



## Guardian Angels Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I see a lot of enthusiasm returning to what is dear to all of us, the Eucharist. It is also essential to be mindful of our state of health and vulnerability to get infected with Covid-19 virus. Please be reminded that the Archbishop has dispensed you from attending Sunday Mass. I read a transit slogan “caring is loving”. Do take care of one another by your safe distancing and wearing face mask. Also, please stay home if you have underlying condition or feeling sick. Please know, for sure, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass by virtue of the dispensation granted by the Archbishop to the faithful due to the current pandemic. Dispensation is in effect until further notice.

On Thursday, July 16, 2020, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with Eucharistic Celebration at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining the celebration please register. And, the Solemnity of the Apostles St. Peter and Paul, the great pillars of the Church, is on Monday, June 29. Mass will be at 8 am.

Last Sunday, June 14, during my homily, I invited you to look for possible candidates for RCIA. Kindly take it as a priority as the disciples of Christ called to proclaim and evangelize.

July 1 is celebrated as Canada’s birthday. Canadians should seek to be witnesses to Christ in Canada and the world, and to continue working to influence those in government to act from Christian principles and attitudes. *(Ordo 2019-2020 page 281)*

Christians, realizing they do not have a lasting home here, should pray and work for justice and peace in Canada and throughout the world, so that all God’s people may share in the goods of this earth. God’s kingdom will come only when all people are ready to let Christ’s teaching guide and rule their lives and actions. *(Ordo 2019-2020 page 281)*

The Mass on Canada Day, July 1, will be at 8 am. Happy Canada day, enjoy but be safe. On first Friday, July 3, Feast of the Apostle St. Thomas, we will have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8 am Mass.

As disciples of Christ, we are like Elisha, people of God. Like the woman who cared for God’s prophet Elijah, let us care for one another and grow in love and friendship with God and one another.

Prayers and blessings,

**Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD**

Pastor

## **Great Stewards of the Church: Saints Peter and Paul**

This month we highlight two of the great stewards of our faith, Saints Peter and Paul, commemorated on June 29. The two apostles are celebrated together as the founders of the early Church of Rome. St. Peter held a preeminent status among Jesus' disciples. He was very close to Jesus and is the apostle Jesus designated as the "rock" upon which his Church would be built. Even St. Paul acknowledged St. Peter as the pillar of the Church in Jerusalem. The Gospel of St. Luke describes Jesus commissioning St. Peter as the head of the disciples.

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In the first of his letters contained in the New Testament, St. Peter penned the stewardship reflection placed so prominently in the United States Bishops' pastoral letter on Christian stewardship: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt. 4:10). Thinkers throughout the ages acknowledge St. Paul as a genius and his success as a missionary was unmatched. He was a highly educated Jew and interpreted his conversion experience on the road to Damascus as Christ's personal call to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. He established Christian communities around the eastern Mediterranean, is noted for three great missionary journeys and wrote letters to various communities. St. Paul believed that exercising good stewardship over the gift of the Risen Christ was fundamental to eternal life. How Saints Peter and Paul actually exercised stewardship over the Church in Rome is lost to history, but our faith tradition affirms that they jointly founded the Church of Rome, exercised a special authority over it and established its apostolic succession; a succession of bishops and popes that continues to this day.

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## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of June 27/28, 2020**

In today's gospel reading the Twelve hear Jesus speak these words: "whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is the first time Matthew mentions the word "cross" in his gospel, and it is not in direct reference to Jesus' crucifixion but as a prerequisite to following him. Good stewards recognize that the call to discipleship requires them to "take up the cross" and align their goals in life and their fate with that of Jesus, that is, with suffering, opposition, resistance and even death. Reflect this week on the crosses you need to take up daily in order to comprehend the way of Jesus Christ.

## Mass Intentions



Day			Intention
Saturday	Jun 27	9am	+George Brooks+
		4pm	+Bernardino Bernardo+
		6pm	Sp. Int. of Rusella Garrucho
Sunday	Jun 28	9am	+Norah Walsh+
		11am	+Emilia Alvis+
		12:30pm	Sp. Int. of Parishioners
Monday	Jun 29	8am	+Aquilina Daña+
Tuesday	Jun 30	8am	Sp. Int. of Aleahjen Mae Botor
Wednesday	Jul 01	8am	Thanksgiving by Alma Somido
Thursday	Jul 02	8am	+Rozalia, Ludovit & Daniel+
Friday	Jul 03	8am	+Ludo & Ogl+

### KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

(Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)



- 1) What do we have that Adam never had?
- 2) Which was most likely the first Gospel to be written?
- 3) Which was most likely the last Gospel to be written?
- 4) Which is the last book of the New Testament?

- 1) Ancestors
- 2) The Gospel of St. Mark
- 3) The gospel of St. John
- 4) The book of Revelation

ANSWERS:

### Stewardship Reflection

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- June 28, 2020

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."  
(Matthew 10:38)*

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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## A Solemn Commemoration on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16, 2020  
Eucharistic Celebration at 7 pm  
(with Live Streaming)

**There will be NO 8 am Mass**



*Please call or email (recommended) the parish office to PRE-register.*

*Due to Covid-19 situation, provincial and diocesan guidelines will be followed strictly and there will be no reception.*



**First Friday Devotion**  
July 03, 2020

**Benediction Of the Blessed Sacrament**  
after the 8 am Friday Mass

Our soul can find in the Blessed Sacrament all the joys and consolations it desires. *(St. Teresa of Avila)*

