



# Guardian Angels Parish

**April 30, 2017**

## Third Sunday of Easter

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*"Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him;"*

### 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 - Third Sunday of Easter



During the weeks after Easter, the church puts us in touch with the first men and women who experienced the risen Jesus in an attempt to deepen our appreciation and understanding of this, the linchpin of our faith. In describing those early believers, Gunther Bornkamm once remarked, "The men and women who encounter the risen Christ in the Easter stories have come to an end of their wisdom. They are alarmed and disturbed by his death, mourners wandering about the grave of the Lord in their helpless love. . . like the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, their last hopes are destroyed" (Jesus of Nazareth, Harper and Row, New York, 1960). Therefore it is erroneous to think that the resurrection narratives can be explained away as a human invention or as a product of wish-fulfillment on the part of Jesus' disciples. After Jesus' death, they were at a loss; it was only through their revelatory experiences of the risen Lord that the disciples began to understand the Jesus event as a work of God which forever changed the course of human history. As the early believers explained in today's first two readings, Jesus was sent according to the set plan and purpose of God; through his dying and his resurrection God has worked miracles, signs and wonders in our midst (Acts). All our faith and hope as believers are centered on this mystery (1 Peter).

Matthew, in his gospel, told his readers that they would find and experience Jesus in the hungry when they fed them; in the thirsty when they gave a drink of water; in the stranger to whom they gave a welcome; in the naked whom they clothed, in the ill whom they cared for and in the prisoner whom they visited. In another passage, the evangelist assured his contemporaries of an experience of Jesus' presence whenever and wherever two or three would gather together in prayer (Matthew 25.35-36, 18.20). For his part, the fourth evangelist offered the assurance of Jesus' abiding presence in the gift of the Spirit. Like Jesus, the Spirit would teach the disciples, remind them of his words and works, guide them to the truth and be with them always (John 14.16).

In today's gospel, Luke reminds believers that the ultimate encounter with the permanent presence of the risen Jesus comes in the breaking open of the Word and in the Breaking of the Bread which is the Eucharist.

### ACTS 2.14, 22-28

The book of Acts has sometimes been called the account of how the proclaimer became the proclaimed. In Acts, Luke builds a bridge between Jesus, who came in human flesh with a ministry of healing and reconciliation. . . who died on the cross for the salvation of all peoples. . . who rose in victory over death and sin to live forever. . . and the church, whose presence in the world continues to manifest the saving plan and purpose of God in human history. In this excerpted periscope, Peter and the Eleven are portrayed as empowered by the Spirit and intent upon proclaiming the good news of salvation just as Jesus had been endowed with the Spirit when he inaugurated his public ministry (see Luke 4.14-21).

In this particular section of Peter's Pentecost sermon, Luke defends the manner of Jesus' ministry and death on the cross as a part of the "set purpose and plan of God" (vs. 23) for our salvation. God's saving plan did not end on Calvary; indeed God raised Jesus to life thereby breaking the grip of sin and death upon believers.

### 1 PETER 1.17-21

In terms reminiscent of the exodus from Egypt, the author of 1 Peter called his readers to be reverent sojourners, faithful to their constant companion on their journey through life, viz. Jesus. By his blood they had been redeemed and through him they had the joy of knowing God. No longer simply the supreme cause who could not be known or understood but only dreamed of, God, the loving Father had revealed himself and his saving plan in the person and mission of Jesus.

Like the recipients of 1 Peter, believers on the brink of the twenty-first century live in societies which are often characterized by interests and values contrary to those of the gospel. This ancient Christian author reminds his readers that their baptismal commitment calls them to center their faith and hope in God (vs. 21) and to "march to the beat of his drum."

### Journey to Emmaus

Like the two disciples making their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus, contemporary believers of Jesus live after the fact of Jesus' resurrection and in the interim between his two advents. Like Cleopas and his companion, we search for the daily experience of Jesus which sustains and strengthens our hope and which inspires our faithful discipleship. In their encounter with the risen Lord, we learn of the manner in which he remains present until his climactic appearance in glory.

As Jesus broke open the word for them, the disciples' hearts began to burn within them (vs. 32). They implored him "Stay with us!" (vs. 29). The searching, hoping fire in their hearts was transformed into recognition and faith. Luke draws attention to the significance of this moment by declaring, "with that, their eyes were opened" (vs. 31). Opened eyes (a term mentioned eight times in the New Testament, six of which are in Luke-Acts) indicated a deepened understanding of revelation. In this instance, the disciples' opened eyes meant that they had begun to comprehend the mystery of Jesus, dead, risen and ever present. Jesus' disappearance at the point of recognition ("he vanished from their sight," vs. 31) was not a disappointment but yet another signal that the risen Lord would remain forever with his disciples in the breaking of the bread and in the sharing of his word.

The experience of those early disciples is ours at every eucharistic celebration. With fire in our hearts, the word reveals who he is; in the blessed and broken bread the paschal experience is renewed, We who hear the word and share the bread are nourished and sustained. Jesus lives; he stays with us. Hope and faith are not in vain.

God bless you,  
Fr. Rudy, O.C.D.

Daily ReadingsMay 1—6**Monday: May 1**

Acts 6.8-15; Psalm 119;

John 6.22-29

**Tuesday: May 2**

Acts 7.51-8.1a Psalm 31;

John 6.30-35

**Wednesday: May 3**

1 Corinthians 15.1-8; Psalm 19;

John 14.6-14

**Thursday: May 4**

Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 66;

John 6.44-51

**Friday: May 5**

Acts 9.1-20; Psalm 117;

John 6.52-59

**Saturday: May 6**

2 Timothy 4.1-5; Psalm 96;

John 10.11-16

Mass Offerings

Monday 7:00 pm-

**Mila Rayfal**

By: Connie Perez

Tuesday 8:00 am-

**Delfin Estaris**

By: Josie Estaris

Wednesday 8:00 am-

**+ Consuelo D. Tuells +**

By: Connie Perez

Thursday 8:00 am-

Friday 8:00 am-

Saturday —

9:00 am:

4:00 pm:

**+ Thomas & Josephine****Fredrick +**

By: Frederick Family

Sunday —

9:00 am:

**+ Shelest Family +**

By: Cecilia Bozyk

11:00 am:

**+ Phil Rees +**

By: David Du Perron

12:30 pm:

**+ Michael Surgious +**

By: Samia

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**SENIORS AFTERNOON TEA**

Seniors are invited to the Seniors' Tea on **Wednesday, May 10**. Please call Cecile Bozyk if you are attending— 604 683-0143.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2017**

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for our PREP Grade 2 children will be held on **Sunday, May 14** at the 9:00 AM Mass.

**CONFIRMATION 2017**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Archbishop J. Michael Miller to our Grade 7 children in PREP on **Thursday, June 29** at 7:00 PM.

*\*\*Let us support these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament with our prayers and intercession.*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**\*Pro-life Mass & Vigil**

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on **Saturday, May 6**. Mass begins at 9 a.m. at Star of the Sea Church, White Rock, followed by a vigil in the church. Visit [rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil](http://rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil)

**\*March for Life**

This year's March for Life will be held on **Thursday, May 11**, marking the the 10th annual March for Life in Victoria. The March will commence from Centennial Square at 1:45 p.m. and proceed to the Legislature. The Rally will commence at 2:15 p.m. Theme is "Human Rights Still Matter" with special guest speaker Archbishop Miller, CSB, Irene De Souza, Stan Leyenhorst and Dr. Paul Chamberlain. For more info. or transportation options, visit <http://www.m4lvictoria.ca/>

**\*Rediscover the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT—May 9, 10 & 11**

Everyone is invited to Rediscover the Power of the Holy Spirit in their lives at 7:00pm to 9:30pm in St. Mary's, Joyce Street, Vancouver, with International Speaker Lalith Perera. Topics include: "Walking above struggles in the power of the Holy Spirit", "Discovering a new life with the fruits of the Holy Spirit" & "Open yourself to the gifts of the Holy Spirit", Free admittance. To see details go to [www.vccrs.ca](http://www.vccrs.ca)

**\*Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rallies**

This year is the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to the three children at Fatima, and the Miracle of the Sun, seen by at least 70,000 people, and which was reported in newspapers in Portugal and New York. The Holy Father is visiting Fatima on 13th May. Six Rosary rallies will be held at the South Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery, 800 Robson St., Vancouver on the following **Saturdays: 13 May, 10 June, 15 July, 12 August, 16 September & 7 October**. Time of each rally: 10.00 am to about 11 am.

**\*Project Advance 2017**

Project Advance is our annual appeal that enables the pastoral work and spiritual mission of our local Church to flourish. Your gift to Project Advance helps us meet the material and spiritual need of our Church and parishes. This year's appeal focuses on the message **One Faith. One Church. One Family**. Our faith community is expansive and despite our geographical locations and our cultural diversity, which is to be celebrated, we are all united by our faith; we all belong to one Church. View this year's video or find out more about the works supported by Project Advance at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Good Shepherd Sunday, May 7**, has traditionally been designated by the Church as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The whole Church, therefore, is united today in praying that more men will answer God's call to be the visible face of the Good Shepherd in our world. On this day, all are invited to pray the Rosary, or some part of it, especially as a family, with the intention of an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Visit [rcav.org/pray-for-vocations](http://rcav.org/pray-for-vocations) for special meditations on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with a vocations theme.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's Gospel is a familiar story. Why did these men not immediately recognize Jesus? With all the busyness of modern life, do we sometimes miss opportunities to recognize Christ in our midst? "Stewardship always starts with a personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts" (Bishop Sylvester D. Ryan). Let us pray this Easter season, and all year, that we may be good stewards of each 24-hour day and take some time to quiet ourselves every day so that we may be attentive to the voice of God in our lives. Moreover, giving the Holy Spirit permission to guide all of our decision-making processes and thoughts will aid us in drawing even closer to the risen Christ, and in doing so we become even better disciples and stewards of the mysteries of God.

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*Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife.*  
— Saint Leo the Great



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*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;  
they have the heart.*



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

Maggie, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa,  
Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson,  
Masooma Noorzai,  
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,  
Soledad dela Cruz, Rosa Maria Santos,  
and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not  
know by name.



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