



Guardian Angels Parish

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



I Never Lived

A woman in the hospital was weeping after being told she was terminally ill with cancer. When a friend sought to console her she replied, "I'm not weeping because I'm dying. I'm weeping because I never lived." The awareness of limits and wasted time means we can take up a conscious stance with regard to our own inevitable mortality. It is this mature insight that will protect us from slavishly following what the culture wants us to do and squandering our time in seeking the approval of others by conforming to their rules and values.

The Second Coming

In Warren Wiersbe's 'Meet Yourself in the Psalms', he tells about a frontier town where a horse bolted and ran away with a wagon carrying a little boy. Seeing the child in danger, a young man risked his life to catch the horse and stop the wagon. The child who was saved grew up to become a lawless man, and one day he stood before a judge to be sentenced for a serious crime. The prisoner recognized the judge as the man who, years before had saved his life; so he pled for mercy on the basis of that experience. But the words from the bench silenced his plea: "Young man, then I was your savior; today I am your judge, and I must sentence you to be hanged." One day Jesus Christ will say to rebellious sinners, "During that long day of grace, I was the Savior, and I would have forgiven you. But today I am your Judge. Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire!"

Intelligent Wood Chopper

One man challenged another to an all-day wood chopping contest. The challenger worked very hard, stopping only for a brief lunch break. The other man had a leisurely lunch and took several breaks during the day. At the end of the day, the challenger was surprised and annoyed to find that the other fellow had chopped substantially more wood than he had. "I don't get it," he said. "Every time I checked, you were taking a rest, yet you chopped more wood than I did." "But you didn't notice," said the winning woodsman, "that I was sharpening my ax when I sat down to rest."

Keep Awake

Matthew drives home the lesson of the parable in its concluding verse: "Keep awake [gregoreite; see the same verb in 24.42, 43] therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (25.13). "Staying awake" is used metaphorically for a stance of thoughtful readiness in view of the certain but unknown hour of the **parousia**. All of the virgins "slept" (see 25.5), but the wise virgins had made preparations to be ready no matter when the **bridegroom** would arrive.

Who is the Bridegroom?

How far to push the allegorical dimensions of this parable have been debated, we are not pretty sure. Matthew himself signals some key allegorical features. The bridegroom is surely intended to represent the Son of Man. The Hebrew Scriptures refer to God as the bridegroom who takes away Israel's barrenness and shame (see, e.g., Isa 54.1-8; Jer 31.32; Hos 2.1-20). In the New Testament, the image takes on eschatological tones, probably due to the motif of the end time as a wedding feast (see Mark 2:19-20; John 3:29-30; and the similar image of the community as the "bride" of Christ: 2 Cor 11.2; Eph 5.21-33; Rev 19.7; 21.2, 9; 22.17).

The Parousia

That Matthew refers to the parousia of the Son of Man is clear from the overall context of the apocalyptic discourse where the parable functions as one of several exhortations to readiness in view of the parousia. Also, Matthew had already identified Jesus as the "bridegroom" earlier in the Gospel in a passage with strong eschatological tones (see 9.15). In the parable of the wedding feast (22.1-10), Matthew had also introduced wedding imagery as a way of speaking of the judgment that would befall not only those who violently rejected the original invitation by the king, but even those invited later who do not wear a wedding garment (22.11-14). In the story of the virgins, the "delay" of the bridegroom (25.5; see 24.48), the dramatic shout announcing his sudden arrival (25.6; see 24.31), and the address "Lord, lord" (25.11; see 7.21-23) all point to Jesus as the triumphant Son of Man coming at the parousia.

Practical Conclusion

Wisdom is something we 'choose' like the five bridesmaids did. Having chosen it wisdom becomes second nature to us.

We can also reject it like the other five bridesmaids did. And then we remain condemned to a foolishness we ourselves cannot see.

I don't know if there really is a door but I do know there really will be such a moment, such a moment of truth; I pray that when it comes, we may all find ourselves together in the wedding hall - for all eternity.

Waiting for God is not laziness. Waiting for God is not going to sleep. Waiting for God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting for God means, first, activity under command; second, readiness for any new command that may come; third, the ability to do nothing until the command is given.

Daily Readings**Nov. 13-18, 2017****Monday: Nov 13**Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139;
Luke 17:1-6**Tuesday: Nov. 14**Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34;
Luke 17:7-10**Wednesday: Nov. 15**Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82;
Luke 17:11-19**Thursday: Nov. 16**Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Psalm 119;
Luke 17:20-25**Friday: Nov. 17**Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19;
Luke 17:26**Saturday: Nov. 18**Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9;
Psalm 105; Luke 18:1-8**Mass Offerings****Nov. 13-19, 2017**

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Caridad Kirett+

By: Rufina Amandiz

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Pacifico Cordova+

By: Rufina Amandiz

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Int. of Riz Geronimo+

Thursday 8:00 am-

+Josue Barraca+

By: Violet Poblete

Friday 8:00 am-

+Janet Sneider+

By: Abraham Tsui

Saturday

9:00 am:

+Abel Villena+

By: Rufina Amandiz

4:00 pm:

+Margaret Hermon+

By: Rennel

Sunday

9:00 am:

+Elpidio Desierto+

By: Riz & Oscar Geronimo

11:00 am:

+Melba Cabacungan +

Rene de Villa

12:30 pm:

**Special Intentions of
Guardian Angels Parish**

**You can win more
converts with a
spoonful of honey than
with a barrelful of
vinegar.**

*-St. Francis de Sales***IN THE PARISH**

The Knights of Guardian Angels Council thank all parishioners who enjoyed the pancake breakfast last weekend. Thank you to those who donated; more than \$316.00 was raised. Overall, it was a grand success! Also a reminder to save your used stamps and drop them from time to time in the collection box in the church foyer for the K of C Vocation Fund; all stamps are worth some \$....

2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes—will be available at the Church on the last pew by December 2nd & 3rd (2nd Sunday of Advent).

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 Service this week.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE***Choral Music for Christ the King at Holy Rosary Cathedral**

Come to a concert on Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. with works by Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart, and contemporary, Filipino, and Spanish sacred songs. Performed by the cathedral's own musicians: organist Denis Bedard, the Cathedral Vocal Quartet, and the Cathedral Choir; assistant organist Catherine Walsh and the Holy Rosary Women's Choir; the Contemporary Choir with director Chito Lacsina; the Spanish Mass Choir with director Alejandro Frias. rcav.org/event/choral-music-christ-king

***Morning of Recollection at Madonna House**

"Go, without fears into the depth of men's hearts ... I shall be with you." Come join us for a talk and time of silent reflection followed by fellowship and sharing on Nov. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Parish. For more information, visit rcav.org/event/recollection-madonna-house.

***Free Public Lecture with Vatican Observatory Director: "Why Do We Look Up at the Heavens?"**

St. Mark's College at UBC proudly presents "Why Do We look Up at the Heavens?", a free public lecture on Nov. 22, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Dr. Guy J. Consolmagno, PhD, SJ. Brother Guy is an American research astronomer and Jesuit religious brother. Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting event!

NES Conference 2017: Setting Hearts Ablaze

What keeps you from sharing your faith? Ministry leaders and members involved in evangelistic and discipleship ministries are invited to participate in a one-day conference with worship, fellowship, and inspiring speakers who will describe how to step out in faith and share the joy of the Gospel. Setting Hearts Ablaze will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register at rcav.org/ablaze or on Facebook at NES 2017: Settings Hearts Ablaze.

***Christmas Fair at St. Augustine's Parish**

Come join us in the Parish Centre on Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for your Christmas shopping and a delicious light brunch!! We will have home baked goods, crafts, gift items, jewelry, raffles, etc. and a lot of little goodies for children. All proceeds go toward local charities and the Oblate Mission in Kenya. We look forward to seeing you there.

**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
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**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017****Pledge Status Report
November 5, 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

**"Therefore, stay
awake, for you know
neither the day nor
the hour."
- Matthew 25:13**

Many of us have put off
doing something because
we think we are too
busy. We've all said, "I'll
do it later when I have
time." Unfortunately, too
many of us apply this
attitude to our faith.
Jesus' call is urgent, in
the here and now, in
your current
circumstances. Don't
delay; how is God calling
you to use your gifts
today?

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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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