

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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February 11, 2024 : Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

Source: catholicstewardship.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Intentions

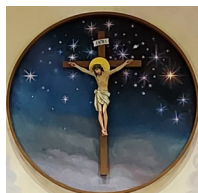
Day		Intention	
Sat	Feb 10	4pm	+Domingo Esteban+
Sun	Feb 11	9am	For the Parishioners
		11am	+Marc Antoine Jubinville+
		12:30pm	+Nora & John O'Mahony+
Mon	Feb 12	8am	+Shana Haley+
Tues	Feb 13	7pm	+Moises Bardos+
Wed	Feb 14	8am	+James Robert Cain+
Thurs	Feb 15	8am	+Elizabeth Creagh+
Fri	Feb 16	7pm	+Celine Larson Heras+

⚠ Email Fraud Warning

Scammers are still around. Please **DO NOT BE A FALLEN VICTIM** of these scammers. Imposters are posing as the Pastor or ministry coordinators. When in doubt 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

February 14

Mass Schedule & Distribution of ashes:

8 AM

6 PM

7 PM

Universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Crepe Dinner

Come enjoy some Savoury and Sweet crepes and pancakes along with hot chocolate, coffee, and tea. Free-will donation.

When: February 13 **Time:** 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Where: Guardian Angels Parish Rectory Basement

Season of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. **ORDO 2023-2024 p 65**

Stations of the Cross—Friday, Feb 16 at 7 PM

There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday the 16th at 7PM in the Church to be led by the Knights of Columbus. Soup and buns will be served after at the Rectory Basement.

Donation Receipts for Income Tax Purposes

Donation Receipts have been mailed on Tuesday the 13th. Please check your mails for it. Also, save those stamps and donate back to Knight of Columbus stamps collection for their Vocation Fund.

Obituary: ☩ Nicole Boychuk

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicole Boychuk, Ruby Boychuk's daughter, who passed away recently. The Funeral Mass will be held at Guardian Angels on Saturday, Feb 10, at 11:30AM. Also, pray for Ruby & the family for peace & comfort.

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Reading Reflection From One of our Own

Jesus cured a leper. --- (by: Agustin G.)

In the Gospel of St. Mark (cf. Mk 1: 40-45) we read about a miraculous healing that Jesus performed in Galilee. He healed [a man with leprosy](#), which is a disfiguring skin disease caused by a bacterial infection that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In the time of Jesus, the Law of Moses provided for the Israelites an examination of skin diseases by th

e priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean and put in isolation. The lepers were required to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. However, if the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community. So, when a leper approached Jesus asking for healing, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean, and Jesus also violated the established social norms touching him. The leper only showed confidence in Jesus, and simply asked Him how far He was willing to extend Himself to heal him. So, the leper said to Him "If you wish, you can make me clean,." And Jesus moved with pity stretched out His hand, touched him, and said, **"I do will it. Be made clean,"** and the leprosy left immediately. Then Jesus told him, **"See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."** Jesus showed the depth of His compassion for the man and honored at the same time the Law of Moses. He interpreted the Law His own way and instructed the already healthy man to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law. Certainly, the ecstatic man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. So, despite the instructions received from Jesus, the cured man went around spreading the news of what happened, which sowed the healing power of Jesus. It also became impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly and had to remain with His followers in deserted places, where people gathered from everywhere, bringing their infirm to Him as

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archbishop Miller's Lunar New Year Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we welcome the Lunar Year of the Dragon, I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt prayers to all those celebrating this auspicious occasion. The Lunar New Year is a time of joy and renewal deeply rooted in the rich traditions of Asian cultures. It offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the past year and to look forward with hope to the year ahead.

The Christian tradition likewise emphasizes the need for personal renewal and transformation. The dragon, a symbol of strength and good fortune in many Asian countries, can remind us that we are called to embody courageous strength in our spiritual lives. Just as the dragon is considered a protector, we too should be guardians of our faith, upholding truth, compassion and justice in our lives.

This year, as we celebrate the Year of the Dragon, let us remember the importance of community and family, values that are cherished both in Asian cultures and in our Catholic faith. Let us also seek to build bridges of understanding and solidarity across different cultures, recognizing the beauty and wisdom that each tradition brings to our shared human experience.

As you gather with family and friends to celebrate the Lunar Year of the Dragon, may you be blessed with good health, peace, and joy in the Lord. May this new year be filled with God's grace, guiding you to embrace greater love of neighbour, understanding and harmony in our troubled world.

With cordial greetings and invoking the Lord's blessing upon you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver