



Guardian Angels

June 18, 2017

Corpus Christi Sunday

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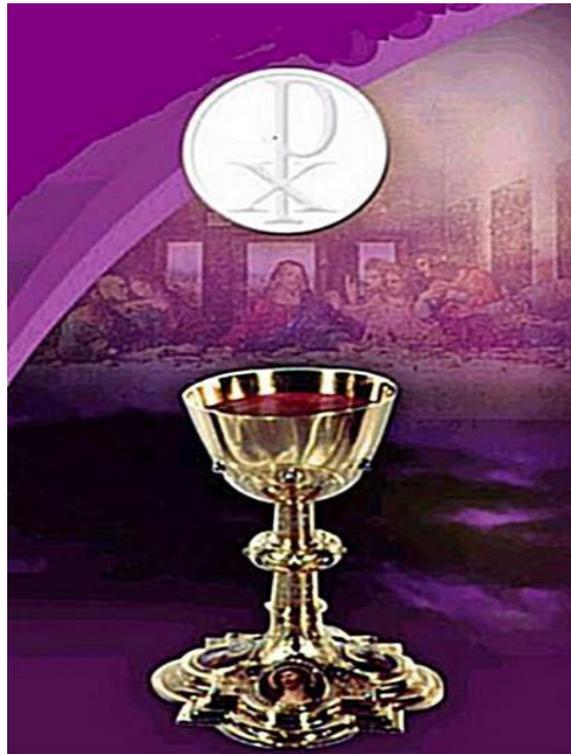
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"Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

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 - Corpus Christi



The Conversation

There was this museum laid with beautiful marble tiles, with a huge marble statue displayed in the middle of the lobby. Many people came from all over the world just to admire this beautiful marble statue. One night, the marble tiles started talking to the marble statue. Marble tile. "Marble statue, it's just not fair, it's just not fair! Why does everybody from all over the world come all the way here just to step on me while admiring you? Not fair!"

Marble statue. "My dear friend, marble tile. Do you still remember that we were actually from the same cave?"

Marble tile. "Yeah! That's why I feel it is even more unfair. We were born from the same cave and yet we receive different treatment now. Not fair!" he cried again.

Marble statue. "Then, do you still remember the day when the designer tried to work on you, but you resisted the tools?"

Marble tile. "Yes, of course I remember. I hate that guy! How could he use those tools on me, it hurt so badly."

Marble statue. "That's right! He couldn't work on you at all as you resisted being worked on."

Marble tile. "So???"

Marble statue. "When he decided to give up on you and start working on me instead, I knew at once that I would be something different after his efforts. I did not resist his tools, instead I bore all the painful tools he used on me.."

Marble tile. "Mmmmm....."

Marble statue. "My friend, there is a price to everything in life. Since you decided to give up half way, you can't blame anybody who steps on you now."

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If we were to go through our life without any obstacles, we would be crippled. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. Give every opportunity a chance, leave no room for regrets, and don't forget the power in the struggle.

Suffering and pain is a part of life. No one can evade or escape such things in life. Jesus instructs his disciples that they should be ready for any eventuality.

Jesus says, "Do not fear those who kill the body; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mt. 10.28) This is a very powerful passage of the Holy Bible. In simple English, it means, "Bear your crosses and at the end, you shall be rewarded." Those who deny their crosses, they shall be disowned by the Lord.

While reading Viktor E. Frankl's "Man's Search for Meaning," I was impressed by his insight into the mental suffering of human beings. After having himself suffered through some of the most torturous conditions known to mankind, he not only survived, but shared his newfound knowledge with the rest of the world. His greatest legacy is his impressive understanding of human nature and the valuable lessons he passed on.

While people often recommend this book, they rarely put into words what it is that so impressed them. I'd like to share some of what gave me those "Aha!" moments, where the light bulb went off in my head and I recognized the value of the lesson. One particular passage was related to the transitory nature of life and how his therapy "logotherapy," is an active technique, rather than reactive. What struck me however, was how he points out a fundamentally sound view of old age that I believe is one we would all wish to emulate.

What a joyous and wonderful way to live! To live fully each day, so that you can end your days without regret, envy or loss. In his book, he repeatedly speaks of finding the meaning of life and meaning in suffering. The two are irrevocably intertwined. Suffering occurs in every human life. The ability to transform tragedy into a personal triumph is as unique to each person as it is necessary. Here is a great example from his book.

"Once, an elderly general practitioner consulted me because of severe depression. He could not overcome the loss of his wife who had died two years before and whom he had loved above all else. Now, how could I help him? What should I tell him? Well, I refrained from telling him anything but instead confronted him with the question, "What would have happened, Doctor, if you had died first, and your wife would have had to survive you?"

"Oh," he said, "for her this would have been terrible; how she would have suffered!" Whereupon I replied, "You see, Doctor, such a suffering has been spared her, and it was you who have spared her this suffering - to be sure, at the price that now you have to mourn her." He said no word but shook my hand and calmly left my office. In some way, suffering ceases to be suffering at the moment it finds a meaning, such as the meaning of sacrifice."

Of course, Frankl himself found such meaning with memories of his wife's love while enduring the torments of the Nazi camps in hopes of eventually reuniting with her. Since we cannot always avoid suffering in life, the idea of finding a meaning in it is immensely sound. Although I thoroughly support and believe in happiness and an optimistic view, I find great healing in the idea that if we suffer, we suffer for a reason.

I've known friends and family members who suffer in harsh, chaotic home situations, or work jobs they dislike. Far from wanting unhappiness, many of them simply suffer these problems for a greater good, or a greater meaning. They may be trying to pay for their children's college funds, or they are working to heal an addicted person in their family.

Finding the meaning in our suffering helps us endure our pain with dignity and grace. It gives us endurance far beyond our usual capacity and fills us with hope and love. It is an inner freedom that not even the worst circumstances can remove from us. May we all be blessed to know the meaning that gives purpose to our lives. Therefore Jesus says, Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to

Daily Readings
June 19– 25, 2017



Monday: June 19

2Cor. 6:1-10; Psalm 98;
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday: June 20

2Cor. 8:1-9; Psalm 146;
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday: June 21

2Cor. 9:6-11; Psalm 112;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: June 22

2Cor. 11:1-11; Psalm 111;
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday: June 23

Deut. 7:6-11; Psalm 103;
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday: June 24

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139;
Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

Mass Offerings



June 19– 25, 2017

Monday 7:00 pm-

Sp. Int. of Connie Perez
By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Carlos Antonio Nunez +
By: Claudia Nunez-Robinson

Wednesday 8:00 am-

Sp. Int. of Connie Perez
By: Terry O'Neil

Thursday 8:00 am-

OCDS
By: Carmelites

Friday 8:00 am-

All Souls in Purgatory
By:

Saturday —

9:00 am: **+ Bienvenido Estela +**
By: Alma Somido

4:00 pm:

Thanksgiving of Selvarani
By:

Sunday —

9:00 am:

11:00 am:

+ Margherita and Nuccia +
By: Family

12:30 pm:

For the special intentions of
Guardian Angels Parishioners

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parishioners' Confidential Census Form

Everyone is requested to fill-out the Parishioner's Confidential Census Form. It is important that we do a general cleaning of our Parish database system which is getting overdue by now. Please complete the form found in the church foyer and submit it to the Usher on duty; or take home a copy of the form on your way out after Mass and drop-off completed form in the Parish office or Rectory mail slot in a sealed envelope marked 'Parish Registration'.

Catechists Needed for P.R.E.P. 2017-2018

Please e-mail your interest to parish.ga@rcav.org or call the Parish Office.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***EnCourage: A spiritual support group**

EnCourage is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and relatives and friends of persons who experience same-sex attraction. Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, June 25, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Helen's Church, Burnaby. If you would like to join EnCourage, please contact Deacon Bruce Fraser at encourage@rcav.org. To learn more about EnCourage, visit <https://couragerc.org/encourage/about/>

***Marian Consecration at Holy Rosary Cathedral**

Canada's bishops will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation by re-consecrating the nation to Mary on Canada Day. In dioceses across Canada, bishops will consecrate their individual diocese or eparchy. Join Archbishop Miller for a special Mass on Sunday, July 2, at 11 a.m. as we celebrate and pray the national Prayer of Consecration to Mary at Holy Rosary Cathedral. For more info., visit: <http://rcav.org/marian-consecration/>

***Men's hostel in need of Clothing!**

We can finally put away the rain and winter gear and pull out our summer clothes. Our guests too are in need of lighter clothing like shorts and t-shirts. If your old clothes don't fit you or your family anymore, please consider donating them to our guests and if you are clearing out winter clothes we will be happy to take those too and store them until the next cold winter! To donate, please drop-off items to Men's Hostel at 828 Cambie Street, Vancouver; John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way or your parish office. Thank you for your generous gift.

***CISVA is hiring!**

Catholic Independent Schools Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) is currently looking for teachers for September. If you're interested or know someone who is, please check out the CISVA employment page for more information: <https://cisva.bc.ca/info/employment/>

Employment Opportunity

Administrative Assistant, Chancellor's Office (Full Time, 1-year leave)
The individual would work within a team to support the daily administration of the Chancellor's Office, as well as assisting the Vicar General's Office and the Archbishop's Office.

PROJECT ADVANCE
2017

Thank you to all those who have submitted and/or paid their pledges. 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.

Pledge Status Report
June 5, 2017

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| Parish Goal | \$50,000 |
| Total Pledges | \$15,540 |
| Total Paid | \$14,700 |

View this year's video or find out more about the works supported by Project Advance at www.projectadvance.ca

STEWARDSHIP
REFLECTION

Corpus Christi
Sunday

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
- 1 Cor 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us.

Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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A saint is a sinner who keeps trying.

— St. Josemaria Escriva



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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
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