

*Jesus Said, "you did not choose me but I chose you ...  
I am giving you these commandments so that you may love one another."  
(John 15: 16-17)*

## Guardian Angels Parish Ministries

| Name                                                            | Description (visit the Parish Office to obtain contact info for ministry lead)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Adoration Chapel – Eucharistic Adoration</b>                 | All Parishioners – and Visitors – are welcome to St. Michael Chapel at Guardian Angels Church for private Eucharistic Adoration. Chapel open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, closed on snow days and holidays. Here, we keep watch with Jesus in the <i>Blessed Sacrament</i> in meditation, prayer and peace. One may drop in any time from 8am to 8pm however one may also sign up and commit to be present at a set day and time each week for one hour or more. |
| <b>Altar Servers - Adult</b>                                    | Assist the members of the liturgical assembly by presenting and arranging vessels and other items used in celebrations. As members of the assembly, they are also visible to all and model good liturgical participation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Altar Servers - Youth</b>                                    | Assist the members of the liturgical assembly by presenting and arranging vessels and other items used in celebrations. As members of the assembly, they are also visible to all and model good liturgical participation. Trained by a deacon, participation requires parental consent.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Baptism Preparation</b>                                      | Welcome new parents and godparents to the preparation process of the Baptism of their new child into the Life of Christ and the Parish Community. Contact the Parish office and they will put you in contact with one of our Priests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Catholic Woman's League (C.W.L.)</b>                         | The Catholic Woman's League promotes spiritual and educational growth, Christian family life, and community life. The motto of this national organization is "For God and Canada."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                       | Provide young children with an introduction to Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, with time to reflect creatively on God's Word. Adapted to be relevant to the lives and experiences of young children it prepares them for full participation in the Liturgy.                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Choir</b>                                                    | The choir welcomes Adults and Youth and has great importance in the Parish's Liturgy. Members of the choir lead the congregation in prayer through song and encourage the active participation of the faithful in the singing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Confirmation Prep for Youth</b>                              | Teachers and facilitators support youth preparing for Confirmation. The sessions generally occur once a month following the 11 am mass at Guardian Angels Church and are about 1.5 hours in length.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Confirmation Prep for parents</b>                            | Leaders deliver a program to parents of Youth who are to be confirmed, at the same date and time that their children are attending their formation sessions. This group of parents break into discussion groups following the presentation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Count on Me, Funeral Luncheons</b>                           | This is a compassionate group of parishioners who come together to cater to funeral receptions. Volunteers are formed into teams and each team is called to serve approximately 4 times per year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>               | Commissioned by the Pastor or his delegate, these individuals assist Ordinary Ministers (bishops, priests & deacons) during the Communion Rite by distributing the Eucharistic Body.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound</b> | Under the guidance of Our Lady and the Legion of Mary we offer Pastoral Care Visitation to the sick, lonely or shut-in.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Faith Formation - Adult</b>                                  | Its purpose is to support ongoing Catholic faith formation and spiritual development among parishioners of the Orillia Family of Catholic Churches. The <i>Faith Formation Committee</i> , consisting of a minimum of 2 representatives from each of our churches, generally meets once a month, to plan activities and teaching sessions to be delivered. The <i>Faith Formation</i>                                                                                 |

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|                                                            | <u>Implementation Team</u> is a larger group who assist with the delivery of the planned activities, most Tuesday evenings of the year.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Finance</b>                                             | Assist the Pastor, in an advisory and consultative role, in the prudent administration and care of the Parish and its limited assets; form appropriate committees to identify improvements in property maintenance.                                                                                                             |
| <b>First Reconciliation &amp; First Holy Communion</b>     | Teachers and facilitators support Youth Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The six one-hour preparation sessions occur from February until May at Guardian Angels Church.                                                                                                         |
| <b>Grounds Beautification</b>                              | Members coordinate their efforts to maintain the beauty of the grounds of the church through lawn care and maintenance of gardens and flower boxes.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>IT Support</b>                                          | Support the Pastor, Priests, Office staff and ministries in utilizing technology within our church property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Keyholders</b>                                          | If you need to be able to access the church in order to perform your ministry, speak with the Pastor to obtain permission to be given a key or the access codes. You must sign a key agreement at the Parish Office at Guardian Angels before they are given.                                                                   |
| <b>Knights of Columbus (K.O.C.)</b>                        | <b>Fourth Degree:</b> Established in 1900 on the principle of patriotism; love for the devotion to one's country, enlightened by the Catholic faith. <b>Squires:</b> The official youth organization of the Knights. Catholic boys, 12 to 17 years old, can apply for membership and join these enthusiastic youth in our area. |
| <b>Lectio Divina for Adults (divine or sacred reading)</b> | Meet to prayerfully read scripture and with silence and discussion seek to come into the presence of God and be attentive to what the word of God means in our lives and to what action or change He may be calling us. This is not bible study. Group meets once per week in person and/or on ZOOM.                            |
| <b>Liturgical Environment Planner &amp; Ministry</b>       | Under the direction of the Pastor, this team prepares for Liturgical celebrations at the parish. The beauty, quality and appropriateness of the space where the Liturgy is celebrated are crucial for full participation of the assembly.                                                                                       |
| <b>Lectors</b>                                             | Make the Word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the Christian assembly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Offertory Collectors/Ushers/Greeters</b>                | Welcome our parish community and visitors to a friendly place of worship; represent the assembly in offering hospitality; organize the Procession of Gifts, assist in finding a seat and answer other and distribute bulletin at the end of mass.                                                                               |
| <b>Offertory Counters - Scheduled</b>                      | Under the direction of the Collection Counter Coordinator, who also develops a rotational schedule, volunteers assist in the timely and accurate counting of the weekly and special collections for the parish. Meet weekly in the counting room in the office at Guardian Angels.                                              |
| <b>Pastoral Visitors to Seniors Homes &amp; LTC Homes</b>  | This group assists our priests in celebrating Holy Mass at 6 Seniors / LTC homes in Orillia on a monthly basis. This ministry requires volunteers as lector, musician, singers, altar set up and to assist with residents of the home who attend.                                                                               |
| <b>Prayer Group – Adult (Charismatic)</b>                  | Under the direction of the Pastor and Prayer Group Coordinator, members meet weekly to share in praise, prayer, scripture and gifts of the Spirit. Also occasionally leads seminars.                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Property Committee</b>                                  | In collaboration with the Pastor we oversee the church building and infrastructure, identifying, organizing and supervising needed construction and repairs.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>R.C.I.A.</b>                                            | The <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</i> : provide spiritual formation; offer insight into the Catholic faith; support inquirers in their encounter with Christ and journey of initiation into the Church.                                                                                                             |
| <b>R.C.I.C.</b>                                            | The <i>Rite of Christian Initiation of Children</i> : provide support to parents of children of catechetical age, and instruction to the children who were not baptized as infants, in preparation for Baptism and initiation into the Church.                                                                                  |
| <b>Religious Articles Room - Vendors</b>                   | Here people will find gifts to celebrate faith milestones such as first receiving the sacraments. A vendor opens this room following all weekend masses, assisting people in selecting or ordering gifts and making purchases. It may also be open by appointment.                                                              |

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| <b>Rosary Apostolate</b>                                                                                                            | The Rosary Apostolate, Inc. is an apostolate of evangelization through prayer. We train volunteers to become apostles of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, leading people to Jesus through Mary. Following training, the <i>Rosary Visitors</i> visit our parish schools and teach/pray the rosary with students.                |
| <b>Rosary praying on ZOOM</b>                                                                                                       | Meeting Monday to Friday at 8:30 am <u>on Zoom</u> , we pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Rosary &amp; Milk Bag Mat Making</b>                                                                                             | Wednesday mornings from 10 am to noon we meet in the Guardian Angels Hall to make rosaries or milk bag mats. All are welcome. No experience needed.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Seniors Social Group</b>                                                                                                         | <b>We Don't Meet. We Go!</b> Five local Catholic churches. Lots of new friends. Plenty of laughs. And always somewhere fun to go! No meetings, no agendas - just great outings, day trips and even some overnight adventures to choose from. Come along, make new friends and have some fun. Everyone's welcome, every time! |
| <b>Sewing Ministry</b>                                                                                                              | On the last Monday of every month, members meet in Guardian Angels Hall to sort fabric, share sewing ideas and tips. Selected fabric and patterns are taken home where children's clothes, quilts, bags and blankets are made and sent to developing countries through Canadian Food for Children.                           |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>                                                                                                          | At the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, we are driven by love and justice. Our volunteers work within their own communities, responding to local needs with compassion and making a significant difference. Food Bank open Tuesday & Thursday 1 to 3 pm.                                                                    |
| <b>Vinnies</b>                                                                                                                      | A part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vinnies offers clothing, home furnishings and it is open Tuesday & Thursday 1 to 3 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Volunteer Screening (V.S.)</b>                                                                                                   | Under the leadership of the Archdiocese of Toronto Volunteer Screening department, implements V.S. procedures & processes for the 5 churches within our Orillia Family of Catholic Churches. Currently in the Guardian Angels Office Tuesdays from 1245 pm to 4 pm.                                                          |
| <b>Youth Ministry</b>                                                                                                               | Young people are welcomed into active participation in the Church through a fun and prayerful learning experience. Our role is to assist in forming our youth in their Catholic faith, deepening their relationship with Christ.                                                                                             |
| <b><i>You are invited to join a ministry of interest to you;<br/>where you can lovingly share the gifts, God has given you.</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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Please contact the Parish Office (705-326-2849) to discuss your interests. They will put you in contact with the Ministry Lead to discuss further.