

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	9:00 am	RIP: Manujel Feijo
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>Advent Weekday</b>
	7:00 pm	INT: Alex Lancaster
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>St. Damasus I</b>
	8:00 am	RIP: Reyes Cervantes
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
	8:00 am	RIP: Consepccion Beralta Sispinosa
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>St. Lucy</b>
	9:00 am	RIP: William McKechnie
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>St. John of the Cross</b>
	5:30 pm	RIP: Mr & Mrs James

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, 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

## 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

## 'COFFEE BREAK RAFFLE'

**Congratulations,** Evelia Espinosa, winner of the "Coffee Break Raffle".

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### HAVE A CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS!!

December 22nd - the KOC will host a special Christmas Breakfast with Santa Claus for the kids. There'll be popcorn (we have a new popcorn machine!) and candy canes, knick-knacks and little sweet gifts for the kids. And of course, picture taking with Santa! See you on the 22nd!



## Borrowed Belief

*I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (Matthew 3:9*

There was once a study done that stated only one out of three people who attended church truly believed in God. Sneak a look to your left and right. Which one of the three of you is the true believer?

It's a strange thing to consider, how filled any church can be with un-believers. Oh, it isn't that they're atheists, or even agnostics. They may simply be living in rote repetition a faith they've never given any thought to. It's easy enough to follow along with the true believers, mimicking other's actions and never choosing the faith for themselves. Both John the Baptist and Jesus saw the same thing with many of the "religious" mean they met. John said "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.' John meant that borrowed belief is no belief. You can't count yourself a child of God because your parent or your partner is. God expects us each to be faith filled and obedient ourselves. Consider your own heart today and ask yourself, what am I truly, a borrower or a believer?

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

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

### Thursday, Dec. 12 – St. Joseph's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23)*

## The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9th

### Why the Immaculate Conception?

These are the reasons why the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God had to be – not just for Christ, but for us as well. The gifts of Mary's Immaculate Conception came to her because, in the words of St. Paul, she was "destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all

things according to the intention of his will.” This gift was given in love by the grace God gave us when He gave us His beloved Son. During this season of Advent, let us thank God for all His signs of hope, especially the signs He manifests in Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, and our Mother in faith. For, through her, so much that we need became and becomes accessible. And through her example, we are drawn irresistibly to those goals she embodied – to be perfect and without blemish before God, and to live in accord with His will. May she obtain for us, through the power of her intercession, the grace to draw near God, to remain near Him, to turn aside from all sin, and dwell in goodness the rest of our lives.

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### MASS and LIVING ROSARY

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated Monday, Dec. 9, with Mass at 7 p.m. celebrated by Archbishop Miller, followed by a Living Rosary. After the Living Rosary, there will be a potluck in the church basement. All are welcome. Mass and reception will be held at St. Mary’s Parish, Vancouver. If you are driving, please make use of the back school parking lot, entrance off Clive St.

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### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

#### JESSE TREE GIFTS

All Jesse Tree gifts should now be delivered to us so that we can deliver them to the Apostleship of the Seas; the Door is Open; Luke 15 House; and Birthright before Christmas. Food items for the Christmas Hampers can be delivered up to and including December 15<sup>th</sup>, please place them in the vestibule of the church. As always, thank you for your kindness and generosity. (Please be aware of best before and expiry dates – thanks)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 7pm.**

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### CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

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

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### A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

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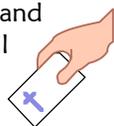
A Quick Journey through the Bible . . . completed on Monday, Nov 11’13. Thank you to all who faithfully attended and helped with this very blessed 8 weeks study in our Salvation history. Watch for DVD series of seven talks to start in January . . . this will help us continue to grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

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### 2014 Church Envelopes Boxes

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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](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.



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### December dates to remember:

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**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.



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### SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

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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](http://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](mailto:synod@RCAV.org) or mail to Synod Consultation, Office of Life, Marriage & Family, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver BC, V6B 2A7. A public forum will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre. To make a formal presentation, please email [synod@rcav.org](mailto:synod@rcav.org) with Dec. 11 Synod Meeting RSVP in the subject line and provide your name and contact information.

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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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### HEALING SERVICE

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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.