

Guardian Angels Parish

April 10, 2011

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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
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Infant Jesus of Prague:

Mondays	6:30 pm
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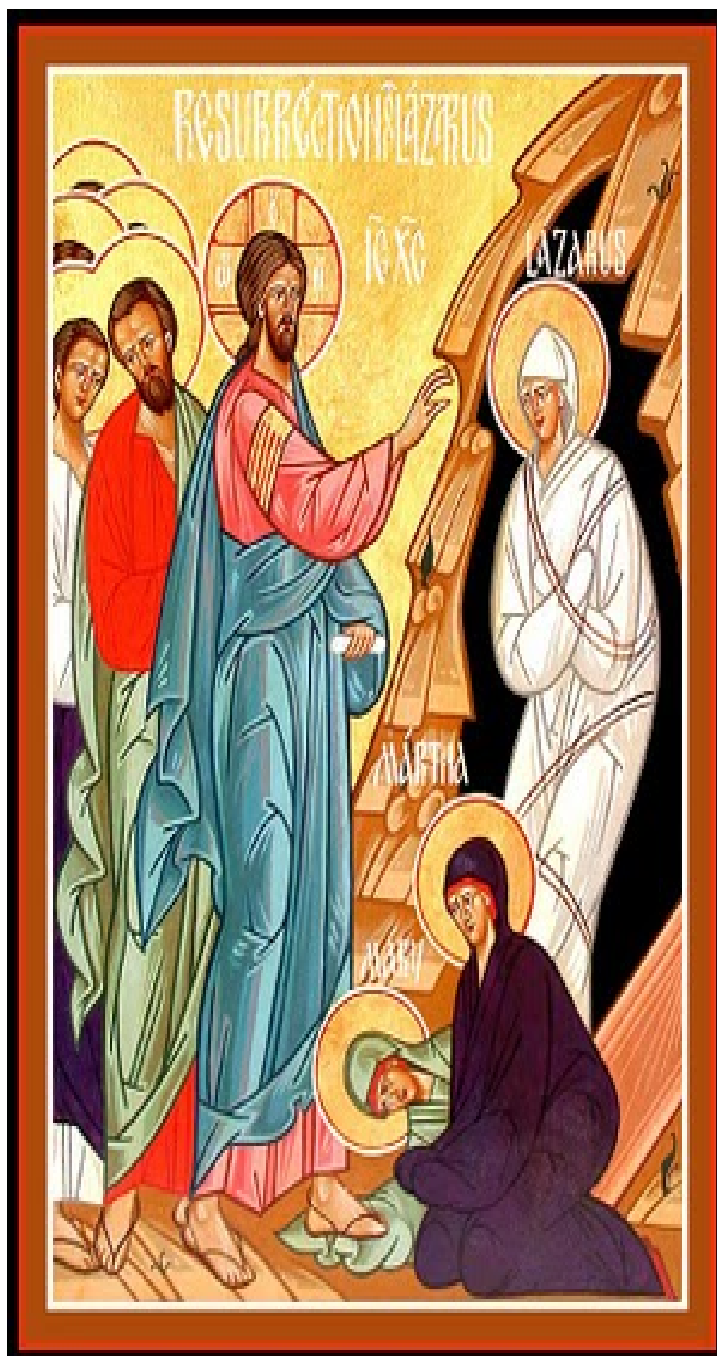
Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Sundays	1:30 pm
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First Fridays:

All Day Adoration after morning Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass follows at 7:00 pm (except during Lent)

5th Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions This Week

Mon. April 11:
7:00 pm: + Rosemarie Mascarenhas +
By: Theresa Dagenais

Tues. April 12:
8:00 am: + James Edward Patrick +
By: Vivian Coubarakis

Wed. April 13:
8:00 am: Int. of Nicky & David

Thurs. April 14:
8:00 am: + Helen Bautovich +
By: Carol

Friday, April 15:
8:00 am Int. of Vesna Jankovic
By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

Sat. April 16 :
9 am: + Jaime & Josefina Tiampo +
By: Family
4 pm: Thanksgiving of Vince T. Sibayan

Sunday April 17:
9:00 am: Int. of Fr. John Corapi
By: Alfred Best
11:00 am: Int. of Guardian Angels Parish
12:30 pm: + Kathleen O'Toole +
By: Noel Tilly



Jesus said to them: "Unbind him, and let him go."



PARISH LENTEN RETREAT with

FR. ELTON FERNANDES, SJ

April 13, 14, & 15 (Wed-Fri) 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Theme of the Retreat:

DISCOVERING GOD'S VOICE -

Discover Intimacy with Christ Amidst the Challenges of Daily Life. There will be Mass each evening of the Retreat.

Scriptural Readings

This Week

- Mon, April 11– St. Stanislaus
Daniel 13; Psalm 23;
John 8:1-11
- Tues April 12 - Ferial
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102;
John 8: 21-30
- Wed, April 13– St. Martin I
Daniel 3:13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95;
John 8:31-42
- Thurs, April 14 –Ferial
Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105;
John 8:51-59
- Fri, April 15-- Ferial
Jeremiah 20:7,10-13; Psalm 18;
John 10:31-42
- Sat., April 16- Ferial
Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31
John 11:45-57



April 18 –
 Monday - Special Penitential Service- 6:00 PM
 (There will be extra priests to hear Confessions)
 Holy Mass- 7:00 pm

April 19 –
 Tuesday - - - Holy Mass 8:00 AM

April 20 -
 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 21 (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 22 (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 23 (Holy Saturday)
 9:00 pm - Easter Vigil
 NO Morning Mass;
 NO 4:00 pm Anticipated Mass

April 4 (Easter Sunday) -
 Masses: 9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

(The Office will be open on Holy Wednesday but will be closed Holy Thursday to Easter Monday; will re-open on Easter Tuesday)

NO SENIORS' TEA AT THREE

In keeping with Lenten fasting and abstinence, Seniors' Tea on Thursday, April 14 is being put off until the first Thursday of next month (May 7th). In lieu, we encourage everyone to attend the Lenten Retreat to start on Wednesday, April 13. Have a

Pastor's Corner Fifth Sunday of Lent

Good news / bad news: John and Jim were professional players with the Atlanta Braves who lived and breathed baseball. These guys breathed, discussed, ate, and slept baseball. One of their big concerns was whether there would be baseball in heaven. They loved baseball so much that they were not sure at all they wanted to spend eternity in heaven unless they could play baseball. They had an agreement that the first one who died would somehow get a message back to earth, letting the other know whether baseball was in heaven or not. Well, it happened. John died, and Jim grieved. He grieved for days - deeply saddened over his friend John's death. About two weeks went by, and then it happened. Jim was awakened in the middle of the night by the calling of his name, 'Jim, Jim, Jim, wake up! This is John.' 'John, where are you?' 'I am in heaven - and I have some good news and bad news. It's exciting, Jim. We do have baseball in heaven. It's great. We play every day and there are marvelous teams, and tough, exciting competition.' 'That's great,' said Jim. 'But what's the bad news?' 'Well,' said John, 'You are scheduled to pitch next Tuesday.' 😊

The moving story of sorrow and faith: John's Gospel begins with a wedding and closes with a funeral. There are four primary characters in this story: Jesus, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Martha, Mary and Lazarus were good friends of Jesus. John tells us that he loved them. The funeral rituals of Jesus' day were obviously different from ours. When somebody died, there was no embalming. Instead, the body was wrapped in linen and, before sunset on the day of death, was put into the burial vault -- a cave carved into limestone rock often with myrrh, frankincense and perfumes. Then there was intense mourning for seven days followed by a less intense mourning period of twenty-three days. Lazarus' sisters had sent word to Jesus that their brother Lazarus was ill and perhaps would soon die. On receiving the message, Jesus waited two days so that the will of God might be demonstrated and God glorified by His Son through a major miracle. At last, Jesus went to the house of Lazarus, knowing very well that his friend had died. On his arrival, Jesus pacified Martha with one of the most treasured of his teachings which brings great consolation at funeral service, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.' Jesus offers 'eternal life,' which begins with faith now and lasts forever in its fullness.

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Archdiocesan News / 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,

Hassiran Hakim, Li Ming Yao, Mao Mao Chen, 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.

Meeting on Permanent Diaconate Program
The two regional information meetings on the Permanent Diaconate Program presented by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, were attended by more than a hundred men, many of them with their wives. For those who were unable to attend the meeting, there will be another information meeting with Monsignor Gregory Smith, JCD, Director of the Permanent Diaconate Program. The meeting will be held at 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 3 p.m. Please indicate your interest by phone 604.443.3229 or email deacons@rcav.org

Discovering God's Voice
"Discover Intimacy with Christ amidst the Challenges of Daily Life" with Father Elton Fernandes, SJ, who currently provides spiritual direction, facilitates retreats, and gives spiritual exercises in our Archdiocese. Parish Lenten Retreat will be held on Apr. 13, 14 and 15 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Guardian Angels Parish, 1161 Broughton Street, Vancouver. Free parking available. For more information, please e-mail office_guardianangels@shaw.ca Or call 604 684-5775.

Seeking Christ
A short program that introduces the Catholic faith to non-Catholics, new Catholics, and returning ones. It covers three topics – Who is Jesus? Why God? What's God's plan for me? This program aims to help parishioners reach out to others who may be seeking God. The program will be held at St. John the Apostle Parish, 5457 Trafalgar Street, Kerrisdale on Apr. 14 at 7:30 to 9 p.m. Cost \$5. For more information: Anthony Lo, e-mail anthonylo@telus.net; 604-209-1001.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection
The collection this year on Good Friday – Apr. 22 will be in support of the Christian communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future priests. Let us give generously and show solidarity to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

Know Why You Believe
Attend "Catholic for a Reason" or another one-day course, open to all, in Church History, Evangelizing Catholics, Theology of the Body, or Basics of the Faith. The Archdiocesan Spring Institute, April 30 at Holy Cross Secondary in Surrey, offers general interest and ministry training courses for RCIA, PREP, Liturgy of the Word with Children, and Youth Ministry. Learn your faith and pass it on! Cost: \$35/40, lunch included. Info and registration: www.rcav.org/spring, 604-683-0281.

ABLAZE AT ST. MARY'S
You are invited to attend the 'ABLAZE'



Life in the Spirit Seminar hosted by St. Mary's Parish - a seminar described by Pope John Paul II as "a grace directed to sanctify the Church's mission to renew in Her the taste for prayer, and to rediscover with the Holy Spirit the sense of thankfulness, of joyful praise, of confident intercession, and to be converted into a new fountain of evangelization."
On Friday, April 29– 7 to 9:30 pm and Saturday, April 30 9:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church Basement (5251 Joyce St., Vancouver –near the Joyce Skytrain Station). Seminar is free including snacks; please bring bag lunch. Register by phone 604-454-3143 or servant_ablaze2011@yahoo.ca; or **sign-up at the Church foyer.** Pls. see brochure/flyer for details.



Stewardship Reflection

5th Sunday in Lent

Sometimes, in the busyness of our daily lives, we can mistakenly think that our gifts are of our own doing, forgetting the true source of all of our gifts. The same Spirit that raised Lazarus from the dead dwells in us. What a gift! It is this same Spirit that decides which gifts to give each of us (1 Cor. 12:11). Good stewards acknowledge God as the one true source of all their gifts. They share their gifts in the renewal of society and the building up of God's Kingdom.

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

Save the date !

Sunday,
May 1, 2011
Divine Mercy Sunday
and the

Beatification of
John Paul II

Eucharistic Celebration at
2:30 p.m. at the
Holy Rosary Cathedral
followed by a reception in
Rosary Hall.
More details soon.



Congratulations to:

Siena Theresa Franks

who is baptized this weekend. Let us welcome her into our faith family and wish her Christ's blessings!

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St. Mark's College / Corpus Christi College
the Catholic theological and liberal arts colleges of Vancouver,
invite applications for the full-time position of:

Executive Assistant to the PRINCIPAL/ PRESIDENT

Reporting to the Principal/President, the Executive Assistant is responsible for all day-to-day administration of the Principal/President's office, both operational and strategic, including coordination of his/her calendar; scheduling of appointments and meetings; preparing and handling confidential correspondence; organizing meetings, taking attendance and minutes for the Board, Senate, Education Council, and Staff; and other requirements in support of the Principal/President and his /her wide-ranging duties in a fast-paced, student-focused environment.

This position requires exemplary interpersonal and organizational skills; excellent judgment, multi-tasking, and prioritizing abilities; ability to take direction; and discretion and diplomacy. Candidates for the position should have a university degree, experience in an office environment, and knowledge about Catholic higher education. Prior experience in the role of Executive Assistant is preferred.

Closing date for this competition is April 2011. Candidates should submit a letter of application and a resume before that date. All materials should be sent to:

Attention: Helen Lamb, Director of Operations
hlamb@stmarkscollege.ca or

Office of the Principal/President
St. Mark's College/Corpus Christi College
5935 Iona Drive, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
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PASTOR'S CORNER continued

Then he asked one of the most important questions found in the Bible, 'Do you believe this, Martha?' Martha answered, 'I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.' Martha pronounced her confession of faith as a response to Jesus who had revealed himself as the resurrection and the life. Her faith did not depend upon seeing her brother raised from the dead. Proof begets knowledge and confirms faith; faith does not rest on proof. As John writes this story for his persecuted early Christian community, Martha represents that grieving community in asking the perennial question: "If Jesus gave us eternal life, why are believers still dying?" John's story offers a challenging response and offers us all those words that bring such consolation at funeral services: 'I am the resurrection and life; whoever believes in me even if he [or she] dies will live, and everyone who believes in me will never die.'

The supporting community and the reassuring Jesus Martha returned home and told her sister Mary that Jesus wanted to talk with her. Mary went immediately, surrounded by grieving friends, to find Jesus. Then comes that classic line, the shortest verse in the Bible. 'Jesus wept.' The Greek translation literally means that Jesus 'burst into tears.' This showed that he was not only the Son of God, but also the son of man, fully human, sharing our grief and our sorrow and comforting us with his declaration, 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.' Mary's friends who grieved with her are the model of a supporting church community. There is something therapeutic about having friends around us when we are grief-stricken. Hence, the church must be a community of compassion and consolation to one another. Often, in our busy and active culture, we don't have time to live deeply with our feelings and to share deep love or deep sorrow.

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy

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