



Guardian Angels Parish February 26, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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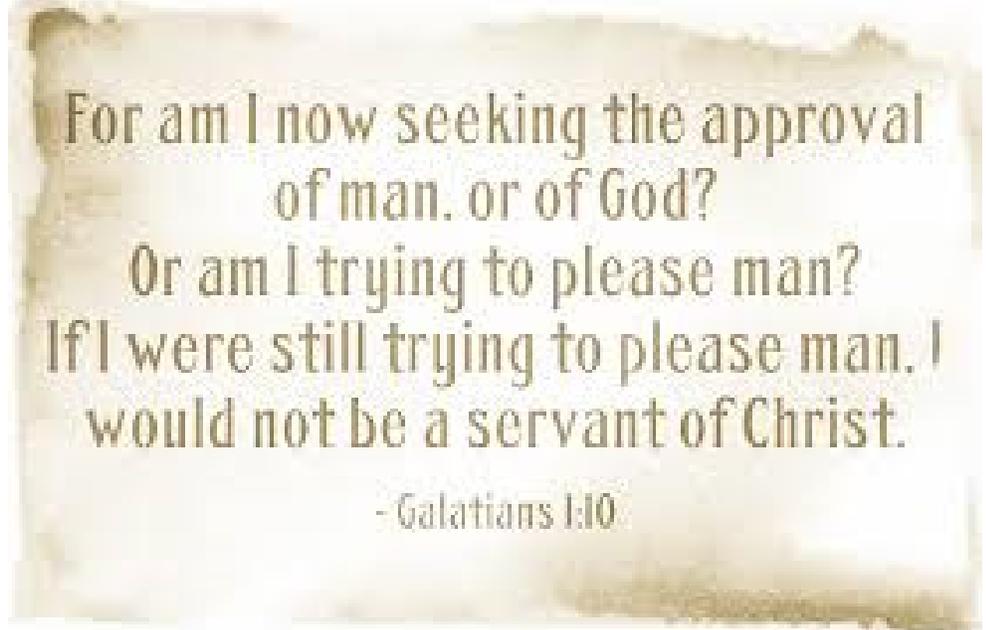
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PARISH LITURGICAL AND PRAYER SCHEDULE

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.



No man can serve two masters

He cannot give his heart to two services at the same time. He cannot follow two callings successfully. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.** This is the direct application. The Chaldee word "Mammon" means money or riches. It is here personified as an idol. "Mammon" originally meant "trust," or confidence, and riches is the trust of worldly men. If God be not the object of supreme trust, something else will be, and it is most likely to be money.

Take no thought for your life

At the time the Common Version was made, the expression "Take thought," meant to be anxious. The Revision properly renders it, "Be not anxious." The Greek word means, "to have the mind distracted." Christ does not forbid prudent forethought. **Is not the life more than food?** The argument is, God gave the life, and it is higher than food. If he gave it, he will see that it is sustained, if you trust in him. So, too, he made the body. He will see that it is clothed.

Behold the fowls of the air

God feeds the birds without their sowing or reaping, but they do the work for which they were created, and God takes care of them. So, too, he will take care of us not in idleness or improvidence but if we do the work for which God created us.

Which of you can add one cubit

There can hardly be a doubt that this ought to be rendered, "add one cubit to his age," or period of life. The idea is, "What is the use of anxiety? Who, by his anxiety, can add anything to life's journey"? If it is proper to speak of "*length of life*," it is also appropriate to speaking of adding a cubit to its length.

Consider the lilies

While the lilies do not toil or spin, they do their work, draw up sustenance from the earth, and drink in the dew, rain and sunbeams. So we are to do our appointed work. If we do this, trusting in God, he will supply all our needs.

Even Solomon in all his glory

To the Jew the court of Solomon was the highest representation of human glory. The magnificence of the court is not only celebrated in Jewish writings, but in all Oriental literature, and it is still proverbial throughout the East. Yet he was never arrayed with the taste and beauty of **one of these**. It is probable that both birds and lilies were in sight from where the Lord was sitting.

If God so clothe the grass of the field

Wild flowers belong to the herbage that is cut with the grass. In Palestine the forests in many localities disappeared thousands of years ago, and in the scarcity of fuel, dried grass and weeds are often used to heat the oven.

Therefore take no thought

Have no anxiety over the question of food and clothing. Do your duty, with a full trust in God that he will see that you do not lack for these things.

These things do the Gentiles seek

This worldliness, anxiety, and distrust, might do in heathen, who have no knowledge of a heavenly Father, but you have a heavenly Father, and he knows that **ye need all these things**.

Practical Conclusion

The promise is made that if we seek it first God's Kingdom and its righteousness, all earthly wants will be supplied. The condition demands, that we seek the kingdom *first* in point of time. Some propose to secure a competence, and after they have gained it, they will serve God. We must make it *first* in importance. Everything else must give way before its demands. It must be *first* in our affections, have our whole hearts. We must "love the Lord our God with the whole heart" (Mt 22.37). **His righteousness.** The righteousness that God bestows upon those who are in the Kingdom is Christ's righteousness, the forgiveness of sins in his name. Again, it should read, as in the Revision, "Have no anxiety about to-morrow." **The morrow will take thought for itself.** Not "take care of itself," but bring its own cares, anxieties and troubles. We should not foolishly increase our present burden by borrowing trouble about tomorrow.

"I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them and that is faith in Jesus Christ. If they had that and I had not given them a single shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor indeed." *Patrick Henry.*

Fr. Rudy, O.C.D.

God will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to him: let go of yourself.

-Saint Catherine of Sienna

Daily Readings

Feb. 27– March 4

Monday: Feb. 27

Sirach 17.24-27, 29; Psalm 32;
Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Feb. 28

Sirach 35.1-15; Psalm 50;
Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: March 1

Joel 2.12-18; Psalm 51;
2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

Thursday: March 2

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1;
Luke 9.22-25

Friday: March 3

Isaiah 58.9a; Psalm 51;
Matthew 9.14-15

Saturday: March 4

Isaiah 58.9b-14; Psalm 86;
Luke 5.27-32



Mass Offerings

Feb. 27-March 5, 2017

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Robert Da Roza +

By: Shairoon Bainbridge

Tuesday 8:00 am-

Bernadette Hu

By: Family

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Ronald Bainbridge+

By: Shairoon Bainbridge

Thursday 8:00 am-

Rosita Lucina

By: Lolita

Friday 8:00 am-

+Shaheed & Dolcie Baksh+

By: Shairoon Bainbridge

Saturday —

9:00 am:

+Alma Yap +

By: Violeta Noriega

4:00 pm:

+Augustine & Marina Somido+

By: Alma Somido

Sunday —

9:00 am:

+Barbara Wisniewski+

By: Family

11:00 am:

+Beverly Edwards+

By: David DuPerron & Family

12:30 pm:

Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY—MARCH 1

There will be two Masses in the parish—8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Imposition of ashes will be done at both Masses. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality and our need of salvation. It is also a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



LENTEN RETREAT

There will be a Lenten short Retreat to be preached by **Rev. Joseph Horo** (Redemptorist Priest) from March 27th - 29th (Monday to Wednesday) at 7:00 in the evening with the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Themes:

March 27th: God's Love

March 28th: Jesus, the Universal Saviour

March 29th: Mary Mother of Perpetual Help

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Confessions in the parish will be on **Wednesday April 5th** at 7:00 P.M. There will be no Mass that day in the evening.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

*40 Days For Life Lenten Campaign - Kick-Off Mass

Tuesday, February 28th 11:00 PM Mass @ Holy Name Parish (4925 Cambie St, Vancouver) – ALL ARE WELCOME Beginning with 11:00 pm Mass con-celebrated by Fr. Larry Lynn, followed with On-Site vigil (Rosary) at BC Women's Hospital vigil location - Women's Hospital on the corner of 29th Avenue and Heather Street.

*40 Days For Life- All across North America "40 Days for Life" is taking place. It starts on **Ash Wednesday, March 1** and ends on **April 9**. In Vancouver, it is at Women's Hospital. Everybody is welcome. It is a prayerful, peaceful picket. Besides picketing, prayer and fasting are also strategies. For more info: www.40daysforlife.com

*Pro-life Mass & Vigil - Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Join us on **Saturday, March 4**, at 9 a.m. for Mass at St. Joseph Parish, Mission. Followed by Rosary at Mission Hospital. For more info., visit rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil

*Lenten Talk Series 2017 - Join us **every Friday**, during Lent for a talk at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby from 7:30pm to 9pm.
March 3: "Lent – A Call to Repentance and Conversion" with Fr. Alessandro Lovato

March 10: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" with **Fr. Rudolf d'Souza, OCD**
March 17: "Fasting and Alms-giving" with Very Rev. Gary Franken
March 24: "The Healing Power of Confession" with Fr. Lucien Larre
March 31: "Lent: A Time for Self-Denial" with Fr. Craig Scott
April 7: "I am A New Being" with Fr. Augustine Obiwumma

Helpline Volunteer Training by Domestic Abuse Services

You can make a difference in the lives of victims of abuse. Join us for our spring training. Fridays: March 31, April 7 & 21 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturdays, April 1, 9, & 22 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Vancouver. Call 604.585.6688 to register or for more information.

Lenten Walk with the Lord

40 Acts of Kindness:

The Archdiocese is presenting an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. "Lenten Walk with the Lord" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. There is a calendar inserted in this **bulletin (Lenten Walk w/ the Lord)** to help you keep track of your kindnesses along with some simple instructions to help guide you.

For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You cannot serve God and wealth." When we put our trust only in the at-risk things of this world, like our bank accounts, or investments, we are extremely vulnerable to worry. Money can master us if we neglect to remember that God's care for us is beyond any worldly financial limits. In today's Gospel Jesus places before us a bit of a dilemma. God should be at the centre of our lives, yet we still need money, so how do we deal with this dilemma? The answer is to have our faith and our finances working together, by seeking first God's Kingdom, putting God first in how we share, save and spend our wealth, and then trusting God. Living this way frees us from worrying.

Trusting in God's providence is also one way we strengthen our relationship with Him – "all these things will be given to you as well".

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

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