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Dear Parishioners,

The great questions this Sunday's liturgy places before us is: Are we responsible for anyone? Are we to point out mistakes of another? Jesus provides us clear answers with right answers with right protocols to deal with these questions. When Ezekiel preached, he was in enemy territory as a prisoner of war. Ezekiel 33: 8-9; When I say to the wicked, "You wicked, you must die," and you do not speak up to warn the wicked about their ways, they shall die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their blood. If, however, you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life.

We have a moral obligation to correct the mistake, be at workplace, family, and friends. It does not mean that we have to point our fingers at their faults but in charity explore ways to bring about justice and peace. In doing so, we must remember that we do not justify our faults but get this done in a spirit of love. If not, there is a possibility that we will be accused, to put it in the words of Prophet Ezekiel, "the wicked will die in their iniquity, but their blood, will require at your hand."

On Tuesday, September 8, we celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother. The feast Mass will be at 8 am. Please sign up if you wish to attend.

This week, we commence the campaign of Project Advance. Please watch my video and respond to the best of your capacity. I also thank our Parish Coordinator for Project Advance, Deirdre Santesso. Project Advance 2020 was officially launched on June 6, but parish campaign commences this Sunday, September 6. Archdiocesan funding from this year's appeal will be directed to a newly established crisis response fund, to help vulnerable individuals, families, alongside other ministries of evangelization and outreach ministry of the Archdiocese. The target for our parish is \$12,000 and any amount collected over and above this target, will be used for our parish projects.

Stay safe, be alert and serve one another in love.

God bless you and your family.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD
Pastor

STEWARDSHIP SAINT for September

Saint Teresa of Calcutta gave us an extraordinary example of Christian discipleship and stewardship by her faith, simplicity and service to women and men without considering their race, religion or nationality. She was born Agnes Bojaxhiu in Albania on August 26, 1910, and at age 18 went to Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto following what she discerned to be a call to become a missionary. She was sent to India in 1929, and began her novitiate in Darjeeling near the Himalayan mountains. Eight years later she made her solemn vows and took the name Teresa after Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of missionaries. From there she taught at the Loreto convent school in Calcutta for almost twenty years. Though a dedicated educator, she was increasingly disturbed by the desperate poverty in Calcutta. On September 10, 1946, Sister Teresa had an extraordinary conversion experience, what she later described as “the call within the call.” While traveling by train from Calcutta to the Loreto convent in Darjeeling she experienced interior visions that led her to the conviction that Christ was calling her to serve “the poorest of the poor.” In 1948 after a few months of medical training, Sister Teresa ventured out into the slums to tend to the needs of the destitute and starving. Her first year was very difficult. She had no income and had to resort to begging for food and supplies. She experienced loneliness, doubt and the temptation to return to the comfort of convent life. But at the beginning of 1949 she was joined by a group of young women who wished to be a part of her ministry. In 1950 “Mother” Teresa’s community was formally recognized by the Vatican. Its mission was to care for, in her own words, “the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone.” In 1952, she opened a hospice for the poor. Then she established several leprosy clinics throughout Calcutta, providing medication, bandages and food. In 1955, she created a home for orphans and homeless youth. The Missionaries of Charity soon began to attract both recruits and charitable donations, and by the 1960s had opened hospices, orphanages and leper homes all over India. Mother Teresa then went global. Her first mission outside of India was in Venezuela in 1965, then in Rome, Tanzania and Austria. During the 1970s the congregation started missions in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the United States. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997, departing a religious community with over 4,000 sisters operating 610 missions in 123 countries and aided by more than one million co-workers. Former U.N. Secretary General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said of Saint Teresa: “She is the United Nations. She is peace in the world.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta was canonized on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis. Her feast day is September 5.

**A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for September**

Heavenly Father, Even during this time of pandemic, September is a month that offers hope for things to come: our daily life has a new rhythm, there are new beginnings and a new energy.

In this month of accelerating activities, keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves, and that to be good stewards of his Gospel should be our goal each and every day.

In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you and listens to the promptings of your Spirit.

And in a time when we are discouraged from physically embracing one another, help us find ways to manifest your loving embrace to our neighbors.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend of September 5/6, 2020**

In Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes his love upon us through Jesus Christ, who calls us to the kind of loving relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul’s vocabulary, a kind of “debt” that we can never “pay-infull.” But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: “I am put here as an ambassador of God’s love.”

LOVE your neighbor as yourself!

Stewardship Reflection - September 06, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.

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Mass Intentions

	Day		Intention
Saturday	Sep 05	4pm	Anonymous
		6pm	+Nick Schisler+
Sunday	Sep 06	9am	For the Parishioners
		11am	+Jason DuPerron+
		12:30pm	+Rodolfo Tayag+
Monday	Sep 07	8am	+Belen Delda+
Tuesday	Sep 08	8am	+Maria Agnes de la Cruz+
Wednesday	Sep 09	8am	+Yolanda Bercek+
Thursday	Sep 10	8am	+Ana & Frank Lorello+
Friday	Sep 11	8am	Anonymous



The Knights of Columbus (KoC) is a Catholic service organization that has had an active affiliation to our Guardian Angels Parish and they do a lot more than pancake breakfasts. KoC Council 14723 are currently welcoming new members who are practicing Catholics and interested in making our community stronger.

For information regarding the Knights call John Jane at 604-558-2749, Barry Wingo at 604-767-6496 or visit kofc.org. If you just happen to have shoe-boxes full of old postage stamps, consider donating to our Parish council of KoC. The stamps would be put up for auction and all proceeds will go to the KoC Vocation Fund. There is a stamp box in the vestibule at the back of the church or pass them along to Guardian Angels Sacristy steward Terry O'Neil.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sep 07: Labour Day (Stat Holiday);
 Parish Office will be closed.

Sep 08: Feast: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sep 14: Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

TEMPORARY Cancellation of the 9 am Saturday morning Mass:

As there is not much people coming to the 9 am Saturday Mass compared to the 4 pm & 6 pm Anticipated Mass, *we are TEMPORARILY cancelling the 9 am Saturday Mass until further notice.*

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in our attempt to normalize operations in our Parish amidst this uncertain time.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Sessions are for persons inquiring about the Christian faith or wanting to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Sessions are held Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., beginning September 8.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS



For those preparing their child to get baptized in the Catholic church, we are conducting Baptism Prep Class upon request. Please call or email the parish office for details.

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. 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 \$11,025 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. 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.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.



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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.

Upper Room Conference 2020

At the Upper Room Conference, you will hear from incredible speakers, be able to connect with other disciples and gain insight and resources on how to live out your missional call in your homes and communities. We'll have times of worship, prayer, community, and hear from amazing speakers like Dr. Mary Healy, Fr. John Riccardo, Pete Burak, Matt Maher, and Archbishop J. Michael Miller.

This year's conference marks one year since the launch of the Proclaim movement in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Led by the vision of Archbishop Michael to see the Gospel shared, the heart of the Upper Room comes back to the prodding of the Holy Spirit in our city.

The Upper Room Conference will be streamed live on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. You can join from the comfort of your home or gather safely with other intentional disciples at a host parish near you. Registration coming soon to upperroomvancouver.com

Join us as we listen to the Holy Spirit and respond to God's call in our Archdiocese. This is your invitation to see God move.

The Catholic Faith in Plain English Free Course

Learn about the rich teachings and practices of our Catholic Faith from Father Vincent Hawkswell and Maureen Creelman in their course "The Catholic Faith in Plain English". This free, 36 week-long course will be offered online this year and will start on September 6, 2020. This course is suitable for all adult learners including Catholics and non-Catholics. Register for free at holdvancouver.org/catholic-faith-course

24-hour Fast and Pray for Young Adults

Join other young people (ages 19-39) in fasting and praying for the world, the Church, the marginalized and your personal intentions on Friday, Sept. 11 from 5:00 pm until Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8:00 pm. This is also a fundraiser for the poor. You have a choice to participate either entirely online or a mix of online and in-person. Registration required. For details or to register, go to 24hourfast2020.eventbrite.ca.

Dialogue on Aging's Fall Virtual Public Presentation Series

Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm for Dialogue on Aging's first Fall Virtual Public Presentation Session! This session will include mini-presentations from our exhibitors (to be announced), our feature presentation - "Maximizing Your Brain's Health in Uncertain Times" by Dr. Alex Henri-Bhargava, and opportunities for dialogue and Q&A with faculty. Dialogue on Aging is supported by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and the Vancouver Foundation. For more information/resources, please visit publicpresentations.providencehealthcare.org