

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec. 2	Advent weekday 9:00 am RIP: Dennis Parker
Tues	Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier 7:00 pm RIP: Reyes Cervantes
Wed	Dec. 4	St. John Damascene 8:00 am Manuel Feijo
Thur	Dec. 5	Advent weekday 8:00 am INT: John Gielty
Fri	Dec. 6	St. Nicholas 9:00 am INT: Michelle Bergen
Sat	Dec. 7	St. Ambrose 9:00 am INT: Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Ares Stroszyn, Suzanne Dubeau, Don Rowe, Eliuterio Rodrigues, Alice T. Arce, Enrigue Salgado Sr., Danielle Houlst, Irene Munro, Irene Hanson Monnie, John Sousa, Matthew McKinnon, Catherine O'Donnell, Annette Riley, Cecilia Vidad, Daryll Hummel, Francine Bell, Joseph Slacik, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Cecilia Obcena, Thomas Chlebak, Art Samson, Sarah Gielty, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Bob Commins, Maria Han & Maria Di Palma

Advent Penitential Services, all begin at 7:00 pm

Thursday	Dec. 12	St. Joseph's	Port Moody
Sunday	Dec. 15	Our Lady of Assumption Pt.	Coquitlam
Monday	Dec. 16	Our Lady of Fatima	Coquitlam
Tuesday	Dec. 17	St. Francis de Sales	Burnaby
		St. Patrick's (6:30pm)	Maple Ridge
Wednesday	Dec. 18	All Saints	Coquitlam
Thursday	Dec. 19	Our Lady of Lourdes	Coquitlam
Friday	Dec. 20	Sts. Cyril & Methodius	New West.
Sunday	Dec. 22	St. Michael's	Burnaby
Monday	Dec. 23	St. Clare of Assisi	Coquitlam

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers:	Parish Office	604 461-1369
Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mary Pisko Dubiensi	604 469-4894
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs: Youth/10 am:	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
Saturday Evening:	Norbert Hauerland	604 469-2845
Sunday 12 noon:	Ed Robles	604 838-3628
CWL:	Louanne Richards	778-712-0890
Fundraising Committee:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Knights of Columbus:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Lectors:	Effie Garcia	604 761-1724
Legion Of Mary:	Norma Reyes	778 285-8721
Parish Building:	Patrick Hing	604 468-2977
Parish Council:	Alice Arce	604 937-3802
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA /SSVP & Youth Group	Parish Office	604 461-1369

Don't look it up, just look up!

People have predicted the end of the world since Christ's time, and they continue those same predictions today. Even five years after all the millennium prophecies have been proven wrong, people are still calculating, still trying to predict the end. It's as if we're dying of curiosity and nothing else will sate us, but to guess and guess and guess again, no matter how many times we fail.

And all this simply distracts from what we should be doing. Jesus tells us that no one knows when the end will come. No matter how many signs, biblical codes or hypotheses are compiled, no one will know the day of His return. So let's take Him at His word. Let's give up looking up arcane calculations and start looking up to the sky in hope and wonder. If we keep our hands busy with His work, instead of employing mystical charts, the time will pass quickly, no matter what date He chooses.



Advent Prayer for the coming Messiah

Oh come Divine Messiah

The world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph
and sadness flee away

Dear Savior haste

Come, come to earth.

Dispel the night and show Your face
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.

Explaining the Advent Wreath

A symbol of Christmas in churches and many homes, the Advent wreath's evergreen scent and flickering candlelight often brings our first anticipation of the Christmas season. Not only do we respond to the beauty of the wreath, but our spirits are also touched by the symbolism of each separate element. Drawn into a circle, symbolizing an eternal God without beginning or end, the evergreen echoes this message representing God's continuous presence, his ever new, "ever-green" care for his children. Placed on this circle of eternal love and care, are four candles, shining symbols of the Light of the World, Jesus, who we eagerly await. As each of three purple tapers are lit, we repent our sins, and prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. Then the sole rose taper beams our joy and anticipation of Jesus' birth. We use the wreath to remind our eyes and hearts that Advent is a season of expectant preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior, celebrated as the white candle burns on Christmas Day.



TYPHOON-STRICKEN PHILIPPINES COLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Vancouver, with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, is launching an emergency humanitarian campaign for the typhoon-stricken Philippines.

Preaddressed envelopes are available in the vestibule; contributions can **be mailed directly to Development and Peace's Caritas** partner in the Philippines.

PREP is sponsoring an OLD FASHIONED BAKE SALE

Saturday December 7th & Sunday December 8th

Please bring all baking to the portable Saturday, Dec. 7th

Between 12:00 noon & 2:00pm & 4:30pm before the
5:30pm Mass Sunday, December 8th before the 8:30 am;
10:00am & 12:00 noon Masses



An Invitation to our Parish family Moms, Dads, Kids,
Grandmothers, & Aunties, & Friends!
Gratefully accepting your HOMEMADE cakes, loaves, breads,
squares, cookies, cupcakes, pies, coffee cakes, tarts!
Monetary donations are gratefully accepted
if you are unable to bake. THANK YOU!!!
Amazing Gift Basket Raffle (Perfect the Holidays)
1 Ticket \$2.00 or 3 Tickets for \$5.00

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every
human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for
a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond us; for we
long for the coming of the Lord.

As you bring in your Jesse Tree gifts, your heart will discover
the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are
suffering and poor to, long for the coming of the Lord.

JESSE TREE GIFTS

REMINDER: All Jesse Tree gifts are to be dropped off no
later than **December 4th**. We will be sorting the gifts in the
Upper Room on Thursday evening, December 5th. Tea,
Coffee and finger foods will be served, you are most
welcome to join us as we sort gifts and socialize.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Upper Room.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Please visit our website at <http://cwlpm.org> for
Christmas Social for all ladies **Sunday December
15th, 2pm-4pm.**

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD CONFERENCE

A Half-day conference on Spiritual Motherhood by
Father Joseph Aytona, CPM, Fathers of Mercy, will
be taking place on Saturday, **December 7** from 9
am to 1 pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Port
Coquitlam. Topics include: The Beauty of Being
Woman; True Womanhood: At the Foot of The
Cross. Admission is free and a light lunch is included. Register
at www.spiritualmaternity.org or call Remi 604-469-9307.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MEN'S HOSTEL

The Men's Hostel is looking for volunteers for the Extreme
Weather Response program. Extreme weather warnings are
issued when the temperature dips to 2 degrees or lower. On
those days, volunteers will be called to come in and help the
staff supervise the shelter from 7pm to 11 pm Overnight shifts
are also available. Training starts at the end of November. If
interested, please call Frances Cabahug at 604 786-8981 or
email fcabahug@rcav.org for more information.

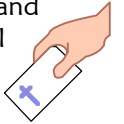
WANT TO STAY UPDATED ON PARISH NEWS & EVENTS?

Send an email to Leona in the parish office at
office@stjpm.com and we will save and add
your email to our parish email directory. This
is a great way to stay updated on the events
and information in our parish. You can rest
assured that we will only send important
information and you will always have the option to
unsubscribe if you decide not to receive our updates.



2014 Church Envelopes Boxes

If you are not presently using church envelopes and
would like to begin in the New Year please email
or call the parish office with your name and
address. Thank you.



December dates to remember:

Penitential Service at St. Joseph's, Thursday, Dec. 12, 7pm

St. Joseph's 2013 Christmas Concert,

December 22, at 7 pm

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm & 12 midnight.

Christmas Day: 10am & 12 noon.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

Holy Rosary Cathedral presents Organist Denis Bedard and
Rachel Alflatt in "Four Feet & Four Hands" Organ Duets and
Solos, Friday, **Dec 6** at 8pm. Tickets: Adult \$20, Senior &
Student \$15. Contact Holy Rosary Cathedral at 604 682-
6774 ext. 5 or hrc@shaw.ca See poster in vestibule.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Synod for 2014 on
the pastoral care of marriages and the family. In preparation,
His Holiness has asked Bishops to collect responses to a series
of questions and forward their findings to the Vatican. In
addition to meeting with priests and leaders of ministries to
couples and families to gather their responses, the
Archdiocese of Vancouver is asking for responses from any
Catholics who may be motivated to respond. The document
and questions are here: www.rcav.org/synodresponse2013
We anticipate a large number of responses and ask
responders to focus on two or three questions only and to
keep responses to 2 typed pages (500 words) or less. Please
email responses with "Synod" in the subject line to
synod@RCAV.org or mail to Synod Consultation, Office of
Life, Marriage & Family, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver BC,
V6B 2A7. Deadline Dec. 13, 2013. Details of an upcoming
public forum will be announced.

HEALING SERVICE

Come and be healed by the power of God. Let Him renew
your mind, body and spirit. Mustard Seed Healing Ministry
invites you to a Healing Prayer Service on December 14 after
the 5 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. The Blessed
Sacrament will be exposed during the entire service. A
procession with the Blessed Sacrament will follow. For
information contact 604-239-0556.