

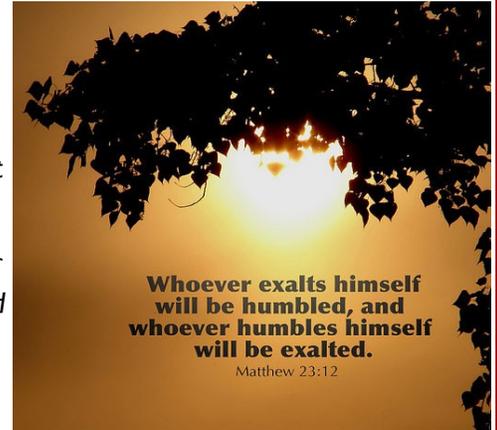


Guardian Angels Parish

November 5, 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Corner



**Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and
whoever humbles himself
will be exalted.**

Matthew 23:12

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The Meaning of Life

A story is told by Robert Fulghum, a Unitarian minister, about a seminar he once attended in Greece. On the last day of the conference, the discussion leader walked over to the bright light of an open window and looked out. Then he asked if there were any questions. Fulghum laughingly asked him what was the meaning of life. Everyone in attendance laughed and stirred to leave. However, the leader held up his hand to ask for silence and then responded "I will answer your question." He took his wallet out of his pocket and removed a small round mirror about the size of a quarter. Then he explained "When I was a small child during World War II, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place. I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun could never shine. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places that I could find. I kept the little mirror, and as I grew up, I would take it out at idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game, but a metaphor of what I could do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of the light. But light - be it truth or understanding or knowledge - is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it. I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have, I can reflect light into the dark places of this world - into the dark places of human hearts - and change some things in some people. Perhaps others seeing it happen will do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life."

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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.

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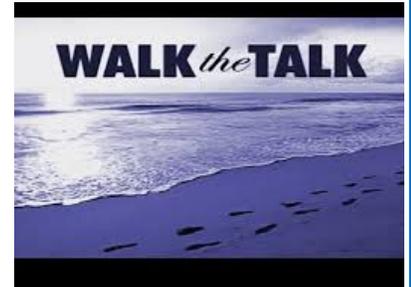


Do we reflect the light of Christ into the darkness of other people's lives? Will the world be a better place for our having been in it? (It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It, by Robert Fulghum. Ivy Books, 988).

Not many priests and people of God will feel comfortable with the readings today; they are aimed directly at us, though every word could be applied in some way to the laity too.

About five hundred years before Christ, prophet Malachi delivers clear reproaches to priests who:

- ◆ don't listen to God.
- ◆ don't glorify God.
- ◆ have strayed from the way.
- ◆ have caused many to stumble by their teaching.
- ◆ destroy the covenant.
- ◆ have not kept to God's paths.
- ◆ have shown partiality in their administration.



These recriminations are gravely serious. One can hear the anguish, the hurt, and the righteous indignation of the offended King, and that fact alone should make every priest tremble. To break faith with the Lord, or as God puts it, 'to destroy the covenant' is no small thing.

Listening to God

A priest is called to 'listen to God'. When Jesus called the Twelve he called them firstly, to be with him (Mk 3.14), and consequently this is a priest's first vocation; to be always with the Lord. It goes without saying that to be with someone is to listen to that person. Listening is the first casualty of a disintegrating relationship. We have probably all had the experience of drifting from the person at the other end of the telephone line to what is happening on the television screen, and it's rather embarrassing to be caught out. God is complaining that the priests had stopped listening and were therefore no longer with him, and consequently were no longer able to 'glorify' his name.

The Lord declares that his priests, have strayed from the way ...and ... not kept to God's paths. If the shepherd does not keep to the right path what are we to expect will happen to the sheep? The Lord spells it out for us. You have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

To Teach

To teach in God's name is a terrible responsibility as well as an astonishing privilege which should be exercised with the utmost seriousness. Indeed, a priest is ordained precisely to preach the gospel and to celebrate the sacraments worthily, and so to build up communion in Christ.

Can you imagine the calamity it would be for me to suddenly see that I had 'strayed from the way' of God's truth and 'caused many to stumble'; that I had preached what the people wanted to hear rather than what Christ wanted them to hear. I could think of few other things which would cause me greater shame before God.

Without the slightest ambiguity the Lord pronounces sentence on the guilty. I will send a curse on you and curse your very blessing. In addition God will make those priests, contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people... . We all know that when salt loses its flavour it is thrown out and trampled upon.

The Betrayal

Jesus, too, points out to the Scribes and Pharisees that they have betrayed the covenant because they do not live the message they preach. In fact, they use their position as leaders to advance their own egos and win prestige for themselves.

Thank God for St Paul and the example he gives of true ministerial zeal. He labours in preaching the gospel and lives it with integrity. The understanding Paul has of his care for the Thessalonian community is of a mother 'feeding and looking after her own children ... eager to hand over ... not only the Good News but our whole lives'. What a contrast to the Jewish leaders who 'do not practise what they preach!'

And thank God for the Thessalonian community which, on hearing the message of Paul, immediately accepted it for what it really is, God's message, and not some human thinking ... Therefore the message of faith was a 'living power' among them.

Practical Conclusion

The clear light of God's word still searches, even today, the hearts of priests and people alike.

Do we priests preach and live the message handed on to us by the apostles to the Church or do we change it and cause people to stumble?

And do you, the people of God, accept that message from the Church without changing it, or make it into 'human thinking' and thereby cause it to lose its power?

Fr. Rudy, OCD

Daily Readings**Nov. 6-11, 2017****Monday: Nov 6**Romans 11:29-36; Psalm 69;
Luke 14:12-14**Tuesday: Nov. 7**Romans 12:5-16; Psalm 131;
Luke 14:15-24**Wednesday: Nov. 8**Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112;
Luke 14:25-33**Thursday: Nov. 9**Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Psalm 46;
John 2:13-22**Friday: Nov. 10**Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98;
Luke 16:1-8**Saturday: Nov. 11**Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27;
Psalm 145; Luke 16:9-15**Mass Offerings****Nov. 6-12, 2017**

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Vivian Punzalan+

By: Rufina Amandiz

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Jesusa Dupitas+

By: Rufina Amandiz

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Edward Yu+

By: Daniel Brooks

Thursday 8:00 am-

**+Josephine Hermine Maria
Heslenfeld+**

By: Fil-Can Assn. of Terrace BC

Friday 8:00 am-

+Rafaela Tiampo+

By: Helen Tiampo

Saturday

9:00 am:

+Melba Cabacungan+

By: Don & Mita De Vera

4:00 pm:

**+Josephine Hermine Maria
Heslenfeld+**

By: Gloria & Roy Desierto

Sunday

9:00 am:

+Francis Mascarenhas+

By: Theresa Dagenais

11:00 am:

**Sp. Intentions of
Guardian Angels Parish**

12:30 pm:

+Peter Tan+

By: Family

**A single act of love
makes the soul return
to life.**

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

IN THE PARISH***Seniors' Tea**

Bring a friend to make new friends at our Seniors' Tea on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 2:00 pm in the Rectory Hall (Basement). Please RSVP to Cecile 604 683-0143.

Remembrance Day on Saturday, Nov. 11

This is a long weekend—the parish office is closed on Monday, Nov. 13

Priests' Clergy Study Week—Nov. 13-17

All parish priests in the Archdiocese will be off to the annual Clergy Study Week so we shall only have Liturgy of the Word with Communion on those days.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE***Next Courage Meeting Nov. 12**The next group meeting for Courage members will be Nov. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. We do not to provide location details in order to ensure a safe environment for Courage members. Please contact Deacon Hilmar at courage@rcav.org for more details or contact rcav.org/event/courage-group-meeting-2.**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.***Catholic Creators 2nd Meet & Greet: Wilson Tang, Designer and CEO**We're excited to announce our next speaker at our 2nd Meet & Greet for Catholic Creators! He's worked at EA - Electronic Arts, Industrial Light & Magic, and founded Kabam. Now he's founded Yumebau, Inc. If you're interested in human-centric technology, design, gaming, UX or AR/VR, you'll want to listen to and chat with Wilson! Snack and drinks start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, at St. John Paul II Pastoral Centre. As always, bring your friends (and in this case, especially your developer friends, as Wilson is looking to hire developers to join his team!) rcav.org/digital/#meet***No Greater Love - Fr. Rob Galea Concert**

Join us for special Advent sessions with Fr. Rob Galea on Nov. 11 at St. Mary's Church. Matinee at 1pm-3pm and evening concert at 7pm-9pm. Tickets for \$15 with proceeds to St. Mary's Building Fund for the new school and parish centre. Limited \$10 tickets for children between 6-18 years old. Free admission for children under 6. Please contact St. Mary's Parish office for information.

***The Newman Ball 2017**The Newman Club of UBC and the Newman Association of Vancouver cordially invite you to our annual Ball on Dec. 2, 2017 starting at 6 p.m. at the Rosary Hall at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Enjoy delicious food, elegant dancing, and great company! Tickets can be purchased or reserved by contacting us through our Facebook page or e-mail (newmanassociationvancouver@gmail.com). rcav.org/event/newman-ball-2017**Thank you to those
who have volunteered
as
Sunday Readers****We still NEED
Readers at 4:00 PM
Saturday Mass**Please contact the Parish
Office 604 684-5775 or
parish.ga@rcav.org**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017****Pledge Status Report
Oct. 31, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$50,000
Total Pledges	\$47,055
Total Paid	\$46,765
50 Donors out of 650 Parishioners;	
7.69% participation	

What will you give back
to God from the blessings
you have received?**Stewardship**
A WAY OF LIFE**Whoever exalts himself
will be humbled;
but whoever humbles
himself will be exalted."**
- Matthew 23:12Jesus gave his life to
serve, not to be served.
Putting others' needs
before our own needs is
a sign of becoming a
mature disciple, of follow-
ing Jesus' example. Hu-
mility is really a sign of a
strength. By putting oth-
ers' needs first we de-
clare to the world that
we are putting our com-
plete trust in God. When
we align our thoughts
and actions with God's
plan for us, the result is
Joy and Peace.
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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**

Maryjo Santi,

Debbie Sutherland, Dana Daruwalla, Letizia Lorello, Maggie, Geoffrey & Doreen DeSousa, Joyce Kisoondath, Pat Williamson, Masooma Noorzai, Hassiran Hakim, Elizabeth Walton, Barry McDermott, Eddie Bilek, Lucille Johnston, Ralph Milburn, Milt 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



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