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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October 08, 2023 : Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Reflection

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?

Source: catholicstewardship.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Mass Intentions | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Day | | | | Intention |
| Sat | Oct | 07 | 4pm | +Marilou Yrezabal+ |
| | | | 6pm | Sp. Int. of El Shaddai Prayer Group |
| Sun | Oct | 08 | 9am | For the Parishioners |
| | | | Ham | +John Carlos Fernandez+ |
| | | | 12:30pm | Adriana Vargas & Andre Fabri+ |
| Mon | Oct | 09 | 8am | +Rafael & Lanie Reyes+ |
| Tues | Oct | 10 | 7pm | +Lucas Sapuro+ |
| Wed | Oct | П | 8am | Sp. Int.—Anonymous |
| Thurs | Oct | 12 | 8am | +Adela Ferando+ |
| Fri | Oct | 13 | 8am | +Myrna Vere+ |

Oct 07: Memorial: Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 09: Thanksgiving Day

It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ (*Eph. 1.3-10*). Our god also wants us to share the goods of the earth with all people. **ORDO 2022-2023 p. 371**

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





Dear Parishioners.

Give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever.

Happy thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Father John & Parish Staff



October - Marian Month

October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honor Mary as the woman who gave life to our Saviour.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2023 Empowering our Parish Vision

Parish Goal - \$50,000

Diocesan Goal - \$21,600

"Your gift will grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most."

Thanking you for your generous support.

For queries: please call the parish office @ 604-684-5775 or the parish PA Coordinator @ projectadv@guardianangelsvancouver.ca

MASS TIME

Weekdays: Monday, 8am; Tuesday, 7pm; Wednesday to Friday, 8am; First Friday Devotion, 6pm Adoration; 7pm Mass Weekend: Saturday, 4pm (Anticipated) Sunday, 9am, 11am 12:30pm

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

The Twelfth Annual Archbishop's Dinner

On Thursday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. at Hyatt Regency in Vancouver. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Learn more and register at rcav.org/dinner2023

Magnificat Prayer Luncheon

Magnificat Vancouver invites you to join us for an opportunity to "fill your cup" - to be uplifted, inspired, and to experience the presence of the Lord through the Holy Spirit. Saturday, October 28, 11:00 a.m. at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Registration deadline: Friday, October 20. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

LITTLE FLOWER ACADEMY is hosting our Annual OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm and is

Reading Reflection From One of our Own

The wicked tenants. --- (by: Agustin G.)

Jesus said a parable for the Priests and Elders of His time. He told them that a landowner planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower; then he leased the vineyard to some tenants and went on a journey. At the time of the harvest, he sent servants to collect the portion that the tenants owed him, and the tenants mistreated them. He kept sending more servants to collect his share, and at the end the tenants killed the servants. Finally, the landowner sent his son, thinking, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance," believing that they would inherit the vineyard if the landowner died without an heir. So, they decided to kill the landowner's son. And when the son arrived, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Then Jesus questioned the chief Priests and Elders, "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he returns?" They all agreed that the landowner would deal harshly with the wicked tenants and take away the land from them and give it to others. So, they said to Jesus, "He will put those wretched men to a fierce death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." In the parable, Jesus was referring to the Prophet Isaias 5: 1-7, of whom the Priests and the Elders would have known well, and Jesus wouldn't have to explain the symbolism of the parable. The Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Therefore, Jesus told them that the Kingdom of God will be taken from them to give it to others. Besides, Jesus added, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.' It has been done by the Lord and it is wonderful in our eyes? Then Jesus told them, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and be given to a people that will produce its fruit." (cf. Mt 21: 33-43)

accepting applications from prospective Grade Eight candidates for the 2024-2025 school year. All students wishing to apply must sit the ENTRANCE EXAM on Saturday, December 2, 2023. For more information and online application, please visit our website (www.lfabc.org < http://www.lfabc.org>) or contact Kathi Wilson, Registrar at wilsonk@lfabc.org < mailto:wilsonk@lfabc.org> or 604-738-9016 ext. 114.

Listening to Indigenous Voices

The course consists of 12 sessions and will run on Saturdays every two weeks, starting October 14 at St. Augustine's Parish in Vancouver. Cost is \$30, which includes a course guidebook. Limited capacity. **Registration deadline:** Wednesday, October 11. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events

Super, Natural Vancouver – Christian Witness and Mission in a Secular Age

The annual Carr Lecture at St. Mark's College, Vancouver, will be presented on Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m. by Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart, Dean of St. Andrew's Hall and Professor of Mission Studies at Vancouver School of Theology. Learn more and register for free at beholdvancouver.org/events

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalms 107:8-9.).