

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Dec. 15	Advent Weekday	9:00 am	RIP: Yolande Jonca
Tuesday	Dec. 16	Advent Weekday	6:30 pm	RIP: Maisie Tan
Wed.	Dec. 17	Late Advent Weekday	8:00 am	INT: Lily v. Tecson
Thursday	Dec. 18	Late Advent Weekday	8:00 am	RIP: Dennis Parker
Friday	Dec. 19	Late Advent Weekday	9:00 am	RIP: Gertrude Crowther
Saturday	Dec. 20	Late Advent Weekday	9:00 am	INT: Derek Wakefield

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 Liam Weeks and Annie Hughes.



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

POINSETTIA SALE

The 'WYD Group' is selling beautiful Poinsettia's

Order forms are available in the vestibule.

Prices are very reasonable:
6" \$8.50 8" \$16. 10" \$30.



Tri-Colour Red, White & Pink 10" (only)

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



LOST AND FOUND

A gold ring was found after November 30th weekend Masses. Please call the parish office if it is yours.

Prepare!

Go and tell what you see

"The King is coming!!" We joyously proclaim the coming of Christ to all who will hear. We have waited so long for our beloved guest. Here in the last days before his arrival we wait in precious anticipation, listening eagerly for his step on the sidewalk, his knock on the door. Our house in order, our hearts open in welcome, we share our joyous expectation with one and all. We cry our eagerness to the world—Maranatha!



2015 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

The 2015 envelope sets were issued alphabetically; therefore the envelope numbers have changed. Please check that your name and address is current. If we missed you, just fill in an envelope request card provided in the vestibule and drop it in the collection or at the parish office. Requested set are ready for pick up in the vestibule, the following weekend.



* Pre-Authorized Payment Plan participants have been issued envelopes for the special collections.

* To start up a **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan** for your weekly contribution; please download a form from the parish website: <http://stjpm.com/parish/donate/> or call the parish office.

ST. JOSEPH'S ADVENT /CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We are looking for 30 or more kids to come and help us sing carols for the Dec 21st gathering. Be part of our long standing tradition of gathering as a community to celebrate the season. Help us celebrate with your St Joseph's community!

Rehearsals: Monday, Dec 15th 7-8pm

Saturday, Dec 20th 1:30 – 3:30pm

Sunday, Dec 21st 6:15pm call – 7pm concert

(Concert dress – black/white/red – any combination)

*If you can't make all of the rehearsals no worries – there are online versions to practice with.

Email jeff@cabralda.ca for information and links to music



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.



LIVING WORD PRAYER GROUP

God Is Waiting For Us To Return Divine Love

The Lord is waiting to show you favor, and he yearns to have pity on you. Isaiah 30:18

The God who loves us is a God who becomes vulnerable, dependent in the manger and dependent on the cross, a God who basically is saying, "Are you there for me?" God, you could say, is waiting for our answer. In a mysterious way, God is dependent on us. God is saying, "I want to be vulnerable. I need your love. I have a desire for your affirmation of my love."

God is waiting for us to respond. Life gives us endless opportunities for that response.

Lord, I am not worthy of your gracious love and mercy, but I thank you for your love and I desire to please you, to love you in return. Amen.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; make straight the way of the Lord." As we prepare for Christmas let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. During the past three weeks your abundant gift giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show those in need that we truly care and that they will share in the blessings of Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 8, 2015

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 **\$42,530**. 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.

CHINESE LANTERN WORKSHOP

Want To Learn How To Make A Beautiful & Unique Chinese Lantern? The class is on Saturday, February 7th - 10am to noon at the parish portable.



Fee: \$15/person (includes instruction & material)

It's fun & easy to make. Everyone is welcome!

Please register in person to the Parish Office or by calling 604-461-1369. (See the display in the church vestibule). All proceeds after the expenses donated to St. Joseph Parish.

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

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAY Mass time changes to 6:30pm Dec. 16 & 23rd

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

Church Cleaning ~ Help needed December 23rd 9:00 am

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Parish Breakfast with Santa - Come and have your kids take a picture with Santa and have a hearty breakfast with the Knights!



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - Come vote for your favourite poster! We have 63 to choose from! This is the Parishioner's Choice section of the contest and winners will receive a cash prize and a gift that money cannot buy, a special *Knights of Columbus Rosary!* Winners will be contacted and will receive their prize at St. Joseph's Dec. 21st, 10am Sunday Mass.

WHAT ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION?

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]. In Canada, we only have two 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 1st. Without grave reasons, missing masses on these days incurs the penalty of mortal sins.

Advent Penitential Services all begin at 7 pm

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 am, 12 Noon &



an extra Mass to be offered in Cantonese at 2:30pm

JANUARY 1st ~ (Holyday of obligation)

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass: **Dec. 31st 4pm - January 1st 10am & 12 Noon**