

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 14, 2024 : Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus asks two of John the Baptist's followers who now want to follow him, "What are you looking for?" That is, of course, a very practical question. It is a very good question for us to ask ourselves as we begin this new year: What is it that we seek? What is it that we really want in following Jesus? How do we wish to live so that Christ will know that we have an authentic desire to be his disciples? This is a stewardship question. By our very human nature we are on a spiritual quest and we have many choices. Is our choice truly to be followers of Jesus Christ? If so, what changes will we make in our lives that will draw us closer to the Lamb of God.

Source: catholicstewardship.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions

| Day | | | | Intention |
|-------|-----|----|---------|--------------------------------|
| Sat | Jan | 13 | 4pm | +Josephine Atienza+ |
| Sun | Jan | 14 | 9am | For the Parishioners |
| | | | 11am | +Antonette & Secondo Brunello+ |
| | | | 12:30pm | +Leonardo Tan+ |
| Mon | Jan | 15 | 8am | Intention Offered |
| Tues | Jan | 16 | 8am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Wed | Jan | 17 | 8am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Thurs | Jan | 18 | 8am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Fri | Jan | 19 | 8am | Holy Souls in Purgatory |

Jan 17: Memorial - St. Anthony, Abbot

Jan 18 - 25: Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 21: Sunday of the Word of God

A Word of Gratitude to the Anonymous Donor of Winter Clothing

A big thank you to the anonymous parishioner who recently donated "winter clothing" for the homeless. The clothing were distributed by the parish Manna Ministry members at the Door is Open. With this spell of cold weather, recipients were very happy and your act of kindness was greatly appreciated.

Unisex Hair Cut Fund Drive

"Get a radiant good-looking hair-cut from a professional hairstylist and support your parish at the same time." A member of the parish, who is a professional hairstylist, is offering a "hair-cut fund drive" on Wednesday, January 31 from 11 am to 4pm. The cost of a hair-cut is by donation and proceeds will go to the parish maintenance fund. Please book your appointment by email to parish.ga@rcav.org or by phone at 604-684-5775.

Support the Archdiocese Vocation Fund through Knights of Columbus GAP Council Stamp Collection

All stamps has value! Please save all your used stamps and drop them off from time to time in the Knights of Columbus stamp box located in the church foyer . Thank you.

Family Coaching - Come & 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, January 27 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 contact Vanessa and Keith via email to mvbaya@gmail.com and keith.a.baia@gmail.com.

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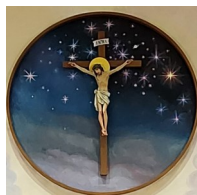
Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm;

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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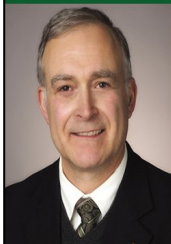
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Reading Reflection From One of our Own

The Lamb of God. --- (by: Agustin G.)

The Church celebrates now the Baptism of the Lord. In this event, John the Baptist gives testimony that Jesus is [the Lamb of God](#), a title that recalled to the people key themes from the Old Testament, like the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice to God when the Israelites were freed from the slavery in Egypt. He also mentions the prophet Isaias who calls Jesus the suffering servant of Israel, a name that predicts the Passover, which is His passion and death (cf. Jn 1: 35–42) After the Baptism, as Jesus was walking away, the Baptist pointed to Him saying, “Behold, the Lamb of God,” which prompted Andrew and John, two of his disciples, to follow Jesus. In the Baptism of Jesus, they must have witnessed the descend of the Holy Spirit as dove and must have heard the voice of God claiming that Jesus was His beloved Son, in whom He was well pleased. So, after hearing the testimony of the Baptist, they became followers of Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following Him, said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to Him, “Rabbi,” which translated means Teacher, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “**Come, and see.**” So, they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with Him that day. They came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, and although the Baptist identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament, still they were not prepared to look in the Messiah the suffering Son of God being sacrificed for our sins. The details of their time with Jesus that day are not specified, but later, Andrew brought his brother Simon saying to him, “We have found the Messiah,” which is translated Christ. And Jesus looked at Simon and said, “**You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas,**” which is translated Peter or Rock, and is the name given to God in the Old Testament (cf. Dt 32: 4) Peter means “rock” in Greek. We see here an example of the usual pattern for the rabbinical schools of the time. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Later, Phillips brought Nathaniel to join the group, and some others followed.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil

Join us for a monthly Mass and vigil to pray for respect for all human life, from conception to its natural end. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver, it takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am (8:30 am in April). It begins with Mass, followed by the rosary and other prayers either at a church with Adoration or at a local hospital. All are welcome! The next Mass and Vigil takes place on Saturday, February 3 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Vancouver at 9:00 am. Learn more at [beholdvancouver.org/events](#).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

This year is between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

Prayer Services will take place at SFU, UBC, Sacred Heart Delta, St. Anthony's West Vancouver, St. Ann's Abbotsford, St. Peter's New Westminister, and the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver.

Learn more and register at [rcav.org/ecumenism-and-interfaith-relations](#)