

Guardian Angels Parish

A welcoming community of faith sharing the light and 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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November 5, 2023: Thirty-first Sunday, Ordinary Time

The call to service

The tension between Jesus the Scribes and the Pharisees increased when Jesus said to the crowds that those who would be great must be servants of each other. Jesus based His teachings on the same laws and traditions available to the Pharisees, but although both interpreted the Law of Moses for contemporary Jewish life, the difference was that Jesus spoke to rescue the Law, and for all times. The Lord entrusted them, and were influential in determining the Jewish practice, but Jesus warned the crowds not to follow their example, saying, **"The Scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses, therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. They preach but do not practise. They tie up heavy burdens that are hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honour at banquets, seats of honour in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' (Teacher). But you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. You have but one Father in heaven, and one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."** (cf. Mt 23: 1-12) Yet an active internal debate grew within the new believers, for they thought that a break with the synagogue wasn't necessary to follow Jesus. In any case, Jesus approved what the Scribes and Pharisees taught, but their behaviour was to be avoided, namely, their love of being honoured and exalted. Jesus referred to the phylacteries, which were small boxes containing Scripture verses that were placed on their left forearm and forehead, and the tassels, which were fringes worn on the corners of a person's garments to remind the user to keep the commandments. The warning of Jesus against the works performed to be seen, and to be honoured, was not only addressed for the Scribes and the Teachers of the Law, but it resonates with us in our days. So, the Christian leadership is a call to serve for the glory of God, and a call to be a servant of all like Jesus.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 4	4:00 pm	For the repose of the soul of Christopher Gega	Mon	Nov 6	7pm	Repose of the soul of Jo Ringdahl
Sun	Nov 5	9:00 am	Intentions of all the Parishioners	Tues	Nov 7	7pm	Frank Duff and Deceased members of Legion of Mary
		11:00 am	For the repose of the souls of Daniel & Marta	Wed	Nov 8	7pm	Repose of the soul of Gerry Penner
		12:30 pm	For the repose of the souls deceased Legionaries	Thur	Nov 9	7pm	All Souls
				Fri	Nov 10	7pm	All Souls

Special Notice for November 6 – 10 Mass Times
All weekday Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30pm to 6:50pm
Saturday, 3:00pm to 3:45pm
For other Sacraments Contact Parish Office



Mass Times

Weekday Masses see the notice
First Friday Devotion 6 pm
Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated)
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

Thank you, Keith Baia, for designing this week's bulletin: Fr. John

Month of Holy Souls

All Souls Day Envelope A Mass Intention Envelope, details are as follows: 1) One envelope for one Mass; 2) Names can be mentioned in the envelope without limit for a minimum stipend of \$10 per one envelope. Remember only one (1) Mass will be offered for each envelope. 3) Do Not include cheques.

Knights of Columbus Pancake/Waffle Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Pancake/Waffle breakfast Nov 12, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Come join us for our Remembrance Day Pancake Breakfast and enjoy a meal with family and friends. Breakfast is by a suggested donation of \$7.00, children are free. Proceeds will assist our Knights Council in supporting the Luke 15 House here in Vancouver.

Unisex Hair Styling Fund Drive

Do you need a new hairstyle or a trim? A professional hairstylist specialising in women's hair styling, a member of the parish is offering a "Hair Styling Fund Drive" on Wednesday, November 15. The cost of hairstyling is by donation and proceeds will go to the parish maintenance fund. "**Get a radiant good-looking hairstyling for the upcoming season from a professional hairstylist and support your parish at the same time.**" Call the parish office for details.

Final Chance for the Parish Photo Directory

Your final chance to have your photo shoot for the Parish Photo Directory at no cost to you on **December 16 from 11am to 5pm**. With just a smile you can be part of the 75th Anniversary Photo Directory. We need at least 10 bookings/10 families to finalise this scheduled date. Please call the parish office.

CLEANING MINISTRY

Schedule for NOVEMBER 05 Team 3 | 12 Team 4 | 19 Team 1 | 26 Team 2

Community Cupboard Donations

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of you for supporting the Community Cupboard Ministry. Your generous donations of food and newborn baby items have assisted many and are very greatly appreciated. This is an ongoing initiative for our parish, and we wish to ask for your continued support. Please bring in non-perishable food items and items for newborn babies. If each of us brings in **One can of food** as an

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offering when you come to celebrate the Eucharist at Mass on Sunday, your contributions will keep our cupboard full. The need is great and with a small sacrifice on your part you can put a smile on Jesus' face.