



Guardian Angels Parish January 22, 2017

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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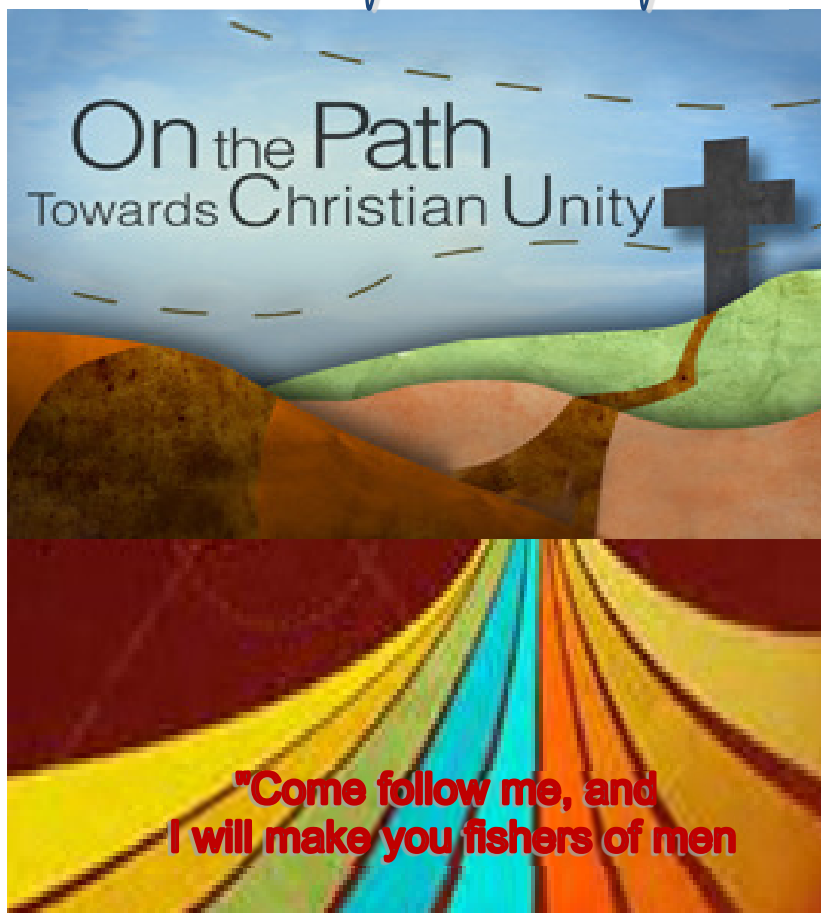
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PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

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.



Preaching

During the time of slavery, a slave was preaching with great power. His master heard of it, and sent for him, and said:

"I understand you are preaching?"

"Yes," said the slave.

"Well, now," said the master, "I will give you all the time you need, and I want you to prepare a sermon on the Ten Commandments, and to bear down especially on stealing, because there is a great deal of stealing on the plantation."

The slave's countenance fell at once. He said he wouldn't like to do that; there wasn't the warmth in that subject there was in others.

"I have noticed that people are satisfied when you preach about the sins of the patriarchs, but they don't like it when you touch upon the sins of today."

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom" (Mt 4.23) "the people saw a great light" (Is 9.2).

The description of Jesus' entry into Galilee and the keynote announcement about the reign of heaven (4.12-17) form a critical transition scene for Matthew's story. It draws its content from Mark 1.14-15, but Matthew has enriched the scene, especially with the formula quotation from Isa 8.23-9.1. Some interpreters consider verse 17, with its time reference "From that time . . .," to be a key to the entire literary structure of Matthew's Gospel, announcing as it does Jesus' ministry of proclaiming the reign of heaven. A similar formula in 16.21 is viewed as initiating another major turning point as the ministry of Jesus begins to focus on the Passion and the journey to Jerusalem. However, rather than lean too heavily on this one verse, it is better to see this entire scene (vv. 12-17) as an inaugural piece that launches Jesus' Galilean ministry and sounds a theme that will carry through the whole Gospel.

The keynote of Jesus' ministry is proclaimed in verse 17: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew's formulation makes Jesus' message identical to that of John the precursor (3.2). Expectation of the "kingdom of heaven" is a metaphor grounded in Jewish conviction about God's sovereignty and the people's enduring hope for unending peace. Some commentators suggest that the typical Matthean formulation "of heaven" (rather than "of God") is not only a euphemistic reference to deity but emphasizes the transcendence and sovereignty of God. The Lord's Prayer will ask that God's will be done on earth "as it is in heaven," a petition equivalent to hope for the coming of the kingdom of heaven (6.10). In any case, this phrase serves in Matthew-as it does in the synoptic Gospels in general-as an umbrella concept for the entire mission of Jesus. Through his teaching (see particularly the parables of chap. 13) and his healing ministry (12.28), Jesus both announces and actualizes the reality of God's reign.

As was the case with John's message, so here Jesus puts first the emphatic command, "Repent" (see 3.2; 4.17). For Matthew, a spirit of repentance that issues in right action is both the proper attitude for reception of God's reign and the sign of its effective presence.

The Power of God

As St. Paul said, "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1.18) On this subject, St. Thomas Aquinas commented that men are accustomed to regard as foolishness whatever surpasses their understanding. Is this what is happening when one prefers sensations versus hearing the Word of God that is being preached? The grace of God does not flow through sensations. But it does flow through the preaching of the Holy Scriptures.

Practical Conclusion

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people (Mt 4.23). Equally today, the Word of God, the promoting of the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven, heals all kinds of ills. The Word of God transforms the hearts so victims may forgive their transgressors, those who have physically abused them, those who have sexually abused them and those who have psychologically abuse them. God bless you.

Fr. Rudolf, O'CD

Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.

-St. Teresa of Avila

Daily Readings

Jan. 23-29



Monday: Jan. 23
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Psalm 98
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Jan. 24
Hebrews 10:1-10; Psalm 40;
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Jan. 25
Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 117;
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday: Jan. 26
2Timothy 1:1-8; Psalm 96;
Luke 10:1-9

Friday: Jan 27
Hebrews 10:32-39; Psalm 37;
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Jan. 28
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1;
Mark 4:35-41

Mass Offerings

Jan. 23 - 29, 2017

Monday 7:00 pm-
Int. of Silvia George
By: Kamil Hepner

Tuesday 8:00 am-
+Ignatius Mascarenhas +
By: T. Dagemais

Wednesday 8:00 am-
+Ronald Bainbridge +
By: Shairoon Bainbridge

Thursday 8:00 am-
+Olga & Benedict +
By: Nitryova Family

Friday 8:00 am-
+Nene Salas +
By: Evelyn Salas

Saturday —
9:00 am:
Sp. Int. of Emma & Federico Cayabyab
By: Cynthia Faulmino

4:00 pm
+Ludovit +
By: Nitryova Family

9:00 am-
+Hildebrand Poblete+
By: Violet Poblete

11:00 am
Sp. Int. of Margo Delcol
By: David DuPerron & Family

12:30 pm -
Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels Parishioners

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their general meeting this coming Thursday Jan. 26th at 7.00PM in the Millennium Parish Hall. All members are invited and encouraged to attend including potential members interested in joining our Charity organization.

2017 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

We noticed that there are some who still use their 2016 or even past years' Sunday Envelopes. PLEASE DISCARD ALL YOUR 2016 AND PAST YEARS' ENVELOPES. Your contributions may be credited to someone else's account if you keep using old envelopes. If you did not receive your 2017 envelopes, please email or call the parish office to request one. There are still many unclaimed boxes of Sunday Envelopes 2017. Those who have not done yet, please pick-up your set of envelopes on your way out today.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

*Breaking the Silence

This follow-up event to Sherry Weddell's Making Disciples seminar will provide an opportunity to learn how to discover and share your story, as well as how to hold threshold conversations with others. The goal is to create momentum in forming intentional disciples and to pursue the evangelizing mission of our parishes and Archdiocese! Join us on Monday, Jan. 23, from 6-9 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 4885 Saint John Paul II Way. Event is free. To register, visit rcav.org/disciples.

World Day of the Sick 2017

Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, will be celebrating a Mass of Anointing to celebrate World Day of the Sick 2017, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 555 S. Slocan Street, Vancouver, on Friday February 10th at 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered after the Homily. All the sick and their caregivers are invited to attend. Following Mass, a simple refreshment will be offered in the parish hall. Lots of parking available.

*One-Day Training and Outreach with Catholic Street

Missionaries We love meeting new people, making new friends, sharing our love for God, praying for His presence and guidance, and going out to bring His hope and love to the homeless, the addicted, and the prostituted. Spend a day with us to experience how we reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. Join us on Sat., Feb. 4, at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver. Event is free. To register or for more info, visit www.OneDayOutreach.eventbrite.ca

*Colonization in Canada and the Church's Call to Action

On Sat., Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the First Nations Office of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will host a workshop on the Colonization in Canada and the Church's Call to Action. This workshop offers insights into the experiences of Aboriginal People in Canada and the trauma caused by colonization and Residential Schools. Workshop attendees will be informed on the history of colonization in Canada in a way that is accessible to Catholics. Aboriginal representatives will address such issues as truths and misconceptions about their communities, and the legacy of colonization – both failures and successes. Event is free and includes lunch. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, 2885 Saint John Paul II Way in the Karol Wojtyla Hall. Register at rcav.org/event/history-of-colonization or for more info., contact Deacon Rennie Nahanee at rnahanee@rcav.org.

Catholic Press Collection

February is Catholic Press Month and with it comes the annual Catholic Press Collection. On Feb. 4-5, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their appreciation for receiving The B.C. Catholic. The collection helps defray your parish's costs for mailing the paper. For those who don't receive it, it's also a great chance to help out as all the money collected stays in the parish. Please give generously Feb. 4-5 so we can continue to deliver to parishioners in the Archdiocese of Vancouver this vital, award-winning publication. Please visit www.bccatholic.ca for more info on the Catholic Press Association.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Twice in today's reading we are given the image of people being in darkness having seen a great light! As stewards of the Good News we have an opportunity to bring love and hope into a people's lives where only darkness exists. We do this by freely, and generously sharing our gifts. To cling to our wealth and our time too tightly leaves no space to receive God's blessings. In gratitude to God, good stewards joyfully share their gifts to brighten someone else's life! When gratitude is behind our giving, JOY naturally accompanies the gift.

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

Maggie, Anthony Petrina, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Andre Costa, 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 and all the sick / shut-ins of our Parish whom we may not know by name.



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