



Guardian Angels Parish

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

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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.



Awakening Humanity President Jimmy Carter, Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin gathered in Camp David in 1978 to discuss peace. President Anwar Sadat approved the peace proposal but it was rejected by the Israeli Prime Minister Begin. There was a stalemate. The three, by now tired and emotionally drained, were about to depart without any peace accord. As President Carter and Prime Minister Begin were about to depart they remembered that they had earlier agreed to sign photographs for each other's families. They met on the front porch of Prime Minister Begin's cabin for the signing. President Carter asked for the name of the children to make the signing more personal and Prime Minister Begin reciprocated. Then President Carter decided to show the photographs of his grandchildren describing the personality of each; Prime Minister Begin did likewise. As they looked at the pictures tears filled their eyes. What type of world would their grandchildren grow up in? Prime Minister Begin returned to his cabin and re-emerged after five minutes asking to look at the peace proposal once again.

Preparation

When given a chance to celebrate Holy Eucharist for children I usually give them some practical tips on how they need to prepare for exams. At times I try to dramatize saying that they need to take a pen or pencil and try to write the answers. This would certainly help them remember the matter well. If not, just learning the lessons, and going to write exams will have two fold weaknesses; one, that they would not remember everything that they studied because of their heavy dependence on the mind; second, they would lack speed to write. Hence, learning through writing is a better way to prepare for exams. When they write they see with their eyes what they have written and take to their mind and again recall when they come to their examination hall and try to write the answers which they had practiced. This would help them a good deal in their memory. Without preparation one would find oneself embarrassed and weak. Well, preparation is always a must for any sort of performance. Look at all the Olympic participants; they practice day in and day out for long years. They never give up. Preparation is not botheration; rather enjoyable looking at the glory they would earn in the long run. Prepare the Way If John lived today, the rulers would probably not cut his head off as Herod did. They would have had him diagnosed with some horrible sounding mental illness, taken to a mental hospital and put on drugs. Not that he was necessarily full blown crazy; he simply danced to a different beat than his society at large. "It is nice to have a well adjusted life," said Martin Luther King Jr., "but there are some things to which men and women of good will should be maladjusted." John had a solid grasp of God and the traditional myth of the Israelite people. God had a solid grasp on him. There is an important principle that we can learn from the story of John the Baptist. Even though our Bible seems to have little to say about John, he conveys to us a simple but important message that still applies today about preparation to receive the Messiah and repent our sins.

The Forerunner- We are clearly told that John was sent to 'prepare the way' for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 1.23), but what exactly did he do in preparing the way? In Luke 3.3-4, we are told, "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet, saying, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Also in Matthew 3.1-3, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, and saying, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." So how did the people cooperate with John in preparing the way for Jesus? They confessed their sins and were baptized as a sign that they have turned from their sins, as Matthew 3.6 tells us, "And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." This was a preparation that indicated that they were ready for the Messiah.

Make His Path Straight -It means to create a favorable environment or to make it easy for one to come to you and operate in your life.

Preaching and Repentance -The same is true on the other side of the coin. Notice how John the Baptist prepared the way for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ through preaching repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. He created a favorable environment for Jesus to enter and operate in. The same principle is true on the other side of the coin, where people get involved in deep sins in order to gain evil powers. Sin 'prepares the way' for the devil and his demons, while repentance and remission of sins prepares the way for the Lord!

How Can We Prepare the Way?

I believe the Lord gave me a beautiful revelation about how we can 'prepare the way' for the Lord in our own lives. John the Baptist was said to be sent fourth to prepare the way for Jesus, but what exactly did he do? He preached the repentance of sins and baptized people for the remissions of their sins. He was getting people ready for Jesus' arrival by getting them to turn from their sins and repent! Hebrews 12.14 tells us, "...holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." I believe a valuable point we can learn from this passage is that if there are un-confessed sins in our lives, they can hinder us from 'seeing the Lord'. We need to repent of our sins and turn from them and receive forgiveness (1 John 1.9). By repentance of our sins, we 'prepare the way' for Jesus to operate in our lives! We certainly need to prepare for a healthy and happy life.

Fr. Rudy, OCD

Daily Readings**Dec. 11-16, 2017****Monday: Dec. 11**Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85;
Luke 5:17-26**Tuesday: Dec. 12**Zechariah 2:10-13; Judith 13;
Luke 1:39-47**Wednesday: Dec. 13**Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103;
Matthew 11:28-30**Thursday: Dec. 14**Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145;
Matthew 11:11-15**Friday: Dec. 15**Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1;
Matthew 11:16-19**Saturday: Dec. 16**Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80;
Matthew 17:10-13**Mass Offerings****Dec. 11-17, 2017**

Monday 7:00 pm-

+Rosemarie Mascarenhas +

By: Theresa Dagenais

Tuesday 8:00 am-

+Helena Berkova+

Wednesday 8:00 am-

+Jaime & Josefina Chua**Tiampo+** By: Helen Tiampo

Thursday 8:00 am-

+Tony Tiampo+

By: Helen Tiampo

Friday 8:00 am-

+Madeleine DuPerron &**Ken Schwery+**

By: David DuPerron & Family

Saturday

9:00 am:

+Fr. James DeLay+

By: Barbara DeLay

4:00 pm:

+Gerry McGuigan+

By: Mandy Tiednan

Sunday

9:00 am: **+Rafaela Tiampo+**

By: Helen Tiampo

11:00 am:

+Neon Yong+

By: Helena Kim

12:30 pm:

Special Intentions of
Guardian Angels Parish**IN THE PARISH****2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes**

If you haven't picked up your box of envelopes yet, they are now available at the last pew of the Church. Please pick-up your box of envelopes as you leave after Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT START USING YOUR 2018 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2018

Seniors' Tea on Wednesday, December 13 at 2 pm. In anticipation of Christmas, we will have Christmas carols sing-along and raffle off some stocking stuffers. Come join us! Please call Cecile to RSVP 604-683-0143.

P.R.E.P. (Catechism) Christmas Break - last day of classes is on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Advent Penitential Service

Advent Confessions here in our parish is on Wednesday, December 20 @ 7:00 pm.

Schedule of Christmas Masses

Below is the schedule of Masses during Christmas season. Please note that this year, we do not have the Christmas Vigil Mass (or Children's Mass) at 7:00 pm because December 24 falls on a Sunday. Your kind understanding for those who serve at Masses especially Fr. Rudolf and the Choir members are very much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS 2017 SCHEDULE
(with New Year's Day)**Sunday, December 24****9:00 am; 11:00 am; 12:30 pm****Evening Mass**—Sunday, December 24**11 pm (Christmas Caroling starts at 10:30pm)****Christmas Day**—Monday, December 25**9am, 11am, 12:30pm****Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus**, Sunday, December 31, 2017**9 am; 11 am; 12:30 pm**

(Anticipated Mass on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017- 4:00 PM)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God—Monday, January 1, 2018**9am; 11am; 12:30 pm****Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**—Sunday, January 7, 2018**9am; 11am; 12:30pm**

Parish Office will be closed starting Saturday, December 23, 2017 and will re-open on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

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**PROJECT ADVANCE
2017**

**Pledge Status Report
November 20, 2017**

Parish Goal	\$50,000
Total Pledges	\$53,775
Total Paid	\$53,255

**57 Donors out of 650
Parishioners;
8.77% participation**

*Mark the season of Advent
by loving and serving the
others with God's own love
and concern.*

-St. Theresa of Calcutta



**Peace of mind comes
from knowing that
God the Father pro-
vides for all our needs.**

**"The kingdom is
where God provides
for all that we need.
It is the realm of suffi-
ciency where we are
no longer pulled here
and there by anxiety
about having
enough"**
(Henri J.M. Nouwen).

**Trusting in God's
providence is a source
of lasting peace.**

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*Do not wish to be
anything but what you
are, and try to be that
perfectly.*

-St. Francis de Sales



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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, Milta 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 know by name.

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**Spirituality and
Daily Gospel
Reflections**

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