

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b> 9:00 am RIP: All Souls Chai Family
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Vigil of the Nativity</b> Midnight RIP: Jim de Giovanni
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>The Nativity of The Lord</b> 10:00 am RIP: Yick-Chong Family
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b> 10:00 am RIP: Mr & Mrs Lepore
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>	<b>St. John</b> 9:00 am INT: Maggie & Keith Fuergutz
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec. 28</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b> 9:00 pm RIP: Kathleen Yiptong

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.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

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

## Advent Penitential Services, begin at 7:00 pm

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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. Thank you for your help.**

## A gift worth receiving

Signs of love and good cheer are abundantly clear for us throughout this holiday season. But how much are we actually attuned to the signs of love that God, our family, and friends are giving us? Although "it is better to give than to receive," it is also good for us to be able to receive what others are giving to us. Even more importantly, do we take time out of our busy schedules to ponder what God gave to us this Christmas season? What could be more precious than the gift of His Son? It was a gift of life not just a one-time gift that is shoved in the closet, but one that can grow and be passed on to others. This Advent let the gift of God's love multiply in your heart and joyously receive all that He has prepared for you.



## What Are Holy Days of Obligation?

One of the things that makes the Roman Catholic Church distinct from other Christian denominations is that we have days throughout the year— in addition to Sundays— when we're obligated to attend Mass. Holy days are important feast days in the life of the Catholic community on which, in addition to Sundays, Catholics (who are above the age of reason and who are not sick) are obligated to participate in Mass according to the precepts of the Church. They celebrate an important mystery of the Catholic faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains holy days of obligation this way:



On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.

Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health [CCC 2185].

The Code of Canon Law spells out when the holy days of obligation are on the Church's universal calendar:

Can. 1246 §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. Also to be observed are the day of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary Mother of God and her Immaculate Conception and Assumption, Saint Joseph, the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul, and finally, All Saints.

In Canada, we only have 2 Holy Days of Obligation that are not transferred to Sunday's Mass. They are Christmas and the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1. Without grave reasons, missing Masses on these days incurs the penalty of mortal sins.

For more reference, please check.

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2013/10/31/the-point-of-this-great-feast-why-are-we-here-is-life-just-a-meaningless-interval-between-birth-and-death-or-are-we-here-to-love-serve-and-know-god/> or  
<http://www.beginningcatholic.com/catholic-holy-days-of-obligation.html>

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## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him; more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel, for indeed they came to know that "God is with us".

Thanks to your generosity, on Friday, December 20, members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul prepared twenty three hampers and gifts for needy families in our community. These hampers and gifts were delivered on Saturday morning. We appreciate your love and kindness towards these families. You have truly shown them God's love. Thank you to everyone who came out to help us organize and deliver these hampers.

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

**From the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
to all St. Joseph's parishioners,  
May God's love light the way for a  
joyful Christmas and many blessings  
to you and your family  
in the New Year.**



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## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Congratulations to Gayle McCue the winner of the CWL Christmas Gift basket. Please visit our website at <http://cwlpm.org>

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## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARISH BREAKFAST TODAY

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**Today, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>** is our Christmas Parish Breakfast 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 8:30am and 10:00 am Masses. See you there!

### Knights of Columbus Christmas Star

Thank you for generously donating to the Philippine Disaster relief and SSVP through our Christmas Star project! The Star will light the way for all to see where Christ is at St. Joseph's and now mounted onto the belfry.

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## WANT TO STAY UPDATED ON PARISH NEWS & EVENTS?

Send an email to Leona in the parish office at [office@stjpm.com](mailto: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.



## Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm & 12 midnight

Christmas Day: 10am & 12 noon.

## The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother Of God Mass Times:

New Years Eve Vigil: 4:00pm

New Years Day: 10:00am & 12 Noon



## St. Joseph's 2013 Christmas Concert

Today! December 22, at 7 pm

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## BRING A FRIEND THIS CHRISTMAS

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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?

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## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH THROUGH PROJECT ADVANCE IN DECEMBER

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Please support your parish through Project Advance by using the convenient on-line giving process at [www.rcav.org/giving](http://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.

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## 2014 Church Envelopes Boxes

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If you would like to begin in the New Year please email or call the parish office with your name and address. Thank you.



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## DOING THE NEW YEAR – THE RIGHT WAY!!

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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 info:  
When: January 1 (2 pm) 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](http://www.mountangelabbey.org), [www.thegrotto.org](http://www.thegrotto.org)  
[www.premiumoutlets.com/woodburn](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/woodburn)