses (Psalm 90).

Pleasant things really do not last long, but they are pleasurable; Hard work renders, and lasts.

Hence, do not run away from the cross, remember it leads to crown.

When I visited an old lady, I asked her, "how are you?" She told me that she was fine. But she also told me that she is the biggest sinner, but Jesus is going to accept her, because she never gave up his company in prayer and in her daily life. I feel this lady has a triumphant life.

God bless you!

Fr. Rudy, O.C.D.

If Christ dwells in a person as their friend and noble leader, they can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend. -St. Teresa of Avila

Daily Readings
of the
Holy Week



Monday: March 21
Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27;
John 12:1-11

Tuesday: March 22
Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71;
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: March 23
Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 69;
Matthew 26:14-26

Holy Thursday:
Please read Sunday Missal

Good Friday:
Please read Sunday Missal

Good Saturday:
Please Read Sunday Missal

Mass Offerings

March 21- March 27, 2016

Monday 7:00 pm-
+Rosemarie Mascarenhas+
By: T. Dagenais

Tuesday 8:00 am-
+Alfreda Stanley++
By: Vicky & Adam Ciszewski

Wednesday 8:00 am-
+Rocky Leung +
By: Stella Leung

Thursday 7:00 pm -
Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday 3:00 pm -
Passion of Christ

Holy Saturday —
11:00 am:
Stations of the Cross

9:00 pm: -
Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday-
9:00 am -
+Dan Reaume &
Lucille Rozon+
By: David DuPerron
11:00 am
+Ronald Bainbridge+
By: Shairoon Bainbridge
12:30 pm—
Sp. Intentions of
Guardian Angels Parishioners

March 20 -
PALM SUNDAY
Masses: 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm
(Anticipated Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm)

March 21 -
Monday of Holy Week Mass- 7:00 PM

March 22 -
Tuesday of Holy Week Mass - 8:00 AM

March 23
Wednesday of Holy Week 8:00 AM- Mass; 7:00 PM –Novena
**CHRISM MASS: 5:00 PM at Holy Rosary Cathedral **

March 24
Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
When the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Altar of Repose,
you may stay for silent adoration until **10:00 pm**

March 25
Good Friday - Stations of the Cross 11:00 am
3:00 pm – Celebration of the Passion with Communion
(Church will be open until 7:00 pm for silent prayers)

March 26
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9:00 PM
NO Morning Mass; NO Confessions; NO 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass

March 27
Easter Sunday
Masses: 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm
(The Office will be closed Holy Thursday to Easter Monday)



Candidates for Confirmation
at Easter Vigil:

Angela Jacome
Wendy John
Fumiko Okuro
Hong Qi

Let us keep them all in
our prayers this week

**ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR
AND RAFFLE**



May 28 & 29, 2016

The volunteers are in the Rectory basement to receive your donations of merchandise every Wednesday between 12:00 - 3:00 pm housewares, decors, small kitchen appliances (in good, clean and working condition) fashion accessories and collectables. NO CLOTHING, NO MAJOR APPLIANCES and NO BIG PIECES OF FURNITURE, PLEASE.

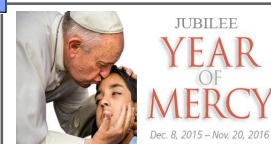
For more information,
call Cecile Bozyk
604 683-0143

***Archdiocesan Jubilee Year of Mercy event: The Hurts We Carry**

Join us Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, from 1-4 pm at St. Matthew's Church (including St. Matthew's School and Holy Cross High School) in Surrey. This Jubilee Year of Mercy event is for all families – children, parents, grandparents. This is an invitation for all ages to experience the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and to receive God's mercy as you bring your challenges and struggles before Him. Sister John Mary Sullivan will speak on "Families: Finding the Strength to Bear Wrongs Patiently" and Denis Boyd will speak on "Grandparents as the Living Bridge of Faith." We'll be feeding the hungry and clothing the naked so please bring non-perishable food items and clothing donations for local charities. This event is FREE, with free child-minding available. For more information visit rcav.org/year-of-mercy/

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life! Come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar on **Tuesday evenings March 29 to May 17, 7:30pm to 9pm at St. Mary's Church, Vancouver**, in the Church basement (Use Euclid Ave. entrance). Topics: March 29 - God's Love; April 5 – Salvation; April 12 - New Life; April 19 - Preparing for Baptism; April 26 - Baptism in the Holy Spirit; May 3 - Growth in the Spirit; May 10 - Transformation in Christ; May 17 - Commissioning/ Blessing. To register, visit <https://LSS2016.eventbrite.ca> or email: missionablazestmary@gmail.com, Edna at 778-689-7775, Mita at 604-435-7561. Childminding available.



Reflection
March 20, 2016

The Kingdom of Mercy "is also the fruit of Love, which in the course of the history of man and the world is constantly making headway through the barriers of indifference, selfishness, neglect and hate; through the barriers of the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life..."

St. John Paul the Great



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(Please contact the Parish Office)



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

Louise DuPerron, Anthony Petrina, Gian Buglioni, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Andre Costa, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milta Rapalo, Ida Brown, Sonja Lawrence, Colleen Mason, Jara Asterova, 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.



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