

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 26, 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



"It is Christ Whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things"; "for He must reign until at the end of the world He hath put all his enemies under the feet of God and the Father."

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

Source: catholicstewardship.com

First Friday Devotion and Advent Recollection

Come & join us for an evening of solemn adoration, reflection and recollection.

When: Friday | December 1, 2023

6pm - Silent Adoration | **7pm** - Eucharistic Celebration

7:30pm - Advent Recollection

Theme: "One who is pregnant with God"

Guest Speakers: Members of Madonna House

SACRAMENTS

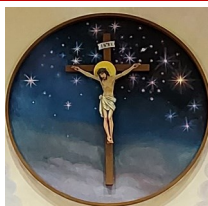
Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm;

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

or by Appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office



MASS TIME

Weekdays: Monday, 8am; Tuesday, 7pm;
Wednesday to Friday, 8am;

First Friday Devotion, 6pm Adoration; 7pm Mass

Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4pm (Anticipated)

Sunday, 9am, 11am 12:30pm

PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

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Parish Finance Committee

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Safe Environment

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of Christ the King. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. In the second reading “Paul visualises Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something merely hoped for as a future gift, but something being worked for by Christians in the present time. The kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also *in our midst*, in the process of becoming. Today’s gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God’s kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.” (Association of Catholic Priests).

I personally invite all the seniors and those assist them to join our “Seniors Christmas tea Party” on December 9th at 2.30 PM.

Christmas masses will be as follows:
December 24th : 4 pm; 7 pm & Midnight.
December 25: 9 am, 11 am & 12.30 pm.

I also request parishioners to contribute towards Project Advance, whatever you

Leadership Team

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Barbara Cullen

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Cora Alcuitas - (604) 339-2904

Holy Rosary Group - Volunteers

Garden & Grotto Ministry

Garden - Keith & Birgit

Grotto - John & Debbie

Choir & Music Ministry

4 pm Sat - Marilou Ilao & Co.

9 am Sun - Vicky Calas & Co.

11 am Sun - Ola G.

12:30 am Sun - Legion of Mary. (MoS)

Organist - Carmelita D.

Organist - Heidi Gamboa

Greeters - Volunteers

Church Cleaning Ministry

Team 1 - Legion of Mary (IHM)

Team 2 - Deirdre Santesso & members

Team 3 - John Jane & members

Team 4 - El Shaddai

Maintenance & Parking

9am Sun - Philippe Daude-Lagrave

11 am - Silvio Lotufo

Alpha Ministry

Leah D. - alpha@guardianangelsvancouver.ca

contribute will enable the parish to offset the projects that are being undertaken this year.

Let us play our part to realize the new parish vision with the 4 core values: 1. Welcoming community 2. Forming disciples 3. Sharing our faith 4. Service through actions.

Please join to prepare for Advent and Christmas on December 1st at 6 pm. Madonna house team will share few reflections after the 7 pm. Mass followed by fellowship.

Prayers and blessings,

Father John - Pastor

Youth Ministry Meeting

There will be Youth Ministry Meeting on Sunday, November 26 at noon at the Rectory Basement. **Please encourage your children ages 18 to 22 to join and participate in this fun filled and exciting ministry.** GAP Youth Ministry formation is ongoing, please contact Fr. John Pinto.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions					Revenue and Expense Summary of			
Guardian Angels Parish					Guardian Angels Parish			
For the Nine Month Period Ending September 30, 2023					For the Nine Month Period Ending September 30, 2023			
Day					Revenue			
Intention					Recurring			
Sat	Nov	25	4pm	+Carlos R. Silva+		Ordinary Collections		133,063
Sun	Nov	26	9am	For the Parishioners		Diocesan Collections		8,192
			11am	Thanksgiving - Leah Botor		B.C. Catholic Collection		773
			12:30pm	+Gregoria & Jesus Obejas+		Building Fund		7,912
Mon	Nov	27	8am	+Aldo Anastasi+		Special Collections and Donations		7,820
Tues	Nov	28	7pm	+Wong Shun Fat+		Income from Sales		3,603
Wed	Nov	29	8am	Sp. Int. of Rob Johnston		Religious Education Income		600
Thurs	Nov	30	8am	+Milagros Jarcia Daluro+		Rental Income		8,028
Fri	Dec	01	7pm	+Darlene Gurr+		Interest Income		24,162
Nov 30: Feast: St. Andrew, Apostle						Other Revenue		1,835
Parish Finance Council Meeting						Total Recurring Revenue	\$	195,988
Members of the PFC are advise to be present at the next meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 7pm at the Rectory Basement. Please inform the parish office, by email, if you are unable to attend.						Non-Recurring Revenue		4,969
Seniors Christmas Tea Party						Total Revenue	\$	200,957
Get into the Christmas spirit and join our seniors for social gathering over tea and sweets. All adults are welcome in their festive attire on December 09 from 2:30pm to 4pm at the Parish Hall. To sign up, please contact Cecile Bozyk at (604) 683 - 0143 or email the parish office at parish.ga@rcav.org.						Expenses		
PROJECT ADVANCE 2023						Recurring	Salaries and Benefits	75,905
Empowering our Parish Vision							Property Taxes	1,701
Parish Goal - \$50,000 Diocesan Goal - \$21,600							Repairs & Maintenance	12,655
Collection to Date - \$32,850							Utilities	16,970
"Your gift will grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most."							Other Property Expenses	13,792
Thanking you for your generous support.							Diocesan Assessment	20,154
For queries: please call the parish office @ 604-684-5775 or the parish PA Coordinator @ projectadv@guardianangelsvancouver.ca							Diocesan Collections Remitted	6,769
							Supplies	6,323
							Parish Organizations Activities	4,703
							Rental Costs	4,080
							GST/PST Expense	6,652
							Publications	4,670
							Bank Charges	414
							Other Expenses	15,586
						Total Recurring Expenses		190,374
						Non-Recurring Expense		30,193
						Total Expenses		220,567
						EXCESS OF EXPENSES		(19,610)

Reading Reflection From One of our Own

The Final Judgment. --- (by: Agustin G.)

The humans were created by God to live forever, but their Original Sin brought death to their bodies. They, however, will recover life again after the General Resurrection, when Jesus, the Son of Man, unexpectedly will come in glory with all His angels to judge the nations of the earth and give to humanity a new beginning. This Jesus' Final Judgment will determine the eternal life of each body with its own soul, either with God or with the Devil forever. The people of all times and nations will be assembled alive before Jesus, who as a shepherd will separate: the sheep to His right and the goats to His left. Then He will say to those at His right, **"Come, you blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."** Adam died disobeying the first test, but Jesus lived obeying a new test, identifying Himself with the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus will say, **"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did to the least of my brothers, you did it to me."** Then He will say to those on His left, **"Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me no food, I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you didn't welcome me, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care. Amen, I say to you, what you didn't do for them, you didn't do for me."** And these will be thrown to hell with the Devil, while the righteous will be taken to the joy of eternal life of heaven with God." (cf. Mt 25: 31-46) The humans received gifts and talents to serve God on earth, and to extend themselves in service to the little ones. And Jesus made Himself a model life of poverty and generosity for them, curing the sick, resurrecting the dead, even suffering, and dying on the Cross for them.

WELCOME VISITORS, "THANK YOU FOR VISITING!"

"God Our-Father, guide and protect our visitors, especially those travelling from afar, keep them in your presence with peace and joy and allow them to reach safely to their final destination, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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conception to its natural end."*

December 16, 2023

Holy Rosary Cathedral | Mass at 12:10 pm
Celebrant: Most Rev. J. Michael Miller, CSB



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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Advent Retreat: Choose the Better Part

Join us on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver for a transformative Advent retreat inspired by the words of Luke 10:41: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." This message beckons us to reassess our priorities, making this retreat a perfect opportunity to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate our spiritual lives during the Advent season.

Our keynote speaker is Fr. Mark McGuckin. Prior to entering the Seminary he was a writer, actor, editor, and producer in the Vancouver Film and TV industry. Currently he is a diocesan priest and serves at St. Francis de Sales parish in Burnaby and as the Assistant Vocations Director for the Archdiocese.

Registration is only \$25. This retreat is open to all who lead and serve in ministry. Don't miss this chance to rediscover the true meaning of Advent and welcome Christ into your life with renewed enthusiasm. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

The Changing Face of Catholic Moral Teaching - Lecture at St. Mark's College

Since the Second Vatican Council many of the most divisive issues in the Catholic Church have revolved around moral issues: contraception, abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, nuclear weapons and just war. Catholic moral theology struggled for centuries to identify sins as exactly as possible and entered into numerous controversies about moral norms and laws.

Accordingly, moral living, as an expression of the life of Jesus' disciples, was often directed by the "Thou shalt nots," creating an atmosphere of strict obedience of clear-cut laws. Today the question "Who do we want to be as followers of Christ?" has come to the forefront and we shall explore some of the consequences of this major shift.

Join us for this engaging lecture, hosted by the Center for Christian Engagement at St. Mark's College. Fr. Mark Miller, CCSR, will discuss how the Church can provide moral guidance in a world increasingly thirsty for compassion and empathy, as we explore the question "Who do we want to be as followers of Christ?" Takes place on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's College at UBC. Register online at beholdvancouver.org/events

Marian Pilgrimage to Oregon/Washington

Join the Marian Pilgrimage to Oregon/Washington with Fr. Mario Fernandes, OCD on Dec 1 to 3, 2023 and

- Visit and pray at five (5) beautiful Marian sites in Oregon and Washington.
- Participate in the Healing Mass of St. Peregrine.
- Receive a relic blessing of St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients.
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Annual Report 2022/2023

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is pleased to release its Annual Report for 2022/2023. Read the full report at rcav.org/annual-report