

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 17, 2023 : Third Sunday of Advent

Stewardship Reflection

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

Source: catholicstewardship.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Celebration of Eucharist

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 23 | Saturday | 4 pm & 6 pm

Dec 24 | Sunday | 9 am & 11 am

December 24 | Sunday | Christmas Eve

4 pm, 7 pm & Midnight

December 25 | Monday | Christmas Day

9 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm

Sunday after Christmas

Dec 30 | Saturday | 4 pm

Dec 31 | Sunday | 9 am & 11 am

December 31 | Sunday | New Year's Eve

4 pm

5:30—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

January 1 | Monday | New Year's Day

9 am, 11 am, & 12:30 pm

SACRAMENTS

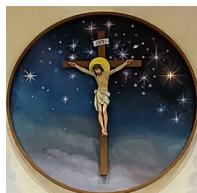
Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm;

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

or by Appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office




Rejoice
in the **Lord** always.
I shall say it again:
Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

SIMBANG GABI
9 Nights Christmas Novena
Dec 15 to 22 @ 7pm || Dec 23 @ 6pm

Mass Intentions				
Day				Intention
Sat	Dec	16	4pm	Sp. Int. of Caridad Mendoza
			7pm	+Rosemary, Ignatius & Frances Mascarenhas+
Sun	Dec	17	9am	For the Parishioners
			11am	+Bernardo Bernardino & Maria Florinda Flores+
			12:30pm	+Victoria & Felipe Santos+
			7pm	Thanksgiving
Mon	Dec	18	8am	+Richard Wu+
			7pm	Sp. Int. of Leah Botor
Tues	Dec	19	7pm	+Lilia & Lenny Lowe+
Wed	Dec	20	8am	+Malcom Fylan+
			7pm	Carmelite Community/OCD
Thurs	Dec	21	8am	Healing of Donald Brooks
			7pm	+Robert Deganaish+
Fri	Dec	22	8am	Carmelite Community/FJP
			7pm	+Alfredo Gilos+

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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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

Reading Reflection From One of our Own

John the Baptist. --- (by: Agustin G.)

The Gospel of St. John places the existence of Jesus with God since the beginning of time. He calls Him "the light that is coming into the darkness of the world." And the Gospel of St. Mark is clear, in that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for Jesus, who is the one who will come. God speaks to His Son through the prophet Isaias, saying: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.'" So, when the Levites and the Pharisees question John the Baptist about his identity and the meaning of his baptism, he tells them that he is not the Messiah, nor is he Elias or the Prophet, that he is only preaching and baptizing to prepare for the coming of another who would bring salvation to humanity baptizing with the Holy Spirit. John proclaimed in the desert a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and the inhabitants of the area went to him to be baptized in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. He proclaimed to them: "After me is coming one who is mightier than I. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (cf. Mk 1: 1-8) He told them that he is only baptizing with water, but that the one who is coming will baptize them also with the Holy Spirit. He also tells them that the Messiah they seek is already among them, the savior promised by God. "I am only the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaias said. "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (cf. Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28) The baptism of John the Baptist was only a preparation for the Baptism of Jesus, a Sacrament through which our sins are forgiven, mainly the Original Sin. This allows us to receive the Grace, which is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Christmas Flowers Offering



Please donate to our Christmas Flowers Fund. Any amount will be appreciated. Please use the envelopes marked "Flowers for Christmas" and kindly indicate your full name and envelope number. Thank you.

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 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

"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

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. Sales will conclude on December 16th at 8:00 p.m.