



Guardian Angels Parish

October 22, 2017

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS: *Mission at the heart of the Christian faith*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, “the very first and greatest evangelizer” (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

1. The Church’s mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6). He is the Way who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our Way, we experience Truth and receive his Life, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

2. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. Jn 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. “The glory of God is the living man” (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. Is 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. Jn 1:14).

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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

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Tuesdays —Fridays 8:30 am
Saturdays 9:30 am
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.

Mission and the kairos of Christ

3. The Church's mission, then, is not to spread a religious ideology, much less to propose a lofty ethical teaching. Many movements throughout the world inspire high ideals or ways to live a meaningful life. Through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the kairos, the favourable time of salvation. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth. "His resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force" (Evangelii Gaudium, 276).

4. Let us never forget that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1). The Gospel is a Person who continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive him with humble and religious faith to share his life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through Baptism, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the Eucharist, it becomes food for new life, a "medicine of immortality" (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

5. The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel. I think of the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed. I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in northern Uganda, where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord. For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage. We can think too of countless testimonies to how the Gospel helps to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism, tribalism, and to promote everywhere, and among all, reconciliation, fraternity, and sharing.

Mission inspires a spirituality of constant exodus, pilgrimage, and exile

6. The Church's mission is enlivened by a spirituality of constant exodus. We are challenged "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium, 20). The Church's mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church's mission inspires a sense of constant exile, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the "already" and "not yet" of the Kingdom of Heaven.

7. Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself, but a humble instrument and mediation of the Kingdom. A self-referential Church, one content with earthly success, is not the Church of Christ, his crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer "a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security" (ibid., 49).

Young people, the hope of mission

8. Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity. "There are many young people who offer their solidarity in the face of the evils of the world and engage in various forms of militancy and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are 'street preachers', joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!" (ibid., 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in 2018 on the theme Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, represents a providential opportunity to involve young people in the shared missionary responsibility that needs their rich imagination and creativity.

The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

9. The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.

Carrying out our mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelization

10. Dear brothers and sisters, in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own "yes", conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

From the Vatican, 4 June 2017
Solemnity of Pentecost

Daily Readings**Oct. 23-30, 2017****Monday: Oct. 23**Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1;
Luke 12:13-21**Tuesday: Oct. 24**Romans 5:12-21; Psalm 40;
Luke 12:35-38**Wednesday: Oct. 25**Romans 6:12-18; Psalm 124;
Luke 12:39-48**Thursday: Oct. 26**Romans 6:19-23; Psalm 1;
Luke 12:49-53**Friday: Oct. 27**Romans 7:18-25a; Psalm 119;
Luke 12:54-59**Saturday: Oct. 28**Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19;
Luke 6:12-19**Mass Offerings****Oct. 23-29, 2017**

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Elvira Gorska +
By: Theresa Ong

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Purificacion San Jose +
By: Theresa Ong

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Salud Ong+
By: Theresa Ong

Thursday 8:00 am-

+Concepcion Urbano +
By: Larry & Ludy Urbano

Friday 8:00 am-

**+Winnie Gamolo & Caesar
Manzano Rosales +**

Saturday

9:00 am:

+Rafaela Tiampo +
By: Helen Tiampo

4:00 pm:

+Catalina Samson +
By: Joyce Silva

Sunday

9:00 am:

+Tony Tiampo+
By: Helen Tiampo

11:00 am:

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

12:30 pm:

**+Jaime & Josefina Chua
Tiampo+**

By: Helen Tiampo

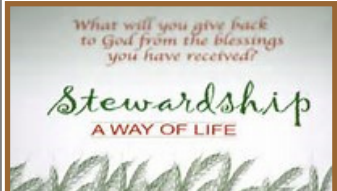
ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS***Next Courage Group Meeting: October 22**Regular meeting for Courage members. Contact Deacon Hilmar Pabel at courage@rcav.org or visit rcav.org/courage for more information.***Dying Healed Workshops: 3 Evenings at Holy Trinity Church Hall**Vancouver's Life Community is pleased to provide seasonal workshops for the Dying Healed program. The simple act of attending to people who might be lonely, sick, or suffering can bring spiritual healing and restore their sense of dignity. Join us for three evening presentations from Nov. 28 - Nov. 30, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., for an interactive workshop led by Natalie Sonnen, Executive Director of LifeCanada; Annabelle Chong, Executive Director of Vancouver's Life Community; and Fr. John Horgan, Pastor at St. Pius X. Each participant will receive a workbook and refreshments are included. Register at rcav.org/event/dying-healed-holy-trinity.***Exploring the Need to Grieve and Heal: Seminar at St.****Patrick's—FREE** featuring Alan D. Wolfelt, PhD – author, educator, grief counsellor. Come learn important principles for helping yourself, your family, and your friends. This practical, heart-based program will assist you as you mourn the death of someone in your life and learn how to be of support to family members and friends. Download the registration form at rcav.org/event/exploring-need-grieve-mourn.**2017 National Liturgy Conference**This year's National Liturgy Conference, hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, will take place in Richmond, starting Monday, Nov. 6, from 7-9 p.m., through Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register at rcav.org/event/national-liturgical-conference.***CAH: Balancing Life, Faith, and Avoiding Common Career Mistakes**Many young adults say they would like to have more support when discerning big life decisions, such as transitioning to new jobs, careers, or going back to school. Christian Dy will provide clarity and insight while borrowing from Ignatian spirituality and discernment to help all those who are searching. Come have a pint and enjoy some great Irish fare at the docks at Mahony and Sons on October 25 and November 15. Register at rcav.org/catholic-after-hours.***NES Conference 2017: Setting Hearts Ablaze**

What keeps you from sharing your faith? Ministry leaders and volunteers involved in evangelistic and discipleship ministries are invited to participate in a one-day conference with worship, fellowship, and inspiring speakers who will share how to step out in faith and share the joy of the Gospel. Setting Hearts Ablaze will be held on Saturday, November 18 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Importance of a Will (Estate Planning Presentation)Why is wording in your will important? What can go wrong when your wishes are not properly documented? Join this free presentation on Nov. 14 by lawyers Jacy Wingson QC, McQuarrie Hunter LLP, and Tim Lack, Lunny Atmore LLC. Jacy and Tim will present the importance of having a properly worded will. There will be a short Q&A session after as well as light refreshments, tea and coffee served. Register at rcav.org/epg.**Thank you to those
who volunteered as****Sunday Readers**Those who are interested to Read at Sunday Mass, please contact the Parish Office 604 684-5775 or parish.ga@rcav.org**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017****Pledge Status Report
Oct. 15, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$50,000
Total Pledges	\$45,405
Total Paid	\$44,945

(45 Donors out of 650 Parishioners)



Stewarding what God gives is not a chore for our checklist; it's an opportunity to join God in redeeming the world.
Team Mission Canada

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

-Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what he gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

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Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with brightness
-St. John of Capistrano



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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**

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