

Guardian Angels Parish

December 25, 2010

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Church Open:
Mon. Tues, Thurs., and Friday
8 am to 4 pm(except onHolidays).

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 after morning
Mass; Benediction at 6:40 pm; Mass
follows at 7:00 pm



Mass Intentions

Dec. 27-31 (Daily Masses)

Mon. : ++Vicky Crame+

By: Joanne Power

Tues.: +Ruth McMeheh+

By: Carol Mc Mehen

Wed. : +Vicky Crame+

By: Lolita Garingan

Thurs: +George Brooks+

By: Daniel Brooks

Friday: +Ventura Crame+

By: Patricia Dee & Co.

NEW YEAR

Saturday: Jan. 1, 2011

9 am: +Dorota Opoka+

By: Sean & Moira Keogh

**11am: Int. of Guardian
Angels Parishioners**

**12:30: +Edward John
Stephenson+ By: Family**

Jan. 2—9, 2011

Sunday:

9:00 am: +Juan Almeda+
By: Argel & Cynthia Faulmino

11 am: +Catherine Pestana+
By: Lucy Phang

12:30: Guardian Angels Parish

Mon.: +Doug Woolner+
By Erneida & Joe

Tues.: All Souls in Purgatory

Wed.: +Alfredo Roybal+
By: Mila Roybal

Thurs: All Souls in Purgatory
Fri. : Int. of Mary Montandon
By: Mila Roybal

Sat. 9 am: +Raul Faulmino+
By: Argel & Cynthia Faulmino

4 pm: +Chris Gabbas+
By: Geronimo Family

Sunday:

9:00 am: +Bryan Huber+
By: Barb Cooper

11:00 am: Grace Marie Padilla
By: Teresa Amores & Family

12:30: Guardian Angels Parish

Here in our Parish...



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Next general meeting will take place on January 6th, 2011 at the Millennium Hall at 7 pm. All members of GA Council are invited to attend. Snacks will follow.
- Pls. save your used stamps for our State Vocation Fund to help seminarians. Stamp box is in the church foyer. Thanks to all have contributed to this drive.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES 2011

- Important:** Please do not start using those envelopes until January 1, 2011. Be sure to write your name and address on the first 3 envelopes you use to ensure a proper tax credit in your name.
- Donations for this year including Project Advance should be **received by the parish office by December 31, 2010** to be tax deductible this year.

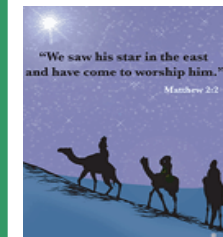


"To you is born this day a Savior, who is the Christ."

Thank you Jesus for coming into this world and showering us with your grace! Lord, let us see your glory today and fill our hearts—now and forever. Amen!

Christmas is Thanksgiving

The words of St. Paul must resound in our hearts as we draw closer to the end of this year and begin a new one. Thanking is a human quality springs from within because of the divine presence within us and His providence. We cannot but thank Him for life itself that has come to us through mysterious ways and mysterious people. Just a reflection on how our parents met each other and how they fell in love with each other and how they gave birth to you is a mystery human mind cannot easily grasp. At times the question may arise within us, why am I born? Why am I born this way? And in this family and society? And why am I in this country? But a much deeper question should haunt us, why my parents liked one another and came together to make a family? Such questions perhaps will awaken in us the sense of wonder, providence, gratitude and beauty. The word "you" is very important to me and you. If "you" were not there I would not be for "you". This "you" applies to my parents, brothers and sisters, friends, community members, people I know, and to the community in which I live right now etc. We are all connected to one another through this word "you". Anyone who is fortunate enough to have a friend or relative who is consistently supportive knows how much we depend on connections as "you" and "me" or similar as these. Anyone who has ever been seriously ill and had to go to the hospital remembers what it feels like to have a kind doctor, nurse, or medical technician stand by the side of the gurney. It isn't just the medical expertise that's comforting; it's the human presence that makes us feel that we are not alone. Anyone who has ever relied on a kind stranger to help at roadside with sudden car trouble knows why some people refer to these Samaritans as angels. Our relationships precisely mirror our satisfaction, or lack of it, with life itself. When we are unhappy, most often it's because we don't have satisfying relationships.



"We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

There is nothing like thanking someone during this season. We need to find that person who really made an impact in our life. Hence, searching that person, who led you till this point of your life. We cannot thank God enough.

The times he has protected me from dangerous, fatal accidents. This has happened very often in my life. Just a close brush with a speeding vehicle would have put an end to my life, yet I live today. I remember when once I escaped a fatal accident at the middle of the road, the speeding motorcycle of my friend skid and we fell flat on road. That day, God was just with us. In another 30 seconds 10 trucks with heavy loads passed by, and those trucks would never have applied breaks to save us if we had been still there. That would have killed a dozen of people. I do not have words even today to thank the Mighty Hand that prevented that tragedy. I cannot thank God enough the times when I see people with multiple serious and incurable diseases and I am still without any of such things. (continued on page 3)



Christmas Week Schedule



Feast of the Holy Family-

Sunday, December 26-

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

Feast of Mary, Mother of God-

Saturday, January 1, 2011

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

(No evening or Anticipated Mass on

Friday)

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2011

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

(No Anticipated Mass on Saturday)

Office will be closed starting December 24, 2010 and will re-open on January 4, 2011. Church will also be closed after the Mass during the holidays.

VOLUNTEERS' & STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY

New Parishioners Are Invited

Wed., January 5, 2011- 6:00 pm at the Millennium Parish Hall

Dear Volunteers, please sign-up your name on the sheet intended for your respective ministry. If you are serving in two or more ministries, please sign-up in one ministry only. Your respective spouses are also invited. SIGN-UP SHEETS WOULD BE IN THE CHURCH FOYER OR WITH YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATOR. **Thanks!**

THE NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE IS JANUARY 9, 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

Prayer 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, Marian Ivanda, Elizabeth Walton, Iva Bricel, Harold Chisholm, 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 who heal those who believe. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Mon, Dec. 27– St. John the Evangelist
1John 1:1-4; Psalm 97;
John 20:2-8

Tues Dec.28: Holy Innocents
1John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124;
Matthew 2:13-18

Wed, Dec. 29- St. Thomas Becket
1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96
Luke 2:22-35

Thurs, Dec. 30– Ferial
1John 2:12-17; Psalm 96;
Luke 2:36-40

Fri, Dec. 31 – St. Sylvester
1John 2:18-21; Psalm 96;
John 1:1-18

Sat., (New Year's Day)
Pls. refer to the Sunday Missal at Church

Pastor's Corner (cont.)

I fall on my knees and thank Him. I can never thank HIM ENOUGH. Let this day be a day of stocktaking. Let us turn within, recognize our weaknesses and try to overcome them. Let us sink down all differences and sit together in all loving devotion for the Master. Let us purge our souls and cleanse our hearts, for unless we are pure, we cannot see the Kingdom of God, much less enter into it. If you can love your God with all your heart, with all your strength and with all your soul and love your neighbors as yourselves; if you can forget your prejudices and differences, your hatreds and petty jealousies; if you can love even your enemies as Jesus did, who died uncomplaining on the Cross, then all things shall be added unto you and you will achieve spiritual peace here and hereafter.

The love of the Master for you is boundless. The path is difficult, but He is always with you to guide you. Live by what He says, turn within and do daily meditation, and as sure as the sun rises every day, you shall become the seers and the hearers of the Word.

It is a commentary on our situation in life that the biggest problem most of us has with our Christmas shopping, aside from finding time to do it, is that most of the people we shop for already have everything they need. This year I'm fresh out of ideas.

Are we people who **have** everything or we who need everything? What do we really need this Christmas?

We need **simplicity**, time for sorting out our lives, time for being together, time for getting to know one another, and time for sharing ourselves at the deepest levels of human communication.

We need **holy time**, a sense of life's deeper dimensions, of eternal mysteries breaking in upon finite existence, of the God of righteousness whose being conveys meaning to all of life's actions and relationships, and the blessing of a world that wants to bless us if we'll only let it.

We need space **for seeing life as it is**, for seeing the millions of people in the world who are starving to death and the millions who are dying of simple diseases, for realizing how shallow life is when it is lived merely for the pleasure of the moment without any regard to the future or its consequences, for standing back and looking at our own lives, so that, we will have a chance to mend our ways, to become wholesome, to become worthy, and to become children of God.

We need **the Christ of Christmas and renewal of our inner spirits**. That is what it all comes down to, isn't it? We need to hear and receive the message of Christmas, that God has entered the human arena to dwell with us, that His presence is consequently here and available to us now, that we are not alone, spinning out our destinies... and that all our days are spent before the Holy One of Israel who poured all that He was and is and will be through the funnel of a miracle into the child born in the manger of Bethlehem. We need to surrender our lives to Christ, who is the real Gift of Christmas, and in the end He so overshadows all others as to be the only one. In a sense, I am talking about all of us. That is the way it ought to be for us at Christmas. Most of us have been lost in the busyness of our existence, trying to cope from day to day, and have quite forgotten who we are or whose we are... And then we, who thought we had everything, realize we have nothing, and, realizing we have nothing, stand ready to receive everything. For He is our joy and peace. (continued on page 4)

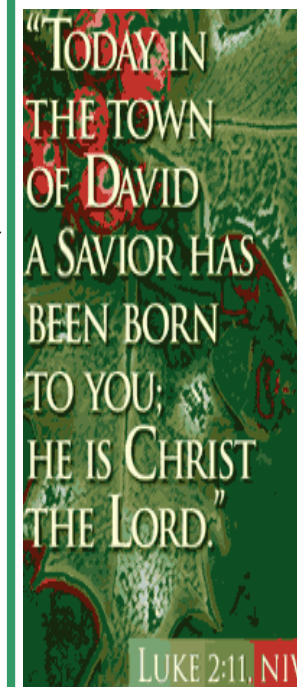
Archdiocesan News**White Mass for Health Care Providers**

The Catholic Physicians' Guild of Vancouver is hosting a White Mass with Archbishop Miller followed by a reception. Physicians, all health care providers and their families are invited. Jan. 14, 2011 – 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's parish, 2028 W. 7th Ave., Vancouver. Contact Info: drtoniparsons@telus.net or Judy Talas 604-430-2712.

info visit www.rcav.org/tob

Pray for the Bishops

Your prayers are still requested for Bishop David Monroe of Kamloops and Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI of Prince George who are both recovering from injuries. Bishop Wiesner was involved in a recent single vehicle accident.



Another year of our precious life has gone, bringing us closer to the great final change, called death. Those who have learnt to rise above body-consciousness at will, have won victory over death. Last enemy that we have to conquer is death. Blessed are they who have attained this competency at the feet of the Master Jesus - for they lose all fear of death—for them life and death make no difference—for they die daily and traverse into the higher planes. Physical Science has produced weapons to move in the space around the world as also to reach moon. These inventions seemed miraculous in the past. But it has now become a solid fact. Similarly our Divine Master who came, knew as to how to rise above body-consciousness and traversed into the higher planes. 'Unless you are born anew, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God'. 'Learn to die so that you may begin to live'.



I wish that you be rooted on your belief solidly. Let not others' wayward opinions deflect you from the True Path you are on. Let not promises of glory by anyone waylay you. Do not come to hurried conclusions, but use discrimination in all your undertakings. Stick to what is Real. With an ethical and loving background your spiritual success is definitely assured. My love and best wishes are always with you in all your noble efforts and holy journey to your home. In all the frenzy and noise of the season of Christmas, O God, help us to find our way home; and, having found it, let us never lose it. Through Christ, who was born to show us the way. Amen.

These Christmas Questions for you :

- **Have** you ever thanked God for your life?
- **Do** you really become aware of God's innumerable blessings in your life?
- **Do** you take it for granted all the comforts that come in your life?
- **Can** you at times open your eyes to the worst miseries of life in this world? War, earthquakes, floods, violence, killings, poverty?
- **Do** you become sad because others are better than you?
- **Are** you really concerned with your spiritual growth, which happens when you are grateful to God?
- **Are** you happy where you are? If not, why? Find out the reasons behind your unhappiness.
- **Begin** to be grateful for your mind, feet, hands, eyes, health etc. There are more than 500 millions who do not have all these bodily organs for a comfortable life.
- **There** are another 500 millions of people who live in very poor conditions and are happier than you, **why?**
- **Pray** and find out the basic dissatisfaction you experience; allow the spirit of God to touch your dissatisfaction and begin to be grateful to Him.
- **Make** a deep meditation on rag pickers who struggle to live, yet at times they are happy because they get something to fill their hungry stomachs.

WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS !

Thank you All for your Christmas greetings and presents! I thank God for all of you who worked hard to make our Christmas celebrations joyful and victorious in the glory of Jesus our Lord & Savior!

Fr. Rudy

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