

Guardian Angels Parish

December 25, 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

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)



The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Baptism -

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

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.

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

For adults who wish to be baptized and received in the Catholic Faith. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Basement. Contact Tom Weaver 604 408-2125

Bible Study

The next schedule will be announced in the parish bulletin

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 it off in the office or in the Collection basket at Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Mon. - 7 pm:

Dec.26- +Lorenzo P. Tuells+
By: Connie Perez

Tues.- 8:00 am:

All Souls in Purgatory

Wed., - 8:00 am:

+Ruth McMehen + By: Carol
Thursday: 8:00 am

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday: 8:00 am

+George Brooks+ By: Daniel

Saturday

9:00am:

+All Souls In Purgatory+

4:00 pm:

+Michel Corkill+

By:Sean & Moira Keolgh

Sunday: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

9:00 am:

+ Rosemarie Mascarenhas +
By: Theresa Dagenais

11:00 am:

+Edward John Stephenson +
By: Family

12:30 pm:

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January 2 - 8, 2012

Mon. - 7 pm: Jan. 2

Jan. 2- +Eufrocina Bondoc+
By: Precy Bondoc

Tues.- 8:00 am: Jan. 3

+Alfredo Roybal+
By: Mila Roybal

Wed., - 8:00 am: Jan. 4

+Remedios Castro + By: L. Aranda

Thursday: 8:00 am Jan 5

+Aulis Kinnunen+ By: Daniel Brooks

Friday: 8:00 am Jan. 6

+Anne & Bronnie Staskinas+
By: Vivian Coubarakis

Saturday 9:00am: Jan. 7

+Nancy Montandon+ By: Mila Roybal

4:00 pm: +Elvira Rodrigues+

By:Elisabeth Noronha

Sunday: **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

9:00 am:

+ Raul Faulmino +
By: Cynthia & Argel

11:00 am:

+Tilly Smith Miller +
By: Helen Downie

12:30 pm:

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Welcome to the

CANADIAN CARMELITE COMMUNITY website

www.cccocd.org

Please visit...

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

New Year's Masses— Sunday, January 1, 2012

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

(New Year's Eve Mass— Sat. Dec. 31 at 4:00 pm;
Confessions at 3:00—3:45 pm)

Next issue of Bulletin- will be on the weekend of Jan. 7/8,
2012

First Friday, January 6- There will be Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament all day. Exposition will be right after the morning Mass;
Benediction will be at 6:40 pm and will be followed by Holy Mass
at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up for the Adoration -
sign-up sheets are in the Church foyer on New Year's day.

Important Reminder:

- All donations to Guardian Angels Parish must be received by the office on or before Dec. 31, 2011 to be eligible for a tax receipt.
- Any change in your information (e.g. new address) should be written on a form available in the Church foyer; the form must then be submitted to the parish office by dropping it in the collection basket or by mail. PLEASE DO NOT JUST WRITE THE INFORMATION ON YOUR SUNDAY ENVELOPE.

Scriptural Readings

Octave of the Nativity

Monday: Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Psalm 31; Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday: Dec. 27

1John 1:1-4; Psalm 97;

John 20:2-8

Wednesday: Dec. 28

1John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124;

Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday: Dec. 29

1John 2:3-11; Psalm 96;

Luke 2:22-35

Friday: Dec. 30

Gen. 15:1-6;17:3-5,15-16;21:1-7;

Psalm 105; Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: Dec. 31

1John 2:18-21; Psalm 96;

John 1:1-18



Pastor's Corner

A Blessed Christmas to All !

He Burnt His Ships and Boats

A long time ago there was a great General who was faced with a situation which made it necessary for him to make a drastic decision to insure his success on the battlefield. He was about to send his army on shore to face a powerful enemy, whose men outnumbered his. He loaded his soldiers into boats, and sailed to face the enemies on shore. When they reached the shore, he ordered them to unload the soldiers and cargoes. He then ordered for all the ships and boats to be burned. Addressing his men before the battle, he said, "You see the ships and boats going up in smoke. That means that we cannot leave these shores alive unless we win! We now, have no choice – either we win, or we perish." They WON!

Win the Battle

Life is a battle, either you WIN or LOSE. Christ came into this world to win the battle, even at the cost of his own death. That is really Christmas. Life is a battle, but it should be a battle of love as that of Jesus. Even his birth signaled a call of battle between the indifferent people of town and warm people of the countryside.

Are you Busy?

Christmas feelings - feelings of love within created by happiness and Christmas feelings created first in others Christmas feelings - feelings of special blessings received from God - feelings of higher happiness felt within ... millions enjoy Christmas feelings NOW these days, millions even enjoy the very same true Christmas feelings all year long, day after day and Billions are too busy in filing lawsuits, pursuing lawsuits, planning or executing revenge and punishment or are simply busy in planning career, income and wealth management and doing business.

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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,

Gerald Thompson, 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

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

"Growing Through Suffering"

By Sr. Ann Shields, an internationally known speaker, author of many books and radio host of 'Food for the Journey'. 'Do not let your suffering be wasted.' Come listen to Sr. Ann Shields on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, inside the Church of St. Mary's Parish Vancouver (5251 Joyce St.— 200m south of Skytrain Station on Joyce). Free coffee and snacks; **BRING BAG LUNCH** Tickets \$10 – may be available at the door. Call 604 435-9611 ext 0 or 604 454-3143 to order tickets and for more information.

Supporter Appreciation Night

Experience the impact that your prayers and financial support have had on the lives of young people. Five hundred students from all across Canada, will be gathered in Vancouver for this year's Catholic Christian Outreach Rise Up National Conference and all are invited to witness part of this powerful event. Event is scheduled on **Dec. 30** at Hyatt Regency Vancouver. For more info e-mail: riseup@cco.ca; call 604-780-7527; visit www.cco.ca/riseup

Devoutly Religious and Critically Scientific - Can You Be Both?

A presentation by St. Mark's Continuing Education - Is it possible to be devoutly religious and critically scientific? Fr. John McCarthy, S.J. will claim that you can. However, the popular voice still speaks of the conflict between science and religion, as if two solitudes exist that will never meet. Join as this assumption is examined and learn the Catholic view of science and faith. St. Joseph the Worker Parish on **January 7, 14** and 21 - 10 a.m. to noon. Cost \$50 includes all materials. For more information or to register, email continued@stmarkscollege.ca or call [604-822-6862](tel:604-822-6862)

Christmas Celebrations at "The Door is Open"

There is "room at the inn" for all who come to The Door is Open – thanks to generous donations. A gift of \$40 funds the drop-in centre for one hour, \$25 will buy coffee for an entire day of welcome and safe shelter, \$15 will help serve a sit-down lunch to the weekly seniors' group. Contributions may be sent to The Door is Open, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 2A7 or call: 604-443-3299 to charge your donation to Visa. More info: visit www.thedoorisopen.ca

New Year's Eve Dance by St. Paul's Catholic Singles

New Year's Eve Dance is being sponsored by St. Paul's Catholic Singles Club on **Dec. 31** at the Sunrise Community Hall, 1950 Windermere St., Vancouver. Live music. Guests \$45. Tickets should be purchased in advance. Doors open at 8:15 p.m. For more info. call Lina at 604-433-0055.

Catholic Directory 2012 (with new features)

The expanded 2012 B.C. and Yukon Catholic Directory is hot off the press, with important 2012 dates, RCAF info, upcoming parish announcements, and recent updates to departments and parishes. Order from The B.C. Catholic at 604-683-0281 or <http://bccatholic.ca/contact>.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees

World Day of Migrants and Refugees will begin **Jan. 9** with a week of prayer and reflection, culminating Sunday, **Jan. 15**, with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller at St. Helen's Parish at 5 p.m. Join us for a Celebration which follows in the school gym - entertainment and goodies from many different cultures. For more info: e-mail evollet@rcav.org; visit <http://rcav.org/osj>



Nativity of the Lord
Dec. 25, 2011

In Bethlehem God comes to us in the most humble way. As an infant in a manger, He knows the way of humility. We do well to be humble **today**, and every day, remembering that everything we have is a gift from God. How can we boast as if we have earned it? (1 Cor. 4:7) As stewards of our gifts we have three choices in how we respond. First, do we receive the gift with gratitude? Second, do we share the gift out of love for God and one another? And third, do we responsibly and sensibly use the gift for our own needs?

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



Pastor's Corner continued:

Love and Work

On a long term plan we all know that we will return home to God, home to our eternal home in God hence we all know that this only is possible on the basis of lived and applied love. Love is eternal and every act of love is a journey to God who is LOVE

Work is important, work provides us with the means we need to share, to support, to help, to see others with our love, to relieve others from their burden of life after many months of most intense work there also needs to be a week long lasting phase of love - improved and increased, spirituality lived and practiced in our all daily life.

Feast of Forgiveness

Christmas is the feast of forgiveness, of asking forgiveness and of joining heart in heart again with ancient long time enemies. Christmas feelings only can prosper and occur at all in hearts free from revenge, hearts free from old wishes to punish, to destroy, to kill, to take away, to restrict.

Way to Healing

Christmas feelings only can live and blossom in hearts free for true love, free to MAKE happy a strong heart - strong by making many people many times happy during many months - such true hearts of love are strong enough to be flooded with God's love and bliss these very days and all years long we all need healing spiritual healing, emotional healing, mental healing, physical healing, but healing of any kind only can occur when love flows. It is our own love toward all that first needs to flow and heal all those we ever damaged in our past, past years or decades.

Sharing is Loving

Flowers, hugs, hours to share, money to share, expertise to share, help to share, professional services or products to share are but a few ways we all can prove our love - we all have something valuable to give, to share else we have been too lazy to grow strong and to be useful to all society and all creation.

Creative Christmas

Start creating Christmas feeling in others day after day; create smiles in others; create true and lasting happiness in others; relieve others from any kind of burden they may have in life care about others find out the need, problems and nature of burden others may have known why some people never smile dissolve in love that reason that keeps them from smiling and add a few happy making moments to their lives to make them experiencing Christmas happiness again. This is the war of love; and we got to win it.

Practical Conclusion

People need to learn to be happy like happy children; people need to learn to make happy to see all others smile like children. This is a battle before which we need to burn the ships of security, ships of hatred, ships of jealousy and ships of indifference. Then we can win a war, we have no choice than win this war. If we do not win we perish, if we win, we are with the PRINCE OF PEACH, JESUS CHRIST BORN AMONG US; GOD WITH US

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