

# 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 25, 2024 : Second Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship Reflection

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

Source: catholicstewardship.com

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Mass Intentions

Day				Intention
Sat	Feb	24	4pm	+Milagros Jarcia Daluro+
Sun	Feb	25	9am	For the Parishioners
			11am	+Rosita Lucina+
			12:30pm	Thanksgiving by Heidi Gamboa
Mon	Feb	26	8am	+Candida Jarcia Daluro+
Tues	Feb	27	7pm	Sp. Intention of Marites Tan
Wed	Feb	28	8am	Sp. Intention of Zeny Trainor
Thurs	Feb	29	8am	+George (Raja) Raad+
Fri	Mar	01	6:15pm	+Francisco Jie+

**March 1:** World Day of Prayer  
The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically and recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.  
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#### Parish Mission Statement (NEW)

At Guardian Angels we are committed to cultivating a welcoming community of faith by fostering a sense of belonging through service to others. We are dedicated to nurturing disciples through the teachings of Christ by guiding others with compassion, humility and love, in order that everyone feels valued and supported on their journey of faith and in their relationship with Christ.

#### First Friday Devotion During Lent

There will be no Adoration & Benediction on First Fridays of March & April. Also, Masses on First Friday during Lent will be at 6:15pm followed by 7pm Stations of the Cross.

#### Prolife Mass & Prayer Vigil at Guardian Angels Parish

Join the Prolife monthly Mass and prayer vigil, hosted by the Archdiocese of Vancouver here at our parish on Saturday, March 2. The Mass will start at 9am followed by praying the Holy Rosary and other prayers with Adoration. Light refreshment will follow at the Rectory Basement provided by the Legion of Mary.

#### Stations of the Cross (on Fridays during Lent at 7pm)

Be strengthened in times of suffering and feel God's vast love through the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Come and join the members our faith community every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Fellowship follows at the rectory basement.

#### Word of Gratitude

Thank you Knights of Columbus for organizing the Stations of the Cross and refreshment on Friday the 16th of this month.

#### Lenten Recollection with Fr. Mario Fernandes OCD

When: Saturday, March 16, 2023  
Where: Guardian Angels Parish  
8:30 to 9 am - Holy Rosary Prayer  
9 am to 12:30pm - Holy Mass, Talks, Benediction and Confession

#### Volunteers Needed

We need greeters for Saturday 4pm & Sunday 9am Masses. Please consider this ministry welcoming people to our Church.

#### Carmelite Retreat Online

Prepare yourself for Easter together with the Discalced Carmelites from Feb 14 to March 31, 2024. Theme: "Through the Cross Toward the Light." To register, go to <http://www.retreat-online.karmel.at/>

#### 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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## Reading Reflection From One of our Own

### The Transfiguration of Jesus --- (by: Agustin G.)

The disciples of Jesus became confused, when the disciple Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah and Jesus predicted His own death and resurrection. They were expecting a conqueror type like David and didn't understand His death and resurrection. So, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a high mountain to reassure them. In there, the clothes of Jesus became dazzling white, and Elias and Moses appeared conversing with Jesus. According to the Gospel of Luke, the conversation was about what Jesus would accomplish in Jerusalem in His mission to redeem humanity. Elias and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel: Elias, important prophet of Israel, who helped the Israelites to stay faithful to God. Some Jews even believed that the return of Elias would signal the coming of the Messiah. And Moses, who led the Israelites from the slavery in Egypt to the freedom in the desert, where he received from God the Ten Commandments that guided the lives of the Jewish people. The appearance of these two important figures with Jesus in the history of Israel signifies the continuity of Jesus with the Law and with the prophets, and that Jesus was the fulfillment of all the promises of God to the people of Israel. The Transfiguration of Jesus was necessary to dispel the doubts of the followers of Jesus but what they witnessed terrified them. Peter hardly knew what he was saying in his excitement and offered the construction of three tents for them. In the middle of the confusion of the disciples, a voice from heaven was heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." This voice from heaven not only confirmed that Jesus was the Son of God but commanded us to obey Him. It recalled the voice heard at the Baptism of Jesus. When their spell was over the disciples, looking around, didn't see the Prophets but only Jesus alone with them. In this Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of the Resurrection of Jesus, which the disciples hardly saw and understood but only after witnessing His death and Resurrection. And, as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead (cf. Mk 9: 2-10)

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Pray for our seminarians this Lent

The Seminarian Prayer Calendar assigns each day of Lent to each of the young men in our Archdiocese who are preparing for the priesthood. Download the [calendar](#) and consider circulating in your parish.

### Humbled & Exalted Lenten Retreat

Take a break from the demands of ministry and life, and dive into the heart of Lent.

On Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Precious Blood Parish in Surrey. Cost is \$25. **Registration deadline: Wednesday, March 6.** All who lead and serve in ministry are welcome! Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Cenaculo (The Passion of the Christ)

Join us this Lent as we gather to watch *The Passion of the Christ*, brought to you by the Philippines Historama Society of BC and the Filipino Catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

On Sunday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby. Cost is \$20. For tickets and inquiries, please get in touch with Mike at 604-375-2138, or Marilou at 604-828-9856, or Carmelita at 604-551-4883.

### Save the Date: Archdiocesan Mass for Civilly Married Couples

Are you married outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to regularize your union so you can receive the sacraments once again? Now, you have a great opportunity to make your dreams come true as Archbishop Miller, CSB, celebrates the Mass Wedding for civilly married couples. For more information, please contact Deacon Raul Abella at [rabella@rcav.org](mailto:rabella@rcav.org) or 778-512-9163.

**Registration Deadline:** Sunday, July 21

**Save the Date:** Saturday, September 21, 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish in Richmond