

# 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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## March 10, 2024 : Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... “  
John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increased time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and the greater Church.

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### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Mass Intentions

Day				Intention
Sat	Mar	09	4pm	+Mila Agluba+
Sun	Mar	10	9am	For the Parishioners
				11am +Concepcion Perez+
				12:30pm +Carmen Moreno+
Mon	Mar	11	8am	+Emiliano B. Lulu+
Tues	Mar	12	7pm	+Marilyn Cunada+
Wed	Mar	13	8am	+Julio & Consuelo P. Tuells+
Thurs	Mar	14	8am	OCD Community Intention
Fri	Mar	15	8am	+Consuelo Perez Otazu+

#### Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday:**  
- March 23; 4pm Anticipated Mass  
- March 24; 9am, 11am, & 12:30pm  
**Holy Thursday (March 28):** 7pm  
**Good Friday (March 29):** 12pm & 3pm  
**Holy Saturday (March 30):** 9pm  
**Easter Sunday (March 31):** 9am, 11am, & 12:30pm

## Laetare Sunday

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; Rejoice with her in her joy, all you who mourn over her. So that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; That you may drink with delight at her abundant breasts!

Isaiah 66: 10-11

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

When: Saturday, March 16, 2023  
Where: Guardian Angels Parish  
8:30 to 9 am - Holy Rosary Prayer | 9am: Mass  
9:45am -1st Talk: “What’s happening? I am on the verge of giving up.”  
10:30am - Silent Prayer, Confession & Coffee Break  
11:30am - 2nd Talk: “Cast your burdens unto Jesus.”  
12:15 - 12:45pm Adoration & Benediction  
“Come to me, all you who are weary & burdened, and I will give you rest.”

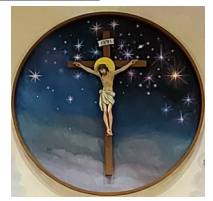
**Stations of the Cross (on Fridays during Lent at 7pm)**  
Be strengthened in times of suffering and feel God’s vast love through the praying of the Stations of the Cross. Come and join the members our faith community every Friday during Lent at 7pm. Fellowship follows at the rectory basement.

**Word of Gratitude**  
Thank you El Shaddai Prayer Group for organizing the Stations of the Cross and refreshment on Friday the 16th of this month.

**Days of Mercy - March 19 to 30**  
Parish Confession times during these period will be as follows:  
Tuesday: 6pm to 6:50pm | Saturday: 2:45pm to 3:50pm  
**Notice of Correction - March 3, Parish Bulletin**  
An overlooked of typo error: Line **“Total Recurring Revenue” should be \$335,628.46 and NOT \$345,628.46.** This is not a calculation error, rather just a plain typo-error. Thanks.

### 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

**What Jesus said to Nicodemus. --- (by: Agustin G.)**

Nicodemus was a Pharisee who acknowledged that Jesus had come from God and wanted to know more about Him and the meaning of His sayings. Among the things that Jesus had said was that **"One must be born again."** Nicodemus, however, misunderstood the meaning of "born again," and Jesus patiently explained to him that **"One must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God."** That **"Except one be born of water and of the Spirit, one cannot enter the kingdom of God. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through Him."** And Jesus compared His case with an incident in the Old Testament, when the Israelites criticized the Lord during their sojourn in the desert in which God allowed venomous serpents to attack them. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them and the Lord heard the prayer. He instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole; and all who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were healed. Jesus connected this incident with the salvation that He would accomplish through His death and Resurrection. He said that **"Just as Moses lifted the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."** The Gospel also applies to Jesus, the concepts of light and darkness and belief, and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. It says that Jesus came into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven, but the people preferred darkness to light because their works were evil and they didn't want exposed, (cf. Jn 3: 5-21) The Gospel concludes by saying that those who do the good things according to the truth of Jesus are not shy in coming to light because they recognize that they belong to God.

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Days of Mercy 2024

Whether it's been a while since your last Confession or you frequent the sacrament regularly, know that Jesus is waiting for you with open arms. As Pope Francis once said: "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Rediscover the joy and peace that comes from reconciliation with God and with one another. For special Lenten Confession times, please visit [rcav.org/confession](http://rcav.org/confession).

### Who Is Jesus Christ For Me As A Man In The 21st Century?

This transformative event invites participants to explore the identity and impact of Jesus Christ in modern manhood through insightful talks, prayer, and fellowship. Dive into a deep reflection on faith and personal growth in an environment designed for spiritual exploration and discovery. Don't miss this opportunity for profound engagement with your faith alongside like-minded individuals.

The retreat will be led by Father Mark Gazin. All men aged 15+ are welcome! On Saturday, March 16, at Star of the Sea Parish Centre in White Rock. Learn more and register via [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.