

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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December 03, 2023 : First Sunday of Advent

Stewardship Reflection

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions

Day				Intention
Sat	Dec	02	4pm	OCD Community
			6pm	Sp. Int. of El Shaddai Prayer Group
Sun	Dec	03	9am	For the Parishioners
			11am	+Stephania & Fr. Vero+
			12:30pm	+Delfin Estaris+
Mon	Dec	04	8am	Anonymous
Tues	Dec	05	7pm	+Roger Ingolby+
Wed	Dec	06	8am	Sp. Int. of Froilan Nap
Thurs	Dec	07	8am	+Lucille Johnston+
Fri	Dec	08	8am	Thanksgiving - Iris Gramajo

Dec 07: Memorial: *St. St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*

Dec 08: Solemnity: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dec 12: Feast: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*



December 8 | Friday

Solemnity
of the

Immaculate Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Advent Reconciliation

Thursday | December 14 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

"Everyone needs forgiveness, that is, to feel that they are loved as children by God the Father." - Pope Francis



Advent - Christmas Program & Mass Schedule

Pick up your copy of Parish Advent - Christmas Schedule.

Seniors Christmas Tea Party

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.

Childrens' Christmas Party

Open for children for children ages 3 to 12
Sunday | Dec 17 | After the 12:30pm Mass

To sign up, please fill up the Registration Form now.



Give them the Christmas fun time with other children of the parish

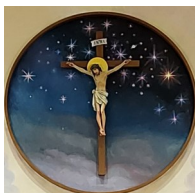
Final Chance for the Parish Photo Directory

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.

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

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Second Collection: Youth Ministry

This weekend's second collection supports the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministries across the Archdiocese. Parishes with active and intentional youth ministry receive a rebate from this collection. Tax-deductible donations can be made at the parish or online at rcav.org/second-collection

Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life

Join Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for Mass at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 12:00 p.m. We begin with the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. and then Mass, with a reception to follow. We recognize and celebrate all life from conception to its natural end and the people who witness and volunteer in this field. Donation of finger food would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off before Mass at the Holy Rosary Hall.

Reading Reflection From One of our Own

Be watchful. --- (by: Agustin G.)

Jesus said to His disciples, **"Be watchful! and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Watch, for you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"** (cf. Mk 13: 33) But Jesus had also told them before that, **"only the heavenly Father knows the day and the hour."** (cf. Mt 24: 36) So, the meaning of what Jesus said is more likely to stay in the State of Grace, avoiding sin all the time, rather than literally "not to sleep to watch." Because in His unexpected coming, Jesus expects to find us in clean state of the soul, **since nothing sinful is allowed in heaven**, He said, **I come to give every man according to his work**" (cf. Rv. 21: 27; 22: 12) In a parable, Jesus said that a man left home traveling abroad, and put his servants in charge each with his own work. Then he ordered the gatekeeper to stay alert while doing the assigned work. This Gospel suggests two advents in the life of Jesus: His birth and His return in glory at the end of times, and it emphasizes on not to be caught unprepared spiritually when the Son of Man comes without warning. Jesus is questioned by His closest disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew, even by the Scribes and the Pharisees—who wanted details about His anticipated prediction of the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, which happened later when the Roman empire destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70. This was in advanced a devastating punishment of God to His chosen people for neglecting the coming of the Messiah, which didn't leave of the Temple **"stone upon a stone."** (cf. Lk 21: 6) It helped the followers of Jesus to recall what Jesus had foretold them of such punishments. This gave them courage to remain alert and watchful, avoiding the State of Sinfulness that brings those punishments, and to stay alert and watchful to keep the State of Grace throughout their sufferings. What is important for humans is to keep the State of Grace holy, regardless of the day and the hour that our Lord decides.

Carmelite Online Retreat

Join the Carmelites and explore God's presence and the beauty of holiness. Retreat outline:

- 1st Sunday : « Holiness as a goal »
 - 2nd Sunday : « Humility is the way to know God »
 - 3rd Sunday : « God is infinite joy »
 - 4th Sunday : « Beside you »
 - Christmas : « What beauty! »
- To sign up go to <http://www.retreat-online.karmel.at/>

Be a Vendor at the 2024 Catholic Educators Conference

Be a part of something truly special and grand. Register as a vendor at our 2024 Catholic Educators' Conference. Your presence at our conference will be a highlight, and we can't wait to have you on board. This year's conference is on Thursday, February 24, 2024, at the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre. Register online at cisva.regfox.com/cec2024

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

Handel's Messiah

Saturday, December 9 at Holy Rosary Cathedral at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10 at St. James' Parish Abbotsford at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 16 at Good Shepherd Parish in Surrey at 7:30 p.m.

Each Venue has stunning aesthetics and beautiful acoustics. Learn more and purchase tickets online for \$45 at beholdvancouver.org/events/messiah