



Guardian Angels Parish

Aug. 27, 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

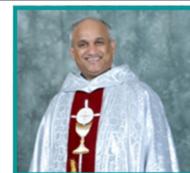
Divine Mercy Chaplet:

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 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"I don't Care one Bit"

The bishop of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris during the early part of the last century was a great evangelizer who tried to reach out to unbelievers, scoffers, and cynics. He liked to tell the story of a young man who would stand outside the cathedral and shout derogatory slogans at the people entering to worship. He would call them fools and other insulting names. The people tried to ignore him but it was difficult. One day the parish priest went outside to confront the young man, much to the distress of the parishioners. The young man ranted and raved against everything the priest told him. Finally, the priest addressed the young scoffer, saying, "Look, let's get this over with once and for all. I'm going to dare you to do something and I bet you can't do it." And of course the young man shot back, "I can do anything you propose, you white-robed wimp!" "Fine," said the priest. "All I ask you to do is to come into the sanctuary with me. I want you to stare at the figure of Christ on His cross, and I want you to scream at the very top of your lungs, as loudly as you can. 'Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit.'" So the young man went into the sanctuary, and looking at the figure, screamed as loudly as he could, "Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit." The priest said, "Very good. Now do it again." And again the young man screamed, with a little more hesitancy, "Christ died on the cross for me, and I don't care one bit." "You're almost done now," said the priest. "One more time." The young man raised his fist, kept looking at the crucifix, but the words wouldn't come. He just could not look at the face of Christ and say those words any more. The real punch line came when, after he told the story, the bishop said, "I was that young man. That young man, that defiant young man was I. I thought I didn't need God but found out that I did."

The Context

The conversation between Jesus and Peter receives diverse interpretations and even opposite ones in the several Christian Churches. In the Catholic Church, this is the foundation for the primacy of Peter. This is why, without in fact, diminishing the significance of the text, it is convenient to place it in the context of the Gospel of Matthew, in which, in other texts, the same qualities conferred on Peter are almost all, attributed to other persons. They do not belong exclusively to Peter.

It is always well to keep in mind that the Gospel of Matthew was written at the end of the first century for the community of the converted Jews who lived in the Region of Galilee and Syria. They were communities which suffered and were victims of many doubts concerning their faith in Jesus. The Gospel of Matthew tries to help them to overcome the crisis and to confirm them in the faith in Jesus, the Messiah, who came to fulfill the promises of the Old Testament.

"Blessed are you, Peter!" Jesus proclaims Peter as "Blessed!" because he has received a revelation from the Father. In this case also, the response of Jesus is not new. First Jesus had made an identical proclamation of joy to the disciples for having seen and heard things which before nobody knew (Mt 13.16), and had praised the Father for having revealed the Son to little ones and not to the wise (Mt 11.25). Peter is one of these little ones to whom the Father reveals himself. The perception of the presence of God in Jesus does not come "from the flesh nor from the blood", that is, it is not the fruit of the merit of a human effort, but rather it is a gift which God grants to whom he wants.

Peter receives three attributions from Jesus. (i) To be a rock of support, (ii) to receive the keys of the Kingdom, and (iii) to be foundation of the Church.

Peter, who was a fisherman of fish, became fisherman of men (Mk 1.17). He was married (Mk 1.30). He was a good man, very human. He was a natural leader among the twelve first disciples of Jesus. Jesus respects this leadership and makes Peter the animator of his first community (Jn 21.17). Before entering into the community of Jesus, Peter was called Simon Bar Jona (Mt 16, 17), that is, Simon, son of Jonah. Jesus calls him Cefas or Rock (Jn 1.42), who later becomes Peter (Lk 6.14).

By his nature and character, Peter could be everything, except *pietra* – rock. He was courageous in speaking, but in the moment of danger he allows himself to be dominated by fear and flees. For example, the time in which Jesus walked on the sea, Peter asks. "Jesus, allow me also to walk on the sea". Jesus says. "You may come, Peter!" Peter got off from the boat and walked on the sea. But as soon as he saw a high wave, he was taken up with panic, lost trust, and began to sink and cry out. "Lord, save me!" Jesus assured him and saved him (Mt 14.28-31).

In the Last Supper, Peter tells Jesus. "I will never deny you, Lord!" (Mk 14.31), but a few hours later, in the Palace of the High Priest, in front of a servant, when Jesus had already been arrested, Peter denied, swearing that he had nothing to do with Jesus (Mk 14.66-72).

When Jesus was in the Garden of Olives, Peter takes out the sword (Jn 18.10), but ends fleeing, leaving Jesus alone (Mk 14.50). By nature, Peter was not rock!

But this Peter so weak and human, so similar to us, becomes rock, because Jesus prays for him and says. "Peter, I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail, and once you have recovered, you in your turn must strengthen your brothers!" (Lk 22.31-32). This is why Jesus could say. "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church" (Mt 16.18). Jesus helps him to be rock. After the Resurrection, in Galilee, Jesus appears to Peter and asks him two times. "Peter, do you love me?" And Peter responds two times. "Lord, you know that I love you!" (Jn 21.15,16). When Jesus repeats the same question a third time, Peter became sad. Perhaps he remembered that he had denied Jesus three times. To this third question he answers. "Lord, you know all things! You know that I love you very much!" And it is then that Jesus entrusted to him the care of his sheep, saying. "Peter, feed my lambs!" (Jn 21.17). With the help of Jesus, the firmness of the rock grows in Peter and is revealed on the day of Pentecost.

Tradition says that, towards the end of his life, in Rome, Peter was arrested and condemned to death, and death on the cross. He asked to be crucified with the head down. He believed he was not worthy to die like Jesus. Peter was faithful to himself up to the end!

Practical Conclusion

The Word of Jesus is also a reminder for all those who guide or direct a community. They have "to follow" Jesus and not place themselves in front of him as Peter wanted to do. No, only they can indicate the direction or the route. Otherwise, like Peter, they are not rock of support, but they become a rock of obstacle. Thus, were some of the leaders of the communities at the time of Matthew, full of ambiguity. Thus, it also happens among us even today!

God bless you,
Fr. Rudy, OCD

Daily ReadingsAug. 28– Sept. 2**Monday: Aug. 28**1 Thess. 1:1-5, 8-10; Psalm 149;
Matthew 23:13-22**Tuesday: Aug. 29**Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 71;
Mark 6:17-29**Wednesday: Aug. 30**1 Thess 2:9-13; Psalm 139;
Matthew 23:27-32**Thursday: Aug. 31**1 Thess 3:7-13; Psalm 90;
Matthew 24:42-51**Friday: Sept. 1**1 Thess 4:1-8; Psalm 97;
Matthew 25:1-13**Saturday: Sept. 2**Thess. 4:9-11; Psalm 98;
Matthew 25:14-30Mass OfferingsAug. 28– Sept. 3, 2017

Monday 7:00 pm-

+ Celia dela Cruz-Lazaro +

By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+ Francis Mascarenhas +

By: Theresa Dagenais

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+ Rosa Geronimo +

By: Family

Thursday 8:00 am-

+ All Souls in Purgatory +

Friday 8:00 am-

+ All Souls in Purgatory +

By: Mike Trainor

Saturday

9:00 am:

+ All Souls in Purgatory +

4:00 pm:

+ Fr. Simeon Reyes +

By: Beth & Nette Bernales

Sunday

9:00 am:

11:00 am:

+ Amado S. DeVilla +

By: Renee DeVilla

12:30 pm:

**Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels
Parish**

**One who makes NO
mistakes, makes
NOTHING.**

-St. Teresa of Avila

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS***P.R.E.P. Classes start on Sept. 10**

Catechism classes on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 10 am. Parents and children are requested to first report to the teachers respectively. Registration forms are available in the Church foyer. Please submit the completed form to the P.R.E.P. Coordinator or Catechist assigned at the Church foyer after each Mass or drop off in the Parish Office or the Rectory mailbox anytime during office hours this week. Please enclose with the completed form \$40 per child in a sealed envelope.

***NEEDED: P.R.E.P. Teachers (Catechists)**

We are in need of volunteer Catechists for 2017-2018. Please contact the parish office 604 684 -5775 or email parish.ga@rcav.org or Jennifer: thebamboo3@gmail.com

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

Inquiry sessions will begin September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Rectory. The RCIA classes would also need a keyboarder or a cantor to lead the group every Tuesday evening. Please contact Tom Weaver at 604 408-2125 or email: tomweaver@shaw.ca for more details.

***Sunday Lectors (Readers) Needed**

If interested to be a Lector/Reader on Sunday Masses, please contact the parish office email: parish.ga@rcav.org or call 604 684-5775.

***First Friday Masses-** Morning Mass at 8 am; Evening Mass at 7 pm; Holy Hour at 6 pm.

IN and AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE***Fatima Centenary Rosary Devotions**

Celebrate the centennial of the fifth apparition of Mary at Fatima. Join us in praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Blessed Sacrament (composed of the Fatima Prayers), followed by Eucharistic Procession and Benediction on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at Sts. Joachim & Ann Church, Aldergrove.

***Rosary Rally**

Come and support the Rosary rally and show your love for Our Lady – a public witness to the Faith. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10-11 a.m. at the Vancouver Art Gallery, South Plaza. If possible, please bring chairs to help seniors and mothers with children. For more info, please contact David Pearce at davidnoelpearce@hotmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is back!

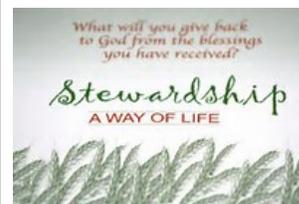
We are having a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the Lower Mainland again. **October 20-22, 2017, at Carmel Hill in Deroche, BC (just east of Mission).**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together whether they have been married a short time or many years. Married couples learn how to rekindle the passion in their relationship and how to keep their love growing year after year. The communication skills learned on this weekend of discovery can enrich your marriage in ways you never thought possible. Don't wait to invest in your marriage.

For more information or to register, contact;

Steve & Mary Bohnen – 604 876-7298 or

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Reflection

**“Who has given the
Lord anything that he
may be repaid?”**

Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

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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

Letizia Lorello, 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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