# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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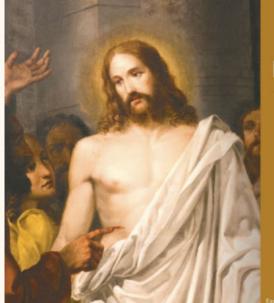
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### 26<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

xcerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

#### October 1st, 2023

### Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

#### **Daily Masses:**

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m.

bilingual at Saint Nicholas

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m. Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m. Or by appointment

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### Misas dominicales:

Sábado: 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. Domingo: 12:30 p.m. en español

#### **Misas diarias:**

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Jueves: 8:00 a.m. Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

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#### Reconciliación:

Sábado: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábado: 3:15-4:15 p.m.

#### Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

#### **Guardian Angels Lay Leadership Positions**

**Dan Bergner, Trustee:** (952) 367-7432 **Kris Janey, Trustee:** (612) 325-9284

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Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

#### **Church Calendar**

#### Monday, October 2nd

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

#### Tuesday, October 3rd

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, GA Choir Loft

#### Wednesday, October 4th

8:00 a.m. Mass, 

Bernard Serbus

5:30 p.m. Altar Server Training/Review

6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA Campus-wide

#### Thursday, October 5th

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

6:30 p.m. Small Group Leader Formation, St. Francis Hall

#### Friday, October 6th

3:00 p.m. Apple Crisp Prep and Baking, School Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

#### Saturday, October 7th

6:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Prep and Baking, School Kitchen

8:00 a.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, GA Church

11:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Early Bird Sale, St. Francis Hall

3:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

3:15 p.m. Reconciliation, GA Church

4:30 p.m. Mass, 

⊕ Bob Therres

#### Sunday, October 8th

6:00 a.m. Apple Crisp Sale, St. Francis Hall

8:00 a.m. Mass, 

Bob Ohnsorg

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall

10:00 a.m. Mass (Bilingual), 

† Virgil Gestach

11:00 a.m. Center for Mission, St. Francis hall

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, St. Francis Hall

10:00 a.m. Mass (SN), ⊕ Barney Riesgraf

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish), Para la Gente

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a  $\oplus$  designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, please call the Parish Office.

#### Baptism:

Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

#### **Matrimony**:

Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

#### Communion for the Homebound:

When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Then we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah

5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Ez 18, 25-28/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. (6)/Flp 2, 1-11 o 2, 1-5/Mt 21, 28-32

Lunes: Zac 8, 1-8/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23/Mt 18, 1-5.

Martes: Zac 8, 20-23/Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 9, 51-56 Miércoles: Neh 2, 1-8/Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/Lc 9, 57-62 Jueves: Neh 8, 1-4. 5-6. 8-12/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Lc 10, 1-12 Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9/Lc 10, 13-16 Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29/Sal 68, 33-35. 36-37/Lc 10, 17-24 Domingo siguiente: Is 5, 1-7/Sal 79, 9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20 (Isaías 5, 7)/Flp 4, 6-9/Mt 21, 33-43

#### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

#### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/23 to Date:

Friary Doors (1/3 down), Church Fence (2nd half)

#### Year-To-Date 7/1/23—9/25/23

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$183,833	\$14,781
Sunday Collection	\$10,805	\$1,027
Contributions	N/A	N/A
Total Giving	\$148,196	\$15,483
Amount above or below	-\$35,637	+\$702

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

7/1/23—08/31/23 Contributions: \$10,440 7/1/23—08/31/23 Expenses: \$7,112 Fund Balance: \$177,580

Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will.



### LECTIO DIVINA—MATTHEW 14:22-23— PETER WALKS ON WATER

Dear Parishioners of Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas,

I have decided to make the theme passage for our discernment of what God wants us to do in our future Matthew 14: 22-33, when Peter walks on water toward Jesus. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, come to our Encounter Faith Formation in the Saint Francis Hall when I will guide us in a meditation on this passage as we learn how to do *lectio divina* together. God so badly wants to give us signs of His love, but one of those signs is already given to us and lasts forever. It is Jesus Himself, The Word Made Flesh. He is the Word Himself found in the holy scriptures that center around Him and lead to Him. So a preeminent way of receiving

the signs of God is *lectio divina*, which means divine reading. When we bring our life to Jesus, our works, joys, sufferings, requests, and challenges and recognize that he died for us and accompanies us on the journey, we become aware of his desire to teach us something, to speak to us quietly, to refine us, to purge us, and to enlighten us with new belief or resolve about something. We are ready to see His love in such teaching. Therefore, it is good to always have a bible or a passage of scripture ready whenever you make a holy hour.

In this bulletin article, I borrow substantially from Mark P. Shea's, "How to Make a Holy Hour" from the Our Sunday Visitor pamphlet. It is located at the kiosk in back of church at Guardian Angels. Be sure to pick up one!

Lectio divina consists of four parts that may be compared to stages of growth and harvest of grapes in a vineyard. In the <u>Lectio</u> portion, you toil in the "vineyard," growing and harvesting the "grapes" by reading a passage of scripture (the daily Mass readings, for example). Pay special attention to each word and look for the connections between the sentences you are reading. Look for phrases that stand out to you. Read the passage again. Perhaps it is the waves, or being "tossed about" that causes you to think about what the storm must have been like. Or Peter saying, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Did he have faith? Did he have the beginnings of faith? Did he have a kind of initial zeal?

Then this naturally moves us to *Meditatio*. In this portion, you work at squeezing the "grapes" for all the "juice" you can wring from them. One way to begin meditating on scripture is to choose just a few words or a phrase and begin committing it to memory by repeating the words over and over. As you do, you will tend to notice the words, their connections, their connotations, and their deeper meanings. When Jesus said to Peter, "Come," what was the nature of his love for Peter or His emotions for Peter at that time?

The next phase is *Oratio*. In *Oratio*, you "ferment the juice" and let it age into "fine wine" by pondering God's word in your heart as Mary did and talk the scriptures over with God. Ask God questions as you wrestle with the words and their meaning. Try to discover the depths of meaning that God put there. How did Peter initially be able to walk on the water toward Jesus during the storm? Why did he sink? We can contemplate images also. What headwinds and rain in his face might Peter have experienced as he (presumably) focused his eyes on Jesus. Expect God to give you insight into both the scripture and its application to your life. Although this insight may not come immediately during your holy hour, remember to be open to His answer.

Finally, there is <u>Contemplatio</u>. The fruit of your labors with the "grapes" now yields "wine." As God reveals Himself to us through the Scriptures, we begin to see that the truth of God is not merely a collection of facts, but the gift of a Lover to His beloved. This moves us to both gratitude and obedience. Indeed, we discover that our gratitude is meaningless without obedience. So we are moved from receiving the love of God to a new resolve to respond to it. Maybe it could be the confidence of Jesus stretching out his hand to save us. Maybe like Peter we must cry out, "Lord, save me!" Or maybe we could ask our Lord to give us the faith to complete the walk to Him.

Come this Wednesday! I look forward to it with you.

Father Tony

#### ALTAR SERVING

Guardian Angels is looking for more altar servers! Anyone Grades 4-12 can join to serve in this ministry. Parents will have the ability to choose which weekend Mass your family is able to attend. Remaining training dates this fall are as follows:

- 5. Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- 6. Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. New altar servers are required to go to 3 training sessions.

Attention current servers! You are required to attend one training session for review!

#### **MOMS GROUP**

Saturday, October 7th, 9-10:30 a.m., St. Francis Hall

# Childcare available \*please RSVP before Saturday to Jenna Salinas\*

Moms, join us first Saturdays for encouraging conversation with other moms! Coffee and refreshments provided; childcare available upon request (please RSVP for childcare). If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Jenna Salinas by emailing jennamsalinas@gmail.com or calling (612) 201-4894.

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

October 15th, November 19th, Gym

The Chaska/Carver Knight of Columbus invite all to their ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST events, scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, October 15th and Sunday, November 19th at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Menu includes: Pancakes, Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee, Juice, Milk, and Water. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$5 for children aged 6-12, free for children under 5 years old; and \$40 for Families (parents and minor children in the same family). Proceeds go to Guardian Angels Church and in part to local charities. Both events will be held in the parish gym, located a block south of the church at the corner of 1st Street and Cedar Street.

#### JOIN US FOR DINNER!



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is for all parishioners, new, old, married, or single, ages 21 and up. It is designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing an opportunity to get to know those familiar faces we see each week at Mass and at parish events.

If you sign up as a guest participant, you will be assigned to attend a dinner with one of our parishioner hosts in their home. Last year was our first year and everyone had a great time meeting new people, laughing with old friends, and enjoying a variety of dinners with the hosts. Special considerations and assignments will be made if you have allergies to food or pets or if you have mobility concerns. And, if you need a ride, we have volunteers for that too! We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

If you **sign up as a host**, your meal can be simple or formal; potluck, buffet, or family style—you need only provide the main dish and beverages. Guests may be asked to bring a dish to share or you can host the whole meal. It is up to you!

I am looking for Hosts and Guests for our next dinner even on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Won't you join us?

Please contact Laurie Forner at (612) 201-7002 or Iforner2@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to participate as a host or as a guest. If you participated in the past, please note you can attend as often as you wish and you do not have to host to participate.





#### Our program is ready for your children ages 3-6!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessoribased program, in which children learn through hands-on exploration within a meditative & prayerful environment, that guides them toward a closer relationship with the Good Shepherd.

We will meet in Guardian Angel's School on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. starting October 11th. Registration forms available at the desk in Church and at www.gachaska.org.



October is Respect Life Month: Please consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Take a moment each day to say the following prayer and add the Memorare Prayer: "That the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts."

(Project Rachel: 651-291-4515)

#### **The Memorare Prayer**

Remember, most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

### World Needs Fatima Rosary in the Park

Join us on Saturday, October 14, 12 noon at the Chaska City Gazebo to participate in the World needs Fatima Rosary. We would love to have a huge turnout!!





### G.A. ANNUAL APPLE CRISP WEEKEND

October 6th-8th

We are in need of donated apples and workers to peel apples and bake apple crisp. Join the fun Friday the 6th at 3 p.m. in the school kitchen to peel apples and Saturday the 7th at 8 a.m. to bake. Early Bird sale starts at 11 a.m. Saturday in the gym. This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$1000.

Call Tina at (952) 448-7569 to donate apples.

Local Catholic United Financial Sale Representative Team Countryside: (763) 656-8603

Local Catholic United Sales Rep Bill McMullen 1-800-568-6670





#### THE ARCHBISHOP IS COMING!

Archbishop Hebda will come to Guardian Angels to celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 8th. Friends from around the archdiocese with our partnership diocese of Kitui who have traveled there will join us. We will celebrate our partnership and after Mass, we will have a short brunch reception and a short program downstairs in the Saint Francis Hall. Friends of Kitui will talk about our partnership and share stories while we have brunch for approximately 20-30 minutes. We hope you can join us!



The Feast of the Guardian Angels is on Monday, October 2nd





### You Are Invited! Registration Is Now Open

for the Magic & Miracles
Gala!

### \$aturday, Oct 14, 2023 / 5:30pm

Annual Gala at Golden Valley Country Club benefitting SouthWest Options for Women

#### **REGISTERING ONLINE IS EASY!**

GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT: SWOPTIONSFORWOMEN.ORG

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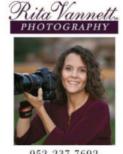
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