

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec. 16	Advent Weekday 9:00 am RIP: Maisie Tan
Tues	Dec. 17	Advent Weekday 7:00 pm RIP: Msgr. Angelo Sacchi
Wed	Dec. 18	Advent Weekday 8:00 am RIP: Dennis Parker
Thur	Dec. 19	Advent Weekday 8:00 am RIP: Kay Grant
Fri	Dec. 20	Advent Weekday 9:00 am RIP: Josefa Javier
Sat	Dec. 21	Advent Weekday 9:00 pm INT: Thanksgiving – Lewis Family 5:30 pm RIP: Tessie Olivier

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 Hoult, Irene Munro, Irene Hanson Monnie, John Sousa, Matthew McKinnon, Catherine O'Donnell, Annette Riley, Cecilia Vidad, Daryll Hummel, 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

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 Haunerland	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

Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, we light the pink candle in the Advent wreath. Its colour is a symbol of "JOY". A life of discipleship and stewardship is itself infused with perpetual joy. We discover that a Christ centered life, not a self-centered life, is both joyful and rewarding. The joy radiates from giving. Thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. The rewards are found in a balanced lifestyle that is free from the excessive consumerism and materialism plaguing our society.

Then came Jesus

Imagine buying tickets to a performance of one of your favorite entertainers months ahead. The evening finally comes and your expectations are high. You wait to hear all your favorites but after two hours there's not one rendition of the songs you'd waited to hear. Many times we anticipate events that disappoint us. So it was with John the Baptist as he sat in a prison cell waiting to be executed for preaching the coming of the Messiah. He had seen Jesus, had witnessed the voice of the Father, and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. But was Jesus the One, or should he wait for another? John undoubtedly had expectations of exciting things Christ's coming would bring, but now instead he was waiting to die. Disappointment and fear shook John's faith. Has the same happened in your life? Are you sitting beside John in that cell, anticipating life's next sorrow, letting your faith turn to doubt? Break out of your fearful prison this Advent season. Look upon the child King who came to save us all and learn again the faith you have lost. Here is the One, who came and is coming again. Worship and lose your doubt.

Advent Penitential Services, all begin at 7:00 pm

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

Volunteers needed for Advent project

We're looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the church for Christmas. Please meet in the church entrance on **Monday, December 23rd at 10:00 a.m.** Thank you for your help.

Parish Youth Coordinator's Position

The position of Youth Coordinator has opened at Joseph's parish. If you are interested please contact the parish office for details.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, you have shared in the ministry of Jesus by your overwhelming response to our Jesse Tree. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be shared with those who are less fortunate so that they can know the good news of Jesus.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to us, your generosity is outstanding. Also, a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out on Thursday night, December 5, to help us sort and pack the Christmas gifts for distribution. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to do God's work. God Bless you all.

On Friday, December 20, we will be in the portables at 12 noon to pack Christmas Hampers for needy families in our area; you are cordially invited to join us.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 7pm.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



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

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Parish Breakfast is Back!!



Mark your calendars for **Dec 22nd**. Our Christmas Parish Breakfast will be had with Santa Claus and all the trimmings! As in previous years, come take your picture with Santa and all kids get to have FREE POPCORN from our brand new popcorn machine. Breakfast will be served by your favourite guys after the 8.30 and 10.00 am masses. See you there!

Knights of Columbus Christmas Star

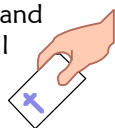
Please donate generously. All proceeds after costs will go to both the Philippines Disaster relief coordinated by the KOC through Columbus Charities and goes directly to KOC councils as well as parishes that need our help, as well as the SVDP. The Star will light the way for all to see where Christ is at St. Joseph's and will be mounted onto the belfry on the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Support Your Parish Through Project Advance in December

Please support your parish through Project Advance by using the convenient on-line giving process at www.rcav.org/giving and click on Project Advance. All gifts received by Dec. 31 are eligible for a 2013 tax receipt. Giving to Project Advance helps secure the future of your parish and the charitable works of the Archdiocese. Thank you for your gift.

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.



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.



December dates to remember:

St. Joseph's 2013 Christmas Concert

December 22, at 7 pm

Christmas Masses:

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

Christmas Day: 10am & 12 noon.



Extraordinary Synod: Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who responded to the consultation for the Extraordinary Synod on Marriage and the Family! The Office of Life, Marriage & Family (OLMF) will collate and forward responses to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops for Canada's report to the Vatican. The OLMF will also use the responses in meeting the Archdiocesan Priorities and Goals for marriage and family life. The timeline for this consultation was very short, reflecting the urgency with which the Extraordinary Synod is called to address marriage and family life. Apologies to all who did not have time to respond.

Bring a Friend This Christmas

In his recent apostolic exhortation, Pope Francis asked us to "go forth from our own comfort zone" in order to reach others. Christmas is a natural opportunity to invite non-practising Catholics to reconnect with their faith. This Advent, why not invite one person to Mass at Christmas; what greater gift is there than Jesus?

CHABC 2014 Bursaries

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2014 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic secondary school, or who are members of a BC or Yukon parish and enrolled in a public secondary school or are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submissions must be received on or before February 28, 2014. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.

DOING THE NEW YEAR - THE RIGHT WAY!!

Don't know what to do for a few days in the new year to start things right? We have a solution! Young adults (16 years & older) outing/pilgrimage to Oregon State. Here is the information:

When: January 1 (2 p.m.) to January 4 late evening

Where: Final destination - Aldergate Camp near Salem, Oregon

What to do: Visit the town of Mount Angel, Oregon and its famous Abbey and historic Church; Shrine of our Sorrowful Mother (famous for Christmas time), some hiking (maybe even Mt. St. Helen), shopping at Woodburn Premium Outlets, hangout with each other, watch some extraordinary video and learn something about the wonderful teaching of Blessed John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body, learn how to be a pilgrim in this world.

How much: we are keeping it low - \$50/person (partly subsidized by the parish) - including food & accommodation Chaperones, i.e., drivers and cars are welcome - actually, we need them. -<http://www.aldersgateretreat.com>

www.mountangelabbey.org, www.thegrotto.org

www.premiumoutlets.com/woodburn