



Guardian Angels Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

On October 2nd we celebrated the feast of our parish, Feast of guardian angels. We are fortunate to have such great heavenly Spirits to watch over us and also remind of God's loving care for all of us.

This Sunday's First Reading, taken from Prophet Isaiah, and Responsorial Psalm, speaks about Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. We, as new Israel, too are the vineyard of the Lord. God has laboured in his vineyard to have plentiful harvest.

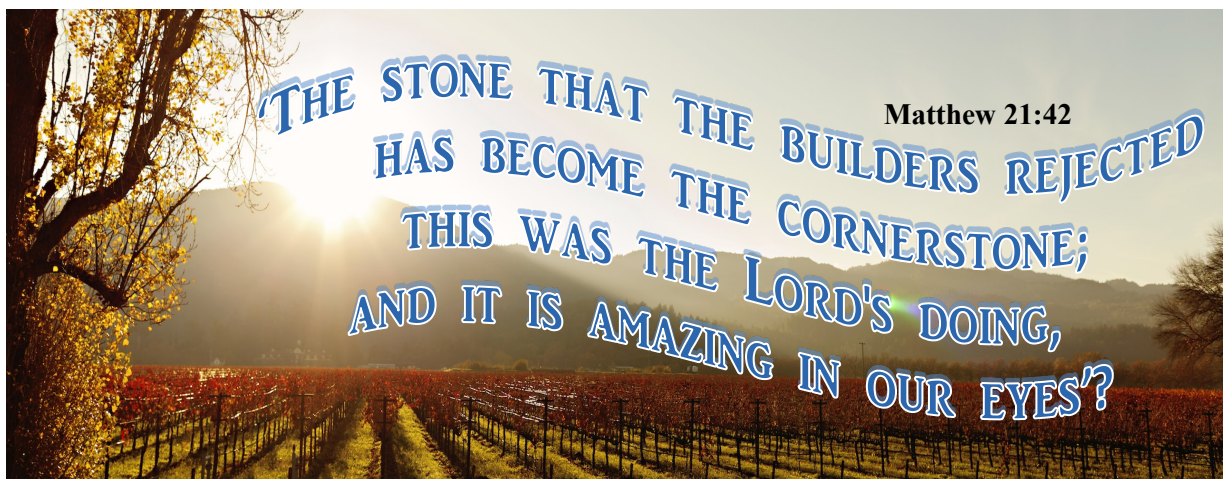
As Covid-19 on the rise, let us take every protection to safeguard ourselves and people around us. We are following recommendation for the Archdiocesan and Provincial guidelines. In order to conform to the guideline – “there must be at least one hour interval between events...”, with immediate effect from this Sunday, 12:30 pm Mass will be moved 1 pm.

October 4th, we remember St. Francis of Assisi, who was able to communicate with God's creatures – plants, animals and other creatures. I used to bless pet animals, due to Covid I will be missing this event, which is dear to my heart. St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us.

Prayers and blessings,

Fr. John Alex Pinto OCD

Pastor



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STEWARDSHIP SAINT for October

Saint Maria Bertilla Boscardin

Sister Bertilla became well-known to military authorities and others for her compassion, dedication and unwavering care of those who could not be moved, even in times of terror, when the hospital was under fire and

Maria Bertilla gave witness to Christian stewardship through her simple living and caring for others as a nurse and consecrated religious. She was born in 1888 in a village near Vicenza, in northern Italy, to a poor farming family headed by a violently abusive and alcoholic father. She lacked a normal education and was ridiculed for her seeming lack of intelligence. She worked as a house servant in her youth. At age 16, Maria joined the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vicenza and was assigned to work in the kitchen, laundry and bakery. Eventually she was given permission to be trained as a nurse and displayed a special gift for working with children suffering from diphtheria. During World War I, the hospital was taken over by the Italian army to care for its wounded. Sister Bertilla became well-known to military authorities and others for her compassion, dedication and unwavering care of those who could not be moved, even in times of terror, when the hospital was under fire and subject to bombing and artillery barrages. She wrote in her diary: "Here I am, Lord, to do your will whatever comes." When she and her patients were finally transferred to a safer area Sister Bertilla's religious superior transferred her back to the laundry. Soon thereafter, however, the mother general of the religious community countermanded that order and Sister Bertilla was reassigned to the hospital to take charge of a children's ward. Her reputation for simplicity and hard work left a deep impression on those who knew her. Sister Bertilla had suffered for a number of years with a painful tumor, and in 1922 her health declined rapidly. After an unsuccessful surgery to remove the tumor she died on October 20, 1922. Thousands of people attended her funeral in Vicenza, Italy, and her tomb became a pilgrimage site. A plaque remains at the hospital in her honor, describing her as a "chosen soul of heroic goodness...an angelic alleviator of human suffering ..." Family members and many former patients attended Maria Bertilla's canonization in 1961 by Saint Pope John XXIII. Her feast day is October 20

KIDS & SENIORS CORNER

(Contributed by Nyles Fernandes)



- 1) When is the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux the Carmelite nun?
- 2) What are the names St. Therese, is fondly known as?
- 3) Who are the parents of St. Therese?
- 4) St. Therese is the patron saint of these people?

ANSWERS:
 1) October 1st. 2) St. Therese of the Child Jesus and St. Therese of the Little Flower.
 3) St. Louis who was a watchmaker and St. Zélie who was a lacemaker.
 4) Patron saint of florists, gardeners, is one of the three patron saints of France and is also the patron saint of Missionaries.

Stewardship Reflection

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Twenty-Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of October 03/04, 2020

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we are not good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?

Love and Compassion!

Stewardship Reflection - October 04, 2020
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."
 - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

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Mass Intentions

	Day		Intention
Saturday	Oct 03	4pm	Sp. Int. - Anonymous
		6pm	+Richard C. Wu+
Sunday	Oct 04	9am	For the Parishioners
		11am	+Jason Du Perron+
		12:30pm	Sp. Int. of Carmen Oloriz
Monday	Oct 05	8am	Sp. Int. of Christina Roybal
Tuesday	Oct 06	8am	+Amparo & Lorenzo Perez Tuells
Wednesday	Oct 07	8am	+Vicente & Angelita Otazu+
Thursday	Oct 08	8am	+Consuelo O. Perez Tuells+
Friday	Oct 09	8am	+Glen Engel+



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

1 Peter 4:10

PROJECT ADVANCE 2020

For UPDATE (as of September 17, 2020) on the:

Liturgical Guidelines for Masses Celebrated during the Reopening of Masses with a Congregation

Please go to <https://rcav.org/coronavirus/liturgical-guidelines>

Preamble

These Liturgical Guidelines are intended to assist priests and faithful in their reverent and joyful celebration of Holy Mass, while maintaining the health and safety precautions counseled by the provincial health authority. Neither the priest nor his parishioners are immune from the COVID-19 virus while celebrating the Eucharist. It is by carefully observing the directives and precautions outlined in this document that the reopening of public Masses can prudently take place, so that we can return safely to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct 03: Feast: Dedication of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver

Oct 07: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary - titular of the cathedral and principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Vancouver

Oct 07: Thanksgiving Day

Project Advance 2020

There have been a further 21 donations made to Project Advance in the past two weeks bringing our total to \$17,815 from 52 donors. Many thanks to those who have contributed so far. Please remember that you can donate online, by mail, or by enclosing your contribution in an envelope marked "Project Advance" and placing it in the collection basket during the offertory at Mass.

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.

Parish Religious Education Program

For inquiries about PREP classes for the year 2020/2021, please email parish.ga@rcav.org or call 604-684-5775; or send your email direct to the PREP Coordinator at carmelacorpuz@hotmail.com

THANK YOU, for collecting, saving and dropping off your old postage stamps. They will be put for auction and proceeds will go to the KoC Vocation Fund. Surely your kindness matters. For info, please call John Jane at 604-558-2749 or Barry Wingo at 604-767-6496.



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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.

National Catholic Health Care Week 2020

October 4 to 10, we celebrate National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada. The week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes. For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at www.chac.ca

Mass for the Feast of St. John Henry Newman

We are celebrating the Feast of St. John Henry Newman - his first as a saint. Mass is on Friday, Oct. 9 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Mark's Parish at UBC. Mass will be presided by our chaplain, Fr. Rob Allore, SJ.

Ecumenical Faith Break 2 - Together in Thanksgiving

Join us for a morning of community, conversation, and reflection on the Eucharist. Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 am until 11:00 am on Zoom. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Online registration coming soon to beholdvancouver.org/events

Rosary Coast to Coast

This October, devoted Catholics of all ages across North America are uniting in prayer. Some will meet face to face in familiar locations. Others can participate in spirit. You are invited to join in this extraordinary movement of prayer that is designed to mobilize and energize multi-generational groups of children and families. Learn more at rosarycoasttocoast.ca

Helping My Children Become Themselves

This 4-day PRH workshop will help you to understand your children and their needs, thus foster their development, improve your relationship with each child and understand the cause of certain behaviours in order to manage the difficulties encountered. Join us online over 2 weekends: Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. To register, contact Leah at lbittante2@gmail.com