



Guardian Angels Parish

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July 17 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the good wishes on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In spite of CoViD-19 regulations we celebrated the feast with due solemnity. We are also grateful for your contributions of \$516 towards the Carmelites last Sunday. Please pray for us Carmelites that we may continue to have the same zeal of Prophet Elijah and the charism of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.

I am happy to say that despite financial hardships we have raised \$8,755 towards Project Advance. Thank you for your contributions towards this Archdiocesan project.

Due to greater number of Eucharist attendees on Sundays, we have started to skip couple of registered individuals, and they were notified by email and or phone. This will be done every week in alphabetical order. This rotation is done to give others, on waiting list, a chance. All those who are asked to make way for others, can attend Saturday morning 9 am Mass, I also request you to follow strictly parish guidelines which are provincial and Archdiocesan regulations for gathering of people. We are committed to follow these regulations as strictly as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

This Sunday's readings convey how God is good and generous in administering justice. The Book of Wisdom guides people to be lenient with sinners. Wisdom 12: 15-6, *"But as you are righteous, you govern all things righteously; you regard it as unworthy of your power to punish one who has incurred no blame! For your might is the source of righteousness; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all."* and Wisdom 12: 18-19, *"But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. You taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are righteous must be kind; And you gave your children reason to hope that you would allow them to repent for their sins."* Generally speaking, people tend to divide people as good and bad. That may cause a problem, since we are not given sufficient knowledge, wisdom and accuracy of facts to judge wisely. God who knows not only facts but also the heart of every human person, does not tend to judge harshly rather He is lenient and generous.

As we take advantage in God's leniency, we should be on guard not to take it for granted. Let us also show generosity in our judgement of others.

We wish Fr. Victor Fernandes a Happy Birthday on July 23. Fr. Victor is the resident Priest at Guardian Angels and serving as the Chaplain at St. Paul's Hospital. We thank him for his generous services towards spiritual leadership.

Also, I thank all the parishioners for your love and kindness towards me as I complete my one year of Pastoral Service at Guardian Angels Parish this coming Thursday, July 23.

Last but not the least, I would also like to thank Keith Baia and family for coming forward to beautify the garden on Pendrell St. side of the church. Anyone who wishes to donate or contribute, in anyways, to this project, please contact the parish office for details.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Saint Martha – One of Jesus' Closest Friends

Just before Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, his close friends, Martha, her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, entertained Jesus at their home in Bethany (John 12:1-8). Martha "served," while Mary anointed his feet. It is in the simple statement, "Martha served," that we recognize Martha for her witness to stewardship. She isn't a prolific evangelist, she doesn't work miracles. She simply serves Jesus. Jesus may have been a frequent visitor to Martha's home and perhaps this is one of the reasons the Gospel of John reveals to us that "Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus" (11:5). This unique statement in the gospel informs us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha and her siblings. And, as another one of Jesus' visits to Martha's home affirms, Martha continues to be concerned that Jesus be served. Like any good steward, hospitality was very important to Martha (Luke 10:38-42).

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What is most revealing about Martha is on the occasion of the death of Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Martha takes an active role, going out to meet Jesus to let him know what happened to her brother while Mary stays at home. Jesus assures her that Lazarus will be raised from dead. With courage and conviction, Martha confesses her deep faith in Jesus Christ: "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." And then Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." When he asked Martha if she believed this, she replied: "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:24-27). The feast of St. Martha, a witness to service who confessed her faith in Jesus, is July 29. She is the patron saint of homemakers, cooks, domestic workers, waiters and waitresses, and hotel employees

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of July 18/19, 2020

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?



Happy Birthday, Fr. Victor!

July 23

May God bless you abundantly and in special way as you celebrate your birthday today, for all the love and care for which you minister to those under your care. May you be blessed with much joy and love, today and always.

Stewardship Reflection - July 19, 2020

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the

As children of God, we are all “good seeds.” We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the king-

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Mass Intentions

Day				Intention
Saturday	Jul	18	9am	+Dolores Verzosa+
			4pm	Thanksgiving: John & Carmen Isherwood
			6pm	Anonymous
Sunday	Jul	19	9am	+Michael Harnetyy+
			11am	+Fe Paredes Rosales+
			12:30pm	Sp. Int. of Parishioners
Monday	Jul	20	8am	Sp. Int. of Dominique Carillo
Tuesday	Jul	21	8am	+Lyle Armstrong+
Wednesday	Jul	22	8am	Sp. Int. of Nestor Chan & Family
Thursday	Jul	23	8am	Anonymus
Friday	Jul	24	8am	+Milagros & Pio Jarcia Daluro+

THANK YOU,
Fr. John,



for your one year of Pastoral Ser-
Guardian Angels Parish.
May God continue to bless you with strength, knowl-
edge and wisdom as you
continue to minister in our

et benedicat tibi gratias ago Deo

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

In light of the CoVid pandemic, the goals of this year's Project Advance have been altered to reach out to those most in need of our help. Although the official launch-date of the appeal has been delayed until September, a number of parishioners have already made their annual donations, either online or by mail. The Archbishop has been heartened by the generous response of parishes throughout the Archdiocese, including our own parish of Guardian Angels which has already raised \$8,360 toward the appeal. Thank you to those parishioners who have already given, and reassurances to those who are not able to donate until later in the year. I am confident that our parish will eventually succeed in reaching our goal.

All of us have been affected by Covid 19, but we are united in our concern for one another and in our continued gratefulness for blessings received.

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Email Fraud Warning

The Archdiocese has received multiple reports from parishioners and priests who have fallen victim to a recent Internet email phishing scam. Imposters, posing as priests and using email addresses that are similar to those of our priests, have been emailing people asking for personal donations, gift cards, and other forms of financial assistance.

[Into the Deep: The Incarnational Nature of the Church with special guest Archbishop Miller](#)

COVID-19 deprived many of the faithful of ready access to the Sacraments. In this context, Archbishop Miller will examine the importance of receiving the Eucharist and gathering physically as a community in our parishes, what the pandemic can teach us about the importance of the sacramental life and the reality of the Incarnational nature of the Church, and why we should invite people to return to the parish family. Join us on Zoom Friday, July 24 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Register at beholdvancouver.org/ev...

[Annual Courage Conference: 40 Years of Courage: A Legacy of Hope](#)

The international conference, completely online, celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Courage apostolate with talks on the five goals of Courage. Deacon Hilmar Pabel, coordinator of the Courage and Encourage apostolates in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, will speak on the fourth goal: friendship. The conference is for all those who wish to learn more about Courage in support of men and women who experience same-sex attraction, who in a commitment to chastity seek acceptance, fellowship, and friendship in the Church from fellow Catholics. Join us online on July 25-26 at couragec.org/conference2020

[ARISE! Grade 8 Summer Retreat](#)

Are you ready to get to know Jesus as your friend? Are you ready to deepen your relationship with him? Let us show you how much Jesus loves you and how you can live your daily lives in a relationship with him! The purpose of the Summer Retreat for Grade 8 Youth is to lead young people into a deeper understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ – through identifying practical ways and ideas on growing in holiness and into regular (daily) practices that will strengthen and deepen the relationship with God – through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Presented as a virtual (online) retreat, we will pray, share stories, talks, and spend time sharing and growing in faith together in small groups. This is a great opportunity to grow together in faith, fun, and fellowship! Join us on Friday, August 7 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (with a mid-day break). Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events/3001