

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Mon Dec. 30** Six day within the Christmas Octave
9:00 am RIP: David Richards
- Tues Dec. 31** Seventh day within the Christmas Octave
4:00 pm RIP: Nina Oliver
- Wed Jan. 1** **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God** (Holy Day of Obligation)
10:00 am RIP: Kay Grant
- Thur Jan. 2** **St. Basil The Great & St. Gregory**
8:00 am INT: For Unbelievers
- 1st Fri Jan. 3** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
7:00 pm RIP: Manuel Feijo
- 1st Sat Jan. 4** **Season of Christmas**
9:00 am INT: Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page
The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass times
are listed below.

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 Houtl, 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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume
January 5th at the 10am Mass for children ages 4 - 9.



The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(a Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, Vigil Mass is at 4:00pm
January 1st Masses; 10am & 12 noon



The Holy Family

Marriage is too often conceived as the sacrament which unites a man and a woman to form a couple. In reality, marriage establishes a family, and its purpose is to increase the number of the elect, through the bodily and spiritual fecundity of the Christian spouses.

1. Every marriage intends children. Although Mary and Joseph were not united in a carnal way, their marriage is a true marriage: an indissoluble, exclusive union, wholly subordinated to the child. Mary and Joseph are united only in order to bring Jesus into the world, to protect and raise him. They have only one child, but he contains the whole of mankind, even as Isaac, an only child, fulfilled the promise made to Abraham of a countless progeny.

2. The purpose of every marriage is to establish a Christian family. The Holy Family observed the religious laws of Israel; it went in pilgrimage to Jerusalem every year with other Jewish families (Lk. 2:41). Jesus saddens and amazes his father and his mother because to their will and company he prefers "to be in his Father's house". Thus it may happen that God's will obliges the family to make disconcerting sacrifices. Yet every Christian family must live in harmony and in prayer, which are the pledges of joy and union.

3. "He remained obedient to them." Jesus was God. And through the fullness of grace Mary stood above Joseph. Nevertheless — if we except the event in the Temple — Joseph remained the head of the family; he took the initiative (as when the Holy Family fled to Egypt), and in Nazareth Jesus obeyed his parents.

Excerpted from *Bread and the Word*, A.M. Roguet

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to thy protection, implored thy help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come,
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.



**"Let us rediscover, dear brothers and sisters,
the beauty of being baptized in the Holy Spirit."**

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

We here at St. Joseph's parish will be offering a DVD series of seven (7) talks given by leaders in the Renewal and the New Evangelization. Teachings will inspire you and challenge you to pray with new fervor, "Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth!"

When: Thursday, January 16th, 7:30 - 9:00pm

Where: parish portable

Register: 604 461-1369 / 604 469-0713

CHECK THE LATEST UPDATE OF OUR WEBSITE

... especially the article on the conflicting information on Christmas as December 25th. stjpm.com



CONGRATULATION, JUST MARRIED

Sheree & Edward Custodio, married in our parish on December 21, 2013. *May God be with them always as they share their lives as one together.*



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Koa Xander Ferrer son of Michael and Erica Ferrer baptized on December 28, 2013. Alexander Karl Kinakin son of Kevin Kinakin and Elizabeth Staub also Baptized on December 29th. Welcome to our parish family. *The gift of baptism makes us sharers of God's inner life and co-heirs of God's promise of His eternal Kingdom.*

**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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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.

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.

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

**Thank you to all who participated & helped to make it
such a wonderful Christmas at St. Joseph's**

The Knights of Columbus; setting up the Christmas Star, Christmas trees & lights, the Choirs, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Lectors, the volunteers who helped with the cleaning & decorating of the church. Thanks for the generous donations of the Christmas lights from the Members of the Legion of Mary, Lena Lue & Parishioners. Our gratitude goes out to Teresita Drexler for kindly donating the Poinsettias. Thank you also to the many people who in their quiet way contributed to the preparations for this Christmas Season.

2014 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

NOTE: Please discard your 2013 set of contribution envelopes **do not use them in the New Year.** It's easy to request a 2014 box envelope, either fill in a request card beside the sets in the entrance of the church email / phone the parish office. Thank you.



**DOING THE NEW YEAR – THE RIGHT WAY!!
Deadline for Camp this Sunday!!!**

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, www.thegrotto.org www.premiumoutlets.com/woodburn

ONE CONFERENCE 2014

The ONE Conference is the annual Archdiocesan event to cultivate, unite, and inspire leadership for our Archdiocesan mission. Featuring world-class speakers Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, Christopher West, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and a closing Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, this is the "can't miss" opportunity for everyone involved and interested in the life and mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The conference will be at the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building, 999 Canada Place, Saturday, February 15, from 9am to 5:30pm. Doors open 8am. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at <http://rcav.org/one/> or at any Catholic parish office.

WINTER INSTITUTE

Nourish your soul, explore your faith, developing ministry leaders. Archdiocesan Winter Institute offers one-day faith formation and ministry training for adults. Topics include: Core Catholic Life, Volunteer Management, Stewardship, Basics of the Faith and more. Ministry training offered for RCIA, PREP & Youth Ministry. Jan. 25, 2014 at Holy Cross Secondary School in Vancouver from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$35, before Jan. 17, includes lunch. Everyone welcome. For more information and registration visit www.rcav.org/oc-winter