

# 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 10, 2023 : Second Sunday of Advent

### Stewardship Reflection

“Prepare the way of the Lord...”

Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

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### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions				
Day				Intention
Sat	Dec	09	4pm	+Margaret & Arthur Hermon+
Sun	Dec	10	9am	For the Parishioners
			11am	+James Stephen+
			12:30pm	+Judi Brock+
Mon	Dec	11	8am	+George Johnston+
Tues	Dec	12	8am	Sp. Int. of Alerome, Jennet & Jeng
Wed	Dec	13	8am	+Fred & Joyce Ingolby+
Thurs	Dec	14	8am	Carmelite Community
Fri	Dec	15	8am	+Antonia Padilla+

**Dec 12:** Feast: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
**Dec 12:** National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People  
**Dec 13:** Memorial: *St. Lucy*, Virgin, Martyr  
**Dec 14:** Memorial: *St. John of the Cross*, Priest, Doctor

### Advent - Christmas Program & Mass Schedule

Pick up your copy of Parish Advent - Christmas Schedule.

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



### Advent Reconciliation

and

### Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Come, pray and have your most intimate talk with Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist.

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

### SIMBANG GABI - 9 Nights Christmas Novena

Dec 15 to 22 @ 7pm || Dec 23 @ 6pm

### 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 four (4) more families to book appointments and get the photoshoot going. Please call the parish office to book your schedule.

### 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

### THANK YOU from Alpha Ministry

The first session of Alpha Course has wrapped up on Dec. 7, with approximately 39 people finishing the course. **Thank you** to all Parishioners who have supported Alpha's bottle drive fund raising effort to supplement the ministry expenses and those who supported Alpha in every possible ways. God bless you all and our sincerest appreciation.

### 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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## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 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.

### 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/>

## Reading Reflection From One of our Own

### The Immaculate Conception. --- (by: Agustin G.)

The name of a young virgin woman of the town of Nazareth in Galilee was Mary. She was betrothed to a man named Joseph, also of the house of David, and in the line of the Messiah, the Savior, promised by God to Abraham. And before they lived together, God sent His angel Gabriel with a wonderful message, saying, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." She was greatly troubled, so, the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive a son whom you shall name Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of his father David, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be done onto me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her (cf. Lk 1: 26-38) God had chosen Mary to be the mother for His Son Jesus and preserved her from the stain of the original sin, to condition an immaculate womb for His Son. Thus, Mary was the first to receive the benefit of the redemption that her Son would merit for all. We celebrate in this opportunity the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as the immaculate birth of His Son. The angel greets Mary glowingly, describing the event in messianic terms, calling Jesus, the "Son of God," for she conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and offered her a sign in the miraculous pregnancy of her elder

### Archbishop Miller's Message for Advent

You are welcome to re-publish Archbishop Miller's Advent Message which can be found at [rcav.org/announcements/17028](http://rcav.org/announcements/17028) and a video version at <https://www2.rcav.org/e/897551/gIATzkEpx0-si-R2srCLb0c8ZUHQVv/3mqm7j/2274789450/h/QEKsMQoVazKweMzCUBT8nY38C7DX0qbnrSgc7nDp4ng>

### Advent Confession Times

Parishes across the lower mainland are offering increased availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. Make an examination of conscience and browse confession times at [rcav.org/christmas/confession](http://rcav.org/christmas/confession)

*"Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."*

- Saint John Paul II

### 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](http://cisva.regfox.com/cec2024)

### Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation 62nd Annual Charity Appeal

Join us for the 62nd Annual Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation Charity Appeal and stand a chance to win incredible prizes, including a 2023 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid, \$30,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000 in our early bird draws! Don't miss out—tickets are limited, so secure yours today at [KofcCharity.ca](http://KofcCharity.ca). Sales will conclude on December 16th at 8:00 p.m.