



Guardian Angels Parish February 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Ash Wednesday—February 14,
2018**

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.

Pastor's Corner - 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time



Once when Emperor Yu, the founding Emperor of the Xia Dynasty, went out to inspect his kingdom, he saw a criminal being escorted to be punished. He ordered his carriage to stop and asked, "What crime did he commit?" The guards said, "He was caught stealing wheat and rice. We are taking him to the site for punishment." Yu stepped out of his carriage. He came to the criminal and asked, "Why did you steal?"

The criminal lowered his head and said nothing. Yu did not get angry but shed tears. The officials around Emperor Yu could not understand and asked, "This person stole and should be punished. Why is Your Majesty suffering so much as to shed tears?"

Yu said, "I am not crying for him but for myself. When Yao and Shun were Emperors, the citizens followed their hearts and moral standards. Now I am the Emperor, but my people are not following my moral standards. Seeing this in my own kingdom greatly upsets me!" Emperor Yu then wrote "When citizens commit a crime, it is my fault." He then ordered the guards to release the criminal.

It is written in the Old Testament that "the person who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head be disheveled; and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean'. He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp." (Leviticus 13.45-46). This was to share their shame and sin without in any way interfering in the so-called sinless society. Indifference towards those lepers was normal and accepted behaviour.

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend that part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another, to assist some part of this suffering world, will help. It is not given to us to know which acts will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good. What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts. It does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small, determined group who will not give up.

One of the most powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul, which shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, sends up flares, builds signal fires, and causes matter to catch fire. To display the lantern of the soul in shadowy times like these—to be fierce and to show mercy toward others—is an act of immense bravery. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest ways.

There will always be times when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it. I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: When a great ship is in harbor and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for. "Jesus fearlessly engaged himself in liberating people. He acted and lived a life of service. That is what we have to learn from Jesus.

St. Paul tells us something very similar about helping our neighbour and glorifying God. **Corinthians 10.31** says, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God". I have often come to this verse and said, "See, everything we do has to glorify God." While that is the final logical point of the verse, just making the statement actually misses Paul's point.

From **1 Corinthians 8** to this point, Paul has been discussing issues of conscience and liberty. He had been trying to wade through the issues of eating meats and especially meats offered to idols. Through those chapters, we learned that knowledge puffs up and love edifies. We learned that we should take care not to offend the conscience of our brethren. Further, we even learned we should take care with our actions because of the conscience of unbelievers (cf. **1 Corinthians 10.28**).

Within this context, Paul is not just making the statement that everything we do should glorify God. Rather, he is saying that as we consider how to pursue our liberties and how to preserve our conscience and the conscience of others, the determining factor is which choice will glorify God. It will glorify God if I eat and give thanks to Him. However, it will not glorify God even if I give thanks, if it causes a brother or sister to stumble. It will not glorify God if it causes an outsider to believe I pay homage to an idol. I may have the liberty to eat whatever I want in the strictest sense, but I must consider whether God will be glorified by pursuing this liberty.

Finally, as Paul continued, he pointed out that glorifying God meant not giving offense to either the Jews or the Greeks. In other words, don't pursue your Christian liberties in a way that causes Jews or Greeks to judge you as immoral or ungodly. Don't cause your brothers and sisters who are not as knowledgeable to stumble.

Then he concludes, that instead of seeking his own advantage, he is seeking the salvation of others. This actually gets us back to the theme. What glorifies God the most? The salvation of the lost

Thus, the point about glorifying God whether we eat or drink or whatever we do is that we must not seek our own advantage, but **serve others so they can be saved and God glorified**. Yes, once we recognize that point, we get to the usual statement that this means everything we do must glorify God, but it is important to actually notice the logic that gets us there. Because only then do we actually learn what Paul wants us to do to glorify God. He wants us to be all things to all people that by all means we might save some.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

Fr. Rudolf, OCD

'We must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely.'
St. Francis de Sales

Daily Readings
Feb 12-Feb. 17



Monday: Feb. 12
 James 1:1-11; Psalm 119;
 Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: Feb. 13
 James 1:12-18; Psalm 94;
 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Feb. 14
 Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51; 2 Cor
 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-16, 16-18

Thursday: Feb. 15
 Deut 30:15-20; Psalm 1;
 Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Feb. 16
 Is 58:1-9a; Psalm 51;
 Matt 9:14-15

Saturday: Feb. 17
 Is 58:9b-14; Psalm 6;
 Luke 5:27-32

Mass Offering

Feb. 12 - Feb. 18, 2018

Monday 7:00 pm-
+Rosemarie Mascarenhas+
 By: T. Dagenais

Tuesday 8:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Dustin Pirillo
 By: K Shantz

Wednesday 8:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels Parishioners

Thursday 8:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Clarita Casiver
 By: Anita Berdida

Friday 8:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Jessica Salvani
 By: Lolita Fornelos

Saturday —
 9:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Ralph Wohlgeschaffen
 By: Mia & Gigi Poblete

4:00 pm-
+Angela Haggerty+
 By: Joseph Haggerty

Sunday 9:00 am-
Sp. Int. of Guardian Angels Parishioners

11:00 am-
+Jim Wright+
 By: David DuPerron

12:30 pm-
+Yolanda Pineda de Lacayo+
 By: the Lacayo family

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14, 2018

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. It is also a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



Stations of the Cross (during Lent) will be every Friday at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.

Seniors' Tea is cancelled during Lent and will resume the second Wednesday in April.

BC Family Day holiday

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 12, for Family Day.

Lenten Recollection at Guardian Angels Church

Feb 24 from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
 1/2 day Lenten Recollection – Mass, followed by refreshments (free), before assembly in the church for Lent reflection, Exposition & Benediction. Contact the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, 604-720-1628.

'We should to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.'

St. Vincent de Paul

'Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring.'

St. Catherine of Siena

'To pray and love, that is the happiness of a person living on earth.'

St. John Mary Vianney

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

*** Lunar Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Feb 12 at 11:00am**

Chinese Ministry invites all to the year-end Thanksgiving Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Miller, CSB, followed by lunch in downtown. Interested? Contact Fr. Chu at pchu@rcav.org

*** Mass & Anointing of the Sick celebrated by Archbishop Miller**

Archbishop Michael Miller will celebrate a Mass of Anointing in honour of World Day of the Sick 2018, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Tuesday, February 13 at 11:00am. The sick and their caregivers are invited. Following Mass, refreshments offered in the parish hall. Parking available. For further information visit <https://www.chabc.bc.ca/world-day-of-the-sick-february-13-2018/> or call 604-524-3427, or email info@chabc.bc.ca

Lenten Meditations at Our Lady of Mercy Church

Every Friday during Lent, from Feb 16 – Mar 23, 2018, 7.00 pm – 9 pm. Begins with Holy Mass; closes with Eucharist Exposition and Benediction.

Theme: "Were You There...?"

1. Feb 16, 2018: "Were you there . . . as the Judge?"
 Speaker: Rev. Gabriel de Chadarevian (St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver)
2. Feb 23, 2018: "Were you there . . . in the Shouting Crowd?"
 Speaker: Rev. Dennis Flores (St. Joseph the Worker, Richmond)
3. Mar 2, 2018: "Were you there . . . as a Spectator?"
 Speaker: Rev. Lucio Choi (All Saints Parish, Coquitlam)
4. Mar 9, 2018: "Were you there . . . as His Family?"
 Speaker: Mrs. Carolyn King Blase (A convert and teacher USA)
5. Mar 16, 2018: "Were you there . . . as a Sympathizer?"
 Speaker: Rev. James Hughes (St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver)
6. Mar 23, 2018: "Were you there . . . as the Penitent Thief?"
 Speaker: Rev. Rudolf d'Souza (Guardian Angels Parish)

Ash Wednesday



marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

On Feb. 18, there will be a second collection at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to show their support for our priests in their retirement years or ill health. Visit rcav.org/st-josephs-society/ for more info. on this special collection.





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

Maryjo Sati, 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.



Carmel Hill

Carmel Hill is an ideal venue for either personal or group retreats (Church groups only). For more details, visit www.carmelhill.ca

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