

# Guardian Angels Parish

A welcoming community of faith sharing the light & truth of the gospel of Christ.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday 9am to 12:30pm; 1:30pm to 4:30pm CLOSED on Weekends and Statutory Holidays



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## November 12, 2023 : Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Stewardship

Reflection

*"Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

*Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Mass Intentions

Day		Intention	
Sat	Nov 11	4pm	+Catalina P. Samson+
Sun	Nov 12	9am	For the Parishioners
		11am	+James Stephens+
		12:30pm	+Felipe & Victoria Santos +
Mon	Nov 13	8am	Anonymous
Tues	Nov 14		No Mass at Guardian Angels, Mass Intentions to be offered by Father John at the Masses during Clergy Study Week.
Wed	Nov 15		
Thurs	Nov 16		
Fri	Nov 17		

**Nov 11: Remembrance Day**—Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world.

*This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.*

*This is the day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.*

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### SACRAMENTS

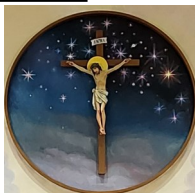
**Confessions:** Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm;

Saturday, 3:00pm to 3:45pm;

or by Appointment

**For other Sacraments:**

Please contact the Parish Office



Saturday - Nov. 11

### Clergy Study Week - November 13 to 17

Father John will be attending the Annual Priest Study Week, therefore there will be NO Masses at this Church from Tuesday to Friday - Nov 14 to 17.



### Sunday Missal 2023 - 2024

Avail your copy of the Sunday Missal for a minimum donation of \$4.00.

### 2024 Feasts & Saints Calendar

Please pickup your calendar—one (1) copy only per family as we only have limited copies. Calendars are free, but donation will be appreciated.



### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Members of the PPC are advise to be present at the next meeting on **Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7pm at the Rectory Basement.** Please inform the parish office, by email, if you are unable to attend.

### ADVENT is fast approaching

Our time of waiting is fast approaching. Get ready, the **First (1st) Sunday of Advent is on December 3.**



### NOVEMBER - Month of Holy Souls

#### All Souls Day Envelope

A Mass Intention Envelope details are as follows: **1)** One envelope for one Mass; **2)** Names can be mentioned in the envelope without limit for a minimum stipend of \$10 per one envelope. Remember only one (1) Mass will be offered for each envelope. **3)** No cheques.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.*

*R: And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. R: Amen.*

### MASS TIME

**Weekdays:** Monday, 8am; Tuesday, 7pm;

Wednesday to Friday, 8am;

First Friday Devotion, 6pm Adoration; 7pm Mass

**Weekend:** Saturday, 4pm (Anticipated)

Sunday, 9am, 11am 12:30pm

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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### White Mass for Health Care Workers

The Catholic Physician's Guild invites you to join the White Mass for Health Care Workers November 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral in Vancouver. Mass is followed by dinner and discussion in the Rosary Hall beside the Cathedral. We are excited to have Brian Bird, a law professor at UBC, joining us for a presentation on conscience rights in health care. You are welcome to join us for a great evening of connection and fellowship!

Please purchase a ticket if you wish to join the dinner and presentation afterwards, if you only wish to attend the mass feel free to join us at no cost, no ticket purchase required in that case. Spouses and families welcome!

Register online at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### Reading Reflection From One of our Own

#### The Wise and the Foolish Virgins. --- (by: Agustin G.)

Jesus said in a parable that the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to ten virgins who went forth to meet the bridegroom. We know from the researchers of the past, that it was the custom for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. Of the ten, five, wisely, took enough oil to keep their lamps lit; and five, foolishly, neglected the oil. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, the maids became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Then the maids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves." While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and only those who were ready went with him inside to the Wedding Feast. Then the doors were locked. Afterwards the foolish came and said, "Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he replied, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." It seems that Jesus is mentioning two events in this parable, one is the coming of Jesus in the Eucharistic Wedding Feast for those who are ready, which is missed by the foolish virgins, and the second is His coming in the final judgment, of which Jesus said, "**stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**" (cf. Mt 25: 1-13) "**I am the light of the world,**" said Jesus, "**those who walk with me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.**" (cf. Jn 8: 12) The virgins, who were prepared with the oil of the Holy Spirit, illuminated their way to meet Jesus returning at the end of times. The foolish virgins were the Jewish leaders, who didn't have their lamps lit with the Holy Spirit to meet Jesus the Messiah, the bridegroom of Israel. Christians, for their part, shouldn't follow their example but remain vigilant, because Jesus, the bridegroom, will notice the lack of the Holy Spirit in the foolish who approach Him.

### Final Chance for the Parish Photo Directory

Your final chance to have your photo shoot for the Parish Photo Directory is on **December 16 from 11am to 5pm.** We need at least 10 bookings/10 families to finalize this scheduled date. Please call the parish office.

### Catechists' Evening with Archbishop Miller

Come and join the hundreds of catechists in the Archdiocese of Vancouver for this annual event where Archbishop Miller will honour, celebrate, thank, commission and give his annual exhortation to those involved in the catechetical ministry: PREP, RCIA, Liturgy of the Word with Children (LWC), CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Vanspec, Youth Ministry (YM), Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and Lay Formation.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Program includes testimonies, a Mass of Commissioning, recognition of first-time catechists, and reception. Cost is \$5. On Friday, November 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Vancouver. **Registration deadline: Monday, November 13.** Register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

### Canadians for a Synodal Church

Join us for an exploratory conversation with:  
Most Reverend Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver  
Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Sisters of Mercy, Newfoundland  
Ms. Catherine Clifford, Theologian, St. Paul University, Ottawa

This virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn from Canadian participants (an archbishop, a religious sister, and a lay woman) as they share their experiences as voting delegates in the synodal process at the Vatican and offer ways for us all to stay informed and engaged. Join us online on Wednesday, November 22, at 3:30 p.m. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).