

# 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 24, 2024 : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



### Pastor's Message

**Dear Parishioners and friends,**

We have come to the most sacred time of the liturgical year, the Holy Week. "Each of the four Evangelists give an account of the Passion, but each tells the story with his own particular style and emphasis. The account read this year is written by Mark, Saint Peter's helper and companion in Rome, and it shows the stark human abandonment of Jesus. The behaviour of the disciples is portrayed negatively. In the garden they fall asleep three times while Jesus prayed. Judas betrayed him, while Peter with a curse denied any knowledge of him. All flee. Jesus' only words from the cross were: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me." Even these plaintive words were met with derision. Yet, as Jesus breathes his last, God acts to confirm his Son. The veil of the temple was rent in two, and a Roman Centurion confesses: "Truly this was God's son." There are moments in the lives of most Christians when they need

desperately to cry out with Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me", only to find, as Jesus did, that God is listening, and can reverse tragedy. It is above all a comfort to those who find it hard to bear the cross to know that it wasn't easy for God's own son, either." - *Association of Catholic Priests*

As you have seen in our Holy week program, we are not holding the stations of the Cross on Good Friday. The church will be open from 8 am to 7 pm., you can come to the church to pray the Stations of the cross privately or with your family and friends.

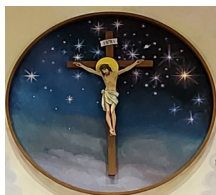
I thank all our parish ministries who had taken active role in preparation for the Holy week and Easter triduum. Let us walk with Jesus and Mary in their journey in their agony.

Prayers and blessings,

**Father John - Pastor**

### 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

## PARISH GROUPS & MINISTRIES

### Parish Pastoral Council

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## Stewardship Reflection

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*

*Mark 15: 12-13*

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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### Reading Reflection From One of our Own

#### Palm Sunday. --- (by: Agustin G.)

The passion and the death of Jesus is seeing by the Gospel of St. Mark as the consequence of the tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. This tension grew throughout His public mission life and reached its breaking point when He drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After that incident, the chief priests and scribes began to actively seek a way to put Jesus to death; but the presence of big crowds following Jesus refrained them. However, they saw an opportunity in the festival of Jerusalem approaching, and Jesus attending. In His way, Jesus said to His disciples to go to a certain place and take a colt of a donkey there, saying to the owner: **"The Lord needs it, and will send it back to you."** Then putting their cloaks on it brought it to Jesus, who sat on it. Jesus was complying with the old prophecy about Him entering the city riding a colt of a young donkey. In fact, it is written: **"Do not be afraid, daughter Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"** and many people had already congregated at the entrance of the city to meet Him. Many of them admired His miracles of other places, and hearing that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem for the festival, enthusiastically took branches of palm trees and throwing their cloaks on the road in front of Jesus, shouted, **"!Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"** Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (cf. Mk 15: 1-39) They, as some of the disciples, didn't understand completely these events in the spiritual sense, and saw in the coming of Jesus a defiance to the Jewish authorities, and as fight like those of the conqueror king David. It was only after His crucifixion and death, when God glorified Jesus in His Resurrection, that they understood that those things had already been written of Him to comply with God's plans. It was out of love that God had sent Jesus in peace, as the meek sacrificial lamb of God to be offered in expiation to the justice of God, so that the sins of humanity could obtain forgiveness. Moreover, that God had sent the Eucharistic Jesus to give us eternal life.

### Leadership Team

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**Holy Rosary Group - Volunteers**

**Garden & Grotto Ministry**

Garden - Keith & Birgit

Grotto - John & Debbie

**Choir & Music Ministry**

4 pm Sat - Marilou Ilaos & Co.

9 am Sun - Vicky Calas & Co.

11 am Sun - Ola G.

12:30 am Sun - Legion of Mary. (MoS)

Organist - Carmelita D.

Organist - Heidi Gamboa

**Greeters - Volunteers**

**Church Cleaning Ministry**

Team 1 - Legion of Mary (IHM)

Team 2 - Keith Baia & members

Team 3 - John Jane & members

Team 4 - El Shaddai

**Maintenance & Parking**

9am Sun - Philippe Daude-Lagrave

11 am - Silvio Lotufo

**Evangelization**

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**Family Ministry**—pls call the parish office

### PALM SUNDAY

Increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on you, O God, that we, who today hold high these branches in our minds and hearts to hail Christ in his triumph, may bear fruit for you by good works accomplished in him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.

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You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed."


EPHESIANS 2:8

women's day

### WELCOME VISITORS, "THANK YOU FOR VISITING!"

*"God Our Father, guide and protect our visitors, especially those travelling from afar, keep them in your presence with peace and joy and allow them to reach safely to their final destination, through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

 <b>Mass Intentions</b>				
Day				Intention
Sat	Mar	23	4pm	Sp. Int. of Caridad Mendoza
Sun	Mar	24	9am	For the Parishioners
			11am	+Alfredo & Milagros Roybal+
			12:30pm	+Emiliano B. Lulu+
Mon	Mar	25	8am	OCD Community
Tues	Mar	26	7pm	+Vicente & Angela Otazu+
Wed	Mar	27	8am	+Margaret Roybal+
Thurs	Mar	28	7pm	OCD Community

## Revenue and Expense Summary of Guardian Angels Parish For the Two-Month Period Ending February 29, 2024

### Recurring Revenue

	Ordinary Collections	\$ 25,642.73
	Diocesan Collections	829.00
	B.C. Catholic Collection	602.00
	Building Fund	1,197.00
	Special Collections and Donations	847.00
	Fundraising	250.00
	Income from Sales	1,567.55
	Religious Education Income	625.00
	Rental Income	1,220.00
	Interest Income	6,000.00
	Other Revenue	2,623.00
	<b>Total Recurring Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 41,403.28</b>
	Non Recurring Revenue: Bequest	10,000.00

**Revenue Total** **\$ 51,403.28**

### Expenses

	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 19,357.42
	Property Taxes	653.34
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,400.19
	Utilities	4,827.45
	Other Property Expenses	1,420.00
	Diocesan Assessment	4,530.00
	Supplies	3,657.43
	Professional & Consulting Fees	1,012.50
	Parish Organizations	800.00
	GST & PST Expense	726.56
	Publications	518.22
	Bank Charges	62.00
	Other Expenses	672.01
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,637.12</b>

**EXCESS OF EXPENSES** **\$ 10,766.16**

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### Good Friday Collection: Needs of the Church in the Holy Land

Political and economic instability, poverty, and discrimination make it difficult to live in the lands where Christ once walked. On Good Friday, March 29, there will be a special collection to support the Church of the Holy Land. Your tax-deductible gift will enable many social, educational, and parish renewal projects, and permit a measure of peace for Christians who depend on your support more than ever. Donations can be made in person at the parish or online at [rcav.org/holy-land](http://rcav.org/holy-land).

### A Message from Archbishop Miller

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Good Friday Collection assists the Church in the Holy Land. The funds collected support its pastoral, education and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters who are enduring great hardship at this time, please give generously on Good Friday, March 29.

During the current humanitarian crisis, I urge everyone to keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers as we observe Jesus' death and resurrection.

With my blessing and the assurance of my prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



*+ J. Michael Miller, CSB*  
+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver

### Save 20% on Sacred Burial Space - Spring Open House

Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery is hosting its Spring Open House:

- **Friday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Ends with 4:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Miller, and Blessing of the new Way of Light section
- **Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Take advantage of the 20% off burial space before our modest price increase takes place. Now is the perfect time to make pre-need burial arrangements for yourself or your parents at our local Catholic cemetery! Learn more at [rccav.org/event](http://rccav.org/event).

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Redemptoris Mater Seminary of Vancouver

Join us for a wonderful evening in the company of seminarians and friends! The gala will help raise funds necessary to continue the mission of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Vancouver. On Friday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Cost is \$130. Included in the ticket is your entry, door prize, access to the silent auction, and a buffet dinner. **Early Bird Discount: Save until Monday, April 1!** Use codes GALADINNER for an individual ticket or GALADINNERTABLE for a table of 10. Learn more and buy tickets via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

### Grief to Grace Healing Retreat

Grief to Grace is a retreat program to help those who have endured physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse to find healing. Centered on Jesus Christ, the five-day program is facilitated by mental health professionals and will be held in Kelowna, B.C. from Tuesday, May 14, to Saturday, May 18. Due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of this retreat, the exact address will only be shared to those who register. For more information, please email [griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftoGracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential phone call to 250-808-6403. Register at [griefftoGrace.org](http://griefftoGrace.org).

### Vancouver Life Soldiers: Friday Night Rosary

Join us as we gather weekly for a powerful rosary session to pray for unborn babies who are in danger of being aborted. On Fridays, starting March 29, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join via [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events).

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**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday | March 23 & 24**



**March 23, Saturday**  
4pm & 6pm

**March 24, Sunday**  
9am, 11am & 12:30pm

**March 26, Tuesday**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:45pm to 6:50pm

**March 27, Wednesday**  
Mass of Chrism  
At Holy Rosary Cathedral  
5pm

**March 28, Thursday**  
of the Lord's Supper  
7pm

followed by Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament until **10pm**

**Good Friday | March 29**  
Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
12pm & 3pm

**A Day of Prayer & Abstinence**  
Church is open from 8am to 7pm

**March 30, Holy Saturday**

Accompanying Mother  
Mary as she watch the  
Tomb of Jesus  
pondering on His life  
**9am onwards**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**  
Easter Sunday | March 30 & 31

**March 30**

Saturday | Easter Vigil & Mass - 9pm

**March 31**

Easter Sunday Masses  
9am, 11am, & 12:30pm