

The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 1	Advent Weekday
	9:00 am	INT: Carmelo Quiban Jr.
Tuesday	Dec. 2	Advent Weekday
	7:00 pm	RIP: All Souls, specially forgotten souls
Wed.	Dec. 3	St. Francis Xavier
	8:00 am	INT: Victor Tan
Thurs.	Dec. 4	St. John Damascene
	8:00 am	INT: Conrad P. Limcaco
1 st Friday	Dec. 5	Advent Weekday
	9:00 am	RIP: Manuel Feijo
1 st Sat.	Dec. 6	St. Nicholas
	9:00 am	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: Maria Socorro Salgado, Don Rowe, Irene Munro, Joseph Slacik, Andrew Chew, Bill Van Eldik, Teresita Drexler, Suzanne Dubeau, Irene Hanson Monnie, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Cecilia Obcena, Art Samson, Ed Chang, Thomas Chlebak, Sarah Gielty, Wendy Castro, Chloe Castro and Liam Weeks.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Altar Servers:	Parish Office	604 461-1369
Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604 460-6009
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs: Youth/10 am:	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
Saturday Evening:	Norbert Haunerland	604 461-1369
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:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Legion Of Mary:	Tessi Magsisi	604 315-5625
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA /SSVP & Youth Group	Parish Office	604 461-1369

YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY: DECEMBER 7, 2014

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in providing formation, training and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our diocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)



For information regarding PREP please contact Mrs. Louanne Richards prepkids@stjpm.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children ages 4 - 8 every Sunday at the 10am Mass

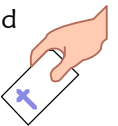
Ready or not, here He comes

Advent is that time of the Church year when we reflect on the coming of Christ to our world and hearts. We look back to His first coming and ahead to His Second Coming. Throughout the New Testament we are instructed to be ready for our Lord's coming again. But what does it mean to be ready? How can we prepare ourselves for that great and cosmic event? We prepare by being about God's business. We prepare by practicing love towards one another. We prepare by using the resources God gives us to serve Him and build His church now! Are you ready to face your Savior today? Ready or not, here He comes.



2015 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - DEC 14!!

Come and have pancake breakfast with Santa and have your picture taken as well at Ye Merry Old Portable! The annual Knights Pancake Breakfast with Santa will be a treat for all kids, who will eat for free! That's right, just bring your kids for a free breakfast* and have them take a picture with Santa too! See you Sunday, after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses!

* Free Breakfast applies for children under age of 12 only. Must be accompanied by an adult.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH



St. Patrick's Parish in Maple Ridge invites you to attend a Concert of Sacred Music, Handel's MESSIAH. Presented by Handel Choir & Orchestra Johan Louwersheimer - Conductor on Friday, **December 19** at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20 (\$15 seniors /students) available from St. Joseph's parish office and at the door. Child-minding available by donation, proceeds to WYD youth. RSVP child's info to St. Pat's office 604-463-7148. There are very few venues that provide such solemn performances. *After he wrote the "Hallelujah" chorus, Handel said: "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself."* Come and experience this memorable event.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Kids & Teens, 'How will you keep Christ in Christmas this year?' Poster Contest! The Nov. 30th deadline is **extended to December 7th** that's right, there is still time to make your poster!!! Age groups are 5 to 7 ~ 8 to 10 ~ 11 to 14. Criteria for Judging will be decided on 30% Slogan, 30% Visuals & 40% impact. See poster on church bulletin board for details. Email Ernie Alcala ernie_ksa@yahoo.com or phone 604-505-8785.



LIVING WORD PRAYER GROUP

W eekly, a group of parishioner invoke the
 H oly Spirit to be present and
 A sk God our Almighty Father
 T hrough Jesus Christ, His son, with
 I ntercessory prayers,
 S ongs of worship and thanksgiving, and
 A ctive sharing of God’s Word & God’s Plans (in our lives)



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- Y ielding U nderstanding
- E nlightening R eceiving
- P roclaiming ?

Find out more... join us! Thursday evenings in the portable from 7:30 pm- 9pm

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As we begin Advent we are called to “Be Watchful, Be Alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 4, at **10:30 am** in the upper room of the church to sort all the Jesse Tree gifts. You are most welcome to join us and lend a helping hand.

JESSE TREE GIFTS

This is the last week to return all Jesse Tree gifts. On Thursday, December 4th, at **10:30 am** we will be sorting the gifts for distribution before Christmas. Food items are to be returned no later than Sunday Dec. 14. Please place your food items in the vestibule of the church. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



Bake Sale Sponsored by St. Joseph’s CWL

Sunday **December 7th** after 8:30am, 10am, & 12noon Masses
 Coffee will be served!!
 Juice for the kids!!

Inviting you & gratefully accepting your **HOMEMADE** baking!

Note: Please bring all baking to the portable on Saturday Dec. 6 between 12noon & 2 pm or before Masses on Sunday Beautiful Gift Basket Raffle 1 ticket \$2. or 3 for \$5

Check the CWL website for events & photos "<http://cwl.org>"

THE CATHOLIC FORUM



The Catholic Forum invites you to explore The Family in the Church Today. Guest speaker: Archbishop J. Michael Miller CSB on Tuesday Dec. 16 at 7pm at St. Mary’s Church, 5251 Joyce St. Vancouver. Website: www.dominicanlaity.ca/forum

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AGAPE STREET MINISTRY

Agape Street Ministry is a Street Outreach for women struggling with drug and alcohol addictions and for those working in prostitution. We invite all to consider sharing the love of Jesus with these women. Areas in Vancouver, Surrey and Chilliwack are in need of volunteers. Interested individuals need to be 19 years of age and available one evening a week; training and support provided. If interested, contact Vicki 604-215-4115.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Return date for Jesse Tree Gifts is Sunday, November 30th
- SSVP Meeting Thursday, December 4th 10:30 am
- Advent Bake Sale: After Masses on Sunday, December 7th
- Parish Breakfast with Santa: Sun. Dec. 14, 8:30 & 10am Masses
- St. Joseph’s Penitential Service: Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 pm
- St. Joseph’s Christmas Concert: Sunday, Dec. 21st 6:30pm

Project Advance Appeal – Live gratefully, give generously.

God calls us to share what we have to help others.



How much we share is a sign of our love; when we love much, we share much. To date, our parish has received gifts totaling **\$42,030**. Funds received by December 26th will be eligible for a 2014 tax receipt. You can go online to give at www.rcav.org/giving and designate your parish as the recipient. To find out how your gift to Project Advance makes a difference watch the Project Advance Video at www.rcav.org/giving.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Thursday, Dec. 18 – 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)

Advent Penitential Services all begin at 7 pm

Tuesday	Dec. 9	St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam St. Patrick’s, Maple Ridge
Thursday	Dec. 11	St. Peter’s, New Westminster
Friday	Dec. 12	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, New Westminster
Sunday	Dec. 14	Our Lady of Assumption, Port Coquitlam
Tuesday	Dec. 16	St. Luke’s, Maple Ridge Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby
Wednesday	Dec. 17	All Saints, Coquitlam Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam
Thursday Dec 18		St. Joseph’s, Port Moody
Sunday	Dec. 21	St. Michael’s Burnaby
Monday	Dec. 22	St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday	Dec 23	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam