

# Guardian Angels Parish

July 10, 2011

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## PARISH INFORMATION:

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Rudolf D'Souza, OCD

### **In-Residence: (July 7th)**

Fr. Boniface D'Souza, OCD  
St. Paul's Hospital Chaplain

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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

#### Infant Jesus of Prague:

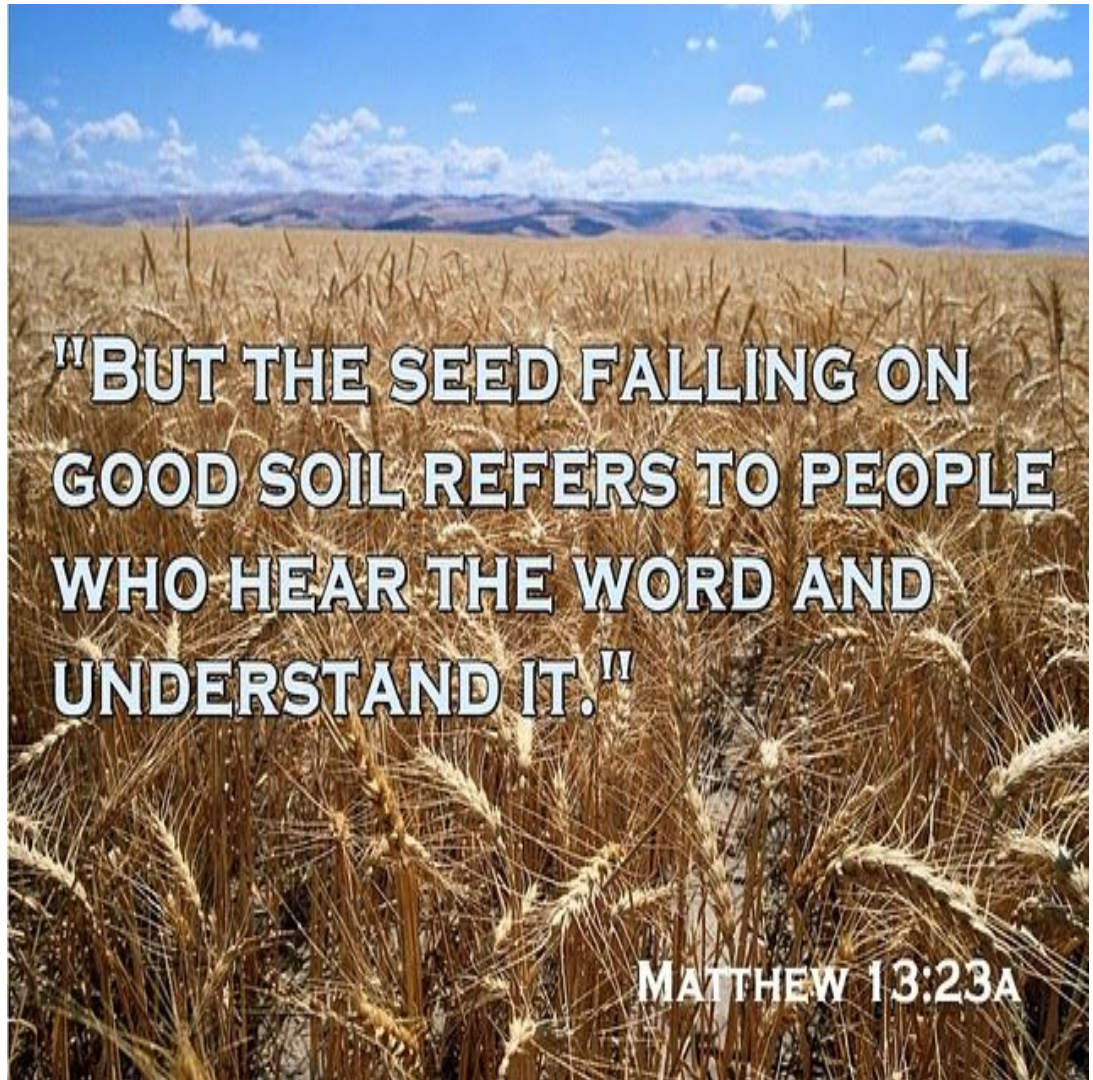
Mondays 6:30 pm

#### 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 (except during  
Lent)



## 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

### **Baptism -**

Please contact Tom Weaver 604 408-2125 to register for  
Baptismal Preparation.

### **Marriage -**

One of the parties applying for marriage must be a  
parishioner for at least one year. Marriage Preparation  
Course is a pre-requisite. Please contact the Parish Office.

### **Funerals-**

Please contact the Parish Office

### **Confessions-**

Every Saturday between 3:00—3:45 pm or by appointment.

**Holy Communion for the Shut-in -** may be given at  
home upon request. Please book with the Parish Office.

### **P.R.E.P. (Parish Religious Education Program)**

Sundays. 10 am to 11 am (Sept. to June)

Now off for the summer

### **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

For adults who wish to be baptized and received in the  
Catholic Faith. Program starts September. Contact the  
Parish Office

### **Bible Study**

The next schedule will be announced in the parish bulletin  
Contact the Parish Office 604 684-5775

# In Our Parish.....

## MASS INTENTIONS This Week July 11-17

Mon. - 7 pm:

**+Chung-Po Tsui & Pek-Wah Yuen Tsui**

By: Ying Kit Abraham

Tues.- 8:00 am:

**+Stephane Laverriere+**

By: Daniel Brooks

Wed., - 8:00 am:

**+Enrique Carmona+**

By: Vincent Sibayan

Thursday: 8:00 am

**All Souls in Purgatory**

Friday: 8:00 am

**+Enrique & Vicky Crame**

By: Conchita Perez-Tuells

Saturday

**9:00am: All Souls in Purgatory**

**4:00 pm: Int. of Carmen Lim**

By: Family

Sunday:

**9:00 am:**

**11:00 am:**

**+Audrey Weir+**

By: Jim & Julie Cain

**12:30 pm:**

**Intention of Guardian Angels  
Parish**

## PARISH GROUPS

### Knights of Columbus (Council # 14723)

- Meeting every first Thursday of each month. For more info: Sean Hinton 604 374-0172

### Legion of Mary (Immaculate Heart of Mary)

- 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

## Mission Appeal Next Project Advance 2011 Weekend

Next weekend, **July 16 & 17, Fr. Henry Mrema**, a missionary priest from Tanzania, will be here to make an appeal for your support towards a project of providing a pick-up truck for the Vocational Training Centre he runs there. To get a tax receipt at the end of the year, please write your name and complete address or simply your envelope number on the face of the envelope provided. Your donations will be remitted to the Mission parish through the Archdiocese of Vancouver. If anyone is interested to host Fr. Henry for dinner or lunch during his stay here in the parish, please book with the parish office (604 684-5775 or office\_guardianangels@shaw.ca

## Thank You From His

**Grace** In his message to Fr. Rudy, Archbishop Michael Miller was very pleased to see the 'wonderful and handsome addition to our church' - the beautiful stained glass windows. He thanks all those responsible for the project.

Our aim is to hit our **parish goal** of \$64,000 so that we could 'touch many lives' outside our parish community and at the same time accomplish more projects in our own church e.g. improve our facilities for liturgy, religious education programs and for the local poor. We are now at 32% of our parish goal or 63% of the **Diocesan goal**. Thank you for your generosity. The active participation from each parishioner is earnestly sought. As was said: "no gift is too small". As of this date, parishioner participation is only **9%**. Each one's participation, not only will serve our own parish, but, at a wider range, will touch the lives of many through this Archdiocesan Project Advance. I encourage each and everyone to participate. By: Fr. Rudy

## Bulletin Holiday

This issue is the last one for summer. Our parish bulletin publication will be off starting July 16/17 and will be back on the weekend of August 20/21.

## Scriptural Readings 15th Week In Ordinary Time

### Monday:

Exodus 1:8-14,22 Psalm 124;  
Matthew 10:34- 11:1

### Tuesday:

Exo. 2:1-15; Psalm 69  
Matthew 11:20-24

### Wednesday:

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103;  
Matthew 11:25-27

### Thursday:

Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105  
Matthew 11:28-30

### Friday:

Exodus 11:10-12:14; Psalm 116;  
Matthew 12:1-8

### Saturday:

Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136;  
Matthew 12:14-21

## Sowing the Seeds of the Kingdom of God

Agricultural scientists like Dr. Norman Borlaug from the U.S., Dr. M. S. Swaminathan from India and Dr. Gurdev Khush from the Philippines proved to the world that seed has enormous power in it to save a nation from poverty. In the sixties, political scientists were predicting massive worldwide famine, hitting countries like India acutely, with its 440 million people, leading millions to starve. There was, however, one scientist who saw things differently. His name was Dr. Norman Borlaug an agronomist from the U. S. who went to India with a seed called "Sonora 64," a wheat seed he developed at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre in Mexico. Borlaug convinced the Indian agricultural scientists and the government authorities to give it a try. They planted some Sonora 64 wheat in the Punjab region of India. The results were spectacular and pretty soon they were using it throughout the subcontinent. Later, they introduced a new variety of rice, called IR8, developed by Dr. Gurdev Khush at the International Rice Research Institute at Manila, Philippines and it brought even better results: It increased rice production five-fold without using chemical fertilizers and ten-fold by using chemical fertilizers. These new seeds enabled India and other Asian countries to avert famine. Today with over 1.3 billion people, India actually produces a food surplus and has become a major rice exporter, shipping nearly 4.5 million tons in 2006. Here we see the power of a seed. Jesus tells us in today's gospel about a far superior power of the Word of God. (Fr. Phil Bloom)

Jesus' parable of the seed sown in various soil types was an attempt to boost the morale of his frustrated disciples. They were upset and discouraged because they realized that their master was facing opposition and hostility from the scribes, Pharisees and priests. The synagogues refused to admit him to preach. So Jesus had to go to beaches and hillsides. Some of the Pharisees were planning to trap him, and the common people were more interested in his ability to heal them than

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## Pastor's Corner

# Archdiocesan News and 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,*

Rudolph Walters, Hassiran Hakim, 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.*

### **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

The Discalced Carmelite Fathers and St. Edmund's Parish, 545 Mahon Ave., North Vancouver invite everyone to join in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on July 16 at 10 a.m. Bishop David Monroe will be the celebrant. The Feast will be preceded by a 9 day Novena and Holy Mass beginning at 7 p.m. on July 7 through July 15 with the following exceptions: July 9 - 4:30 p.m. and July 10 - 11 a.m. Scapulars will be blessed and distributed after the July 16 Mass. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

### **Domestic Violence / Prevention Seminar**

To be presented by Gabriela Hanova, M.A., M.Phil. July 6 - 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. All are welcome. Individual \$10; couple \$15. For info or to register: 604-443-3220.

The following seminars are also open to all:

- **Attachment and Relationship** presented by Roy MacIntyre, M.A. July 13 - 7 p.m.
- **Challenges and Blessings of Cross-Cultural Marriages** presented by Sr. Cecilia Hong, MIC, M.A.. July 20 - 7 p.m. Venue: St. Mary's Elementary School.

### **The Way of the Icon - Mystery and Meaning**

Dr. Matthia Langone, an iconographer, has developed a series of spiritual workshops focusing on the dignity and uniqueness of the human person in relation to *The Way of the Icon*. No previous artistic experience is required. July 11 - 15 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Vancouver School of Theology. For more details and registration: [www.vst.edu/main/programs](http://www.vst.edu/main/programs).

### **The Way, Truth, and Life**

The Inherent Value of Christ in the Art of Psychotherapy – The workshop sponsored by Catholic Family Services; presented by Jake Khym and Peter White addresses the relationship of Christ to psychotherapy. This event, for Catholic mental health therapists in a variety of professions will take place on July 15 at St. Michael's Parish, 9387 Holmes Street, Burnaby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$20 - lunch included. For info or to register call 604-443-3220.

### **Pro-Life Nursing Conference**

Nurses, nursing students, and care aides are invited to attend "Code Blue: Igniting the Heart of Pro-Life Nursing", a conference hosted by Canadian Nurses For Life, with aims to unite, educate, promote dialogue, encouragement and to take action on pro-life issues. Rosemary Heights, Surrey, July 29 - 30. For more information and registration, call Rachelle Yong at 604-317-7841. Visit [www.canadiannursesforlife.ca](http://www.canadiannursesforlife.ca);

### **Sacred Music at HRC**

Sacred Music Inspired by Gregorian Chant Soprano Catherine Laub and Cathedral organist Denis Bedard performing works by Langlais, Bedard, Cornet and Grigny. Giant screen. July 22 - 8 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Richards & Dunsmuir, Vancouver. Tickets: \$20 / Students and Seniors \$15, info: 604 682 6774 [http://hrc.rcav.org/Concert\\_Series/index.htm](http://hrc.rcav.org/Concert_Series/index.htm)

### **Stewardship Reflection**



**15th Sunday In Ordinary Time  
July 10, 2011**

*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22* Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.

Credit: Archdiocese of St. Louis

### **Employment opportunities:**

#### **Archdiocese of Vancouver**

- Director of Development
  - Director of Project Management
  - Accounting Clerk—Catholic Cemeteries
- Visit [www.rcav.org/employment](http://www.rcav.org/employment) for full details.

Pastor's Corner continued:

in his preaching. Using the parable of the sower in today's gospel, Jesus assured his confused disciples that the 'good news' he preached would produce the intended effect in spite of opposition and controversy. Matthew probably included this parable in his gospel, because his own Judeo-Christian community might have experienced similar adverse reactions from their fellow-Jews, just as people today are frustrated in their attempt to live the gospel in our consumerist, hedonist and agnostic society.

We all realize the sad truth that only a few professing Christians are really living productive spiritual lives. Hence, today's readings invite us to have a positive and optimistic view of the missionary efforts we make by bearing witness to Christ's gospel through our transparent Christian lives, instead of turning cynical and becoming depressed. In the first reading, Isaiah, in the midst of a desert, can feel sure of the approach of spring for his people. Like Isaiah, all religious reformers confidently depend on the power of God's word. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life), and suffering and death produce redemption. He is expectantly waiting for his eternal reward as he has sowed the word of God diligently and suffered for the Lord. Today's gospel assures us that, since God is in charge, He will bring the harvest, and it will be abundant. We need not despair if that harvest is not immediately visible. The Church in every century has seen people reject Christ, as illustrated in the parable of the sower. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts for the word of God to yield 60- and 100-fold. We are to imitate the farmer who loses no sleep over a few seeds eaten by birds or a few suffocated seedlings.

A parable on God's prodigality. Matthew's gospel, Chapter 13, repeats seven parables Jesus taught on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The parable of the sower is the first. Some Bible scholars think that Jesus told the parable in verses 3-9 and that the early Church may have added the allegorical interpretation in verses 18-23. This parable is a story of God's prodigality, sowing seeds right and left, in abundant measure so that we constantly receive the word in our hearts from a merciful and generous sower. God is always scattering the seeds of His kingdom around us whether we deserve them or not, so that when the soil of our hearts is ready for the seed to germinate, the seed is already there. Even the tiniest seed of God's love can produce in us a harvest beyond our imagining. The Church is prodigal too, proclaiming the Gospel among primitive tribes in far-away jungles and among teenage gangs in urban ghettos, trusting in the power of the word of God which is described as a "sharp sword" (Is 49:2), 'two edged sword' (Heb 4: 12), and 'fire and hammer' (Jer 23: 29). In other words, God's Word is powerful and, as we know, no power exists that can frustrate it.

*God bless you all,*

*Fr. Rudy*

P.S. Please include me in your prayers while I do the same for all of you during my personal retreat which starts tomorrow, July 11th - 20th.

#### BAPTISMS:

- Sunday, July 17 @ 12:30 pm  
**Dziko Ethan Gelinas**  
Child of Sheila Chirwacem & Eric Joseph Gelinas
- Saturday, July 23 @ 10:00 am  
**Arianna Harper**  
Child of Josefina and David Harper



*For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife...  
Genesis 2:24*

#### Wedding This Month:

**Erneida Mendoza &  
Joel De Guzman**

Saturday, July 30th @ 1:30 pm

## Maple Leaf Bakery

Davie Street, West End,  
Vancouver



Bread, Loaves, Buns, Cookies, Pastries, Squares,  
Cakes and all kinds of Goodies available, fresh  
daily

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