



Guardian Angels Parish

September 3, 2017

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“GET BEHIND ME, SATAN”!



Matthew 16:21-27

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 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists."

"Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument.

The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

Friends, nothing in this world will improve unless we change! Unless we change our thoughts, our words and our actions according to the Divine Will of God, nothing will improve. Prayers are fruitless when there is no sincerity of heart. As Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in Heaven" (Mt 7.21).

Nothing can we obtain in this world without hard work. If people have made a mark, they have behind their success tireless efforts and constant hard work. Hence, it's a hard reminder to all of us that we need to work, never give up and always look ahead with the hope that we can do it, we can achieve our goal and we are capable of reaching there.

Today's passage reminds us that suffering is a fact of life, but not necessarily unfortunate fact of life. How big is our perspective? Is meaning compressed in the matter of our own existence, in which case suffering is the darkness of 'lights out'. Or is the matter of our own existence just a vignette on the cosmic stage of meaning, in which case suffering is but a temporary shadow in the corner of the stage?

God's loving goodness and omnipotence are so great as to encompass painful and unpleasant circumstances in serving His ultimate good of drawing all things to and in Himself (Rm 8.28).

The suffering of man has been taken up by the Divine Suffering Servant (cf. Is 52.13; 53.12). Jesus emptied Himself to become incarnated into suffering humanity (Phil 2.5-8). Denied His self; will to accept work of Suffering Servant (Lk 22.42). His resurrection reality is the victory over suffering (1 Cor 15.57). Christians are incorporated into the suffering Person and work of Jesus Christ in the Body of Christ (Rm 8.17; II Cor 1.5; 4.7-12, 17; Phil 3.10; Col 1.24; 1 Pet 4.13). Suffering has a beneficent purpose. Suffering is the birth pangs for the greater experience of life. In suffering life becomes more real than the superficialities of comfort. Suffering is analogous to the surgery required to heal the disease of our self-orientation (Mt 9.12). True love is strengthened and perfected by suffering. Christian responses to "suffering" has a positive value. This does not mean that Christians should seek, desire, court, invite, or pursue suffering or claim proud badge of courage in "suffering for Jesus" or develop persecution-complex or martyr-complex

Mystery of Suffering- Acceptance of the situations of life and consider that suffering is not so much a problem to be solved rationally, but a mystery to be observed personally and spiritually. Only way to "see" the mystery is by the reception of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Thus we participate in the mystery of Christ (Col 1.27; 2.2). Our sufferings, sicknesses and adversities are not happenings in themselves, but are defined by the effect we allow them to have on us. Entrust ourselves to God, His purposes and ways Recognize His sufficiency of grace in the situations (II Cor 3.5; 12.9).

Receptivity of God's activity – Faith

Persevere - Rm 5.3; 12.12; Jas 1.12

Endure - 1 Cor 4.12; II Tim 4.5; Jas 1.3,4

Entrust ourselves to God - 1 Pet 2.21-23; 4.19

Practical Conclusion

Embrace your difficulties and appreciate them for providing new ways to grow spiritually. Try to think of the positive benefits and spiritual lessons that troubles can almost certainly provide. Here are some of them:

- ◆ Very few people begin a spiritual journey because they are blissful happy. In fact, men and women are typically drawn to the spiritual path because they want help in dealing with difficulties. Each challenge in our lives opens the possibility of awakening our heart.
- ◆ When we are going through dark times, we are better able to let go of egotism and arrogance. Difficulties can help us grow in patience, understanding, and humility; they can help us seek out meaningful connection.
- ◆ This is an ideal time for self-reflection and an examination of those ways in which we have contributed to our own problems—our own misery. Are any of our current difficulties, for example, caused by our own carelessness and lack of mindfulness?
- ◆ When our troubles seem overwhelming, often we can use this as a way of growing our compassion for others. Reflect on the millions of others who—just like you—are going through tough times right now. Empathize with these brothers and sisters with whom you share so many emotions

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

Daily Readings
Sept. 4–9, 2017



Monday: Sept. 4

1 Thess. 4:13-18; Psalm 96;
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: Sept. 5

1 Thess. 5:1-6,9-11; Psalm 27;
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Sept. 6

Colossians 1:1-8; Psalm 52;
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Sept. 7

Colossians 1:9-14; Psalm 98;
Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Sept. 8

Romans 8:28-30; Psalm 13;
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Saturday: Sept. 9

Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54;
Luke 6:1-5

Mass Offerings



Aug. Sept. 4–10, 2017

Monday 7:00 pm-

+ **Vincent Kim-Neon Yong** +
By: Helena Kim

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+ **Kevin McKendy** +
By: Sally Ringdahl

Wednesday 8:00 am-

All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 8:00 am-

+ **All Souls in Purgatory** +

Friday 8:00 am-

+ **All Souls in Purgatory** +

Saturday

9:00 am:

+ **All Souls in Purgatory** +

4:00 pm:

+ **Yulita Suparti** +
By: Beth & Nette Bernales

Sunday

9:00 am:

+ **Josephine Reaume** +
By: David DuPerron

11:00 am:

+ **Hernan Labao** +
By: Danny & Malou Isaac

12:30 pm:

Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels
Parish

*Jesus became what we
are that he might make
us what he is.*

-St. Athanasius

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.

IN and AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

***St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day Mass**

Join the Missionaries of Charity in celebrating St. Teresa of Calcutta's feast day on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church in Vancouver. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Hamilton, followed by a reception. For further information, please call Missionaries of Charity at 604-322-6840.

***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 Little Flower Monastery 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. For more information or to register, contact;

Steve & Mary Bohnen – 604 876-7298 or
www.mevancouverbc@gmail.com

***Catholic Charismatic Conference**

A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization. Join us for the Catholic Charismatic Conference on Friday, Sept. 22, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9:00 am to 7:00 p.m. at Broadway Church, 2700 Broadway. Come and be inspired by these well known Charismatic Speakers: Dr. Mary Healy and Bishop Peter Smith. Be inspired to go out and spread the "Good News" of God's Mercy and Healing to this hurting world.

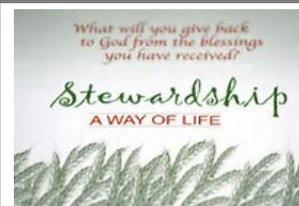
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PILGRIMAGE

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Fr Usman Reynaldo
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For more information and
reservations please contact

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Reflection

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

- Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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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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