

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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January 07, 2024 : The Epiphany of the Lord

Stewardship Reflection

"Epiphany of the Lord"

"They fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions

Day		Intention		
Sat	Jan 06	4pm	For the Parishioners	
		6pm	Sp. Int. of El Shaddai Prayer Group	
Sun	Jan 07	9am	Donor's Intention	
		11am	+Lilian Buendicho+	
		12:30pm	+Vance Noriega+	
Mon	Jan 08	8am	Sp. Int. of Yole & Alice Mancia	
Tues	Jan 09	7pm	+Patricio & Corazon Calas+	
Wed	Jan 10	8am	Holy Soul in Purgatory	
Thurs	Jan 11	8am	+Aulis Kinnunen+	
Fri	Jan 12	7pm	Donor's Intention	

Jan 07: Solemnity - *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Jan 08: Feast - *The Baptism of the Lord*

Jan 18 - 25: *Prayer for Christian Unity*



Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. - Isaiah 60:1

FAMILY COACHING - COME AND SEE

Children - Our joy, our challenge. Let's talk about parenting! You can share your joys, you can share your sorrows, or just listen. Maria Neuberger-Schmidt, family counsellor for 25 years and mother of four will guide you through this gathering which is for free. Coffee or tea included. Everyone is welcome, believers or nonbelievers.

When: Saturday the 27th of January 2024 from 9:30am -11:30 am

Where: Rectory Basement

Parish 75th Anniversary

The parish 75th Anniversary culmination of the event will be celebrated in May 2025. A year long process and celebration is ongoing. Please get yourself involve in various committees. If you wish to volunteer, please email the parish office.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday 2024 will on February 14.

LATE POST:



The organizers of the Seniors Christmas Tea Party on Dec 9, 2023, would like to express their gratitude and thank everyone who brought their favorite cookies, cakes, pastries, etc. The event was well attended and fun. Thank to Bernie Petite, the Santa Claus.

SACRAMENTS

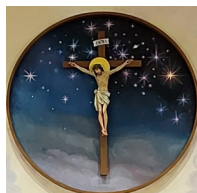
Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm;

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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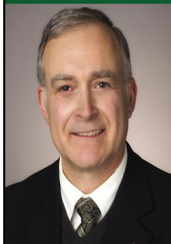
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Reading Reflection From One of our Own

The wise men from the East. --- (by: Agustin G.)

This royal celebration we call Epiphany, which means "manifestation," and the gifts that some wise men brought are a foreshadowing of the role of Jesus in the salvation of mankind. We know very little about [the wise men](#), also called Magi, who came to pay homage to Jesus as He was born. All we know is that they came from the East and journeyed to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign. By this we believe that they were astrologers and assume that were three in number based upon their three gifts. For sure they had already by the Holy Spirit the knowledge about the Messiah and had become acquainted with the old Prophecies of the Jewish people. They brought gold to honor the kingship of Jesus, frankincense which was a symbol of His divinity because Priests burned the substance in the Temple. And the Myrrh, which they offered in anticipation of His death. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, these wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." King Herod was frightened and assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means the least, since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called the magi and told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage." They set out, and behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their countries another way. (cf. Mt 2: 1-12)

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archbishop Miller's Message for the New Year 2024

You are welcome to re-publish Archbishop Miller's New Year Message which can be found at rcav.org/announcements

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

Spiritual Care Training Program

Pope Francis has challenged everyone to think about their brothers and sisters in a new way as many are experiencing profound loneliness and isolation. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is offering the Spiritual Care Training Program as one way to answer this call.

The eight-week course teaches how to make yourself more available to seniors and others who can benefit from your genuine concern and presence in their lives. Some topics covered include aging, communication, boundaries and self-care. The training is offered online via Zoom every Thursday, from February 1 to March 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.