

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2014

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Christmas Season Weekday</b>
	9:00 am	RIP: Yick-Chong Family
Tuesday	<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Christmas Season Weekday</b>
	7:00 pm	RIP: Msgr. Angelo Sacchi
Wed.	<b>Jan. 7</b>	<b>St. André Bessette</b>
	9:00 pm	INT: Pope Francis
Thursday	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>St. Raymond of Penyafort</b>
	8:00 am	INT: Fr. Richard Au, STL
Friday	<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>Christmas Season Weekday</b>
	9:00 am	INT: Clare Boyle
Saturday	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>Christmas Season Weekday</b>
	5:30 pm	RIP: Genowesa & Frank Potepa

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 Hauerland	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

## CONGRATULATION, JUST MARRIED

Tawyna and Kevin Zememchik, married in our parish on December 20, 2014. *May God be with them always as they share their lives as one together.*



## 2015 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

**NOTE:** Please discard your 2014 set of contribution envelopes **do not use them in the New Year.**

To request a 2015 box envelope, either fill in a request card beside the boxed sets in the entrance of the church or email / phone the parish office.



\* 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.

## Manager or Magi?

Ever taken an extended car trip? If your family was like most weeks of preparation were required. Road maps and guidebooks were consulted to ensure maximum fun with minimum inconvenience.



Itineraries were made, and revised, half a dozen times before you left the kitchen table. Faced with the vagaries of travel, we strive to manage the future, forearmed with traveler's checks and motel reservations.

Now what if Dad or Mom appeared one day with no maps or guidebooks and simply said, let's get in the car and go where God takes us. Would you climb in ready to be a Magi, or call your local psychiatrist? Would faith or fear win? It's not just a hypothetical question. Each day of our lives we face that same choice. When the morning greets us we have a fresh road to explore, a new trip to take. Will we trust in our plans and preparations, or allow God's grace, power and mystery to act in our lives? If we hold to our rigid schedules, we may feel more secure, but we may also miss the miracles God has in store. Which are you today, manager or magi? other, keeping faith with each other and with God.

## EPIPHANY BLESSINGS



Fr. Au will continue to have the traditional blessings of the Holy Water, salt and chalk on the Vigil of the Epiphany. Please take home the Holy Water and a small piece of chalk along with a prayer booklet for the annual renewal of blessings as according to your culture. If you like Fr. Au to come to your home for the blessings, please call the office to arrange a time to visit, especially, during these 40 days of Christmas, ending on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a wonderful custom and a teaching moment for your family members by connecting Christ's birth and his manifestation in your own home.

The chalk is to mark your homes with the following symbol:  
20 +C + M + B + 15

The number signifies this year, and CMB means;  
"Christ Bless this Home"

## LIVING WORD PRAYER GROUP

### THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Titus 2:11-13



### 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, also the many volunteers who helped with the cleaning and decorating of the church.

Thank you furthermore to the many people who in their quiet way contributed to the preparations for this Christmas Season.



## CHINESE LANTERN WORKSHOP

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



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

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

Please register (ASAP) 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.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the Spirit of the Magi, your gifts to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul brought comfort and peace to those we serve during this Christmas Season.

Once again we thank you for your generous contributions to our Jesse Tree Project. God bless you all.

Next Meeting: Thursday January 8, 7pm in the Upper Room

**Next Sunday, January 11, there is a second collection**

for SSVP. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL.

We have a Revenue Canada Charity number and will issue you an income tax receipt for your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES MASS

Pope Francis, in his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, urges us to do as Jesus did by proclaiming the good news of hope to all, especially to those in great need. He says: "The mission of the Church...is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him particularly in the poorest and most abandoned. Among these are migrants and refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind." Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3pm, Our Lady of Sorrows, Vancouver. Mass celebrated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB for the 4th year in our Archdiocese as a universal church.

## ONE CONFERENCE 2015



So many of us live with a hole in our hearts or see it in the people around us. Maybe you

already know what fills that hole and want to learn how to share it with others, or you might feel like you need to be refilled yourself. At the ONE conference we invite you to ignite your faith life and spread the good news to others. Come and Start Joy in your world by listening to great speakers, celebrating Mass with Archbishop Michael and worshipping as ONE. Sat. Feb. 14 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Tickets can be purchased online at [rcav.org/one](http://rcav.org/one) or at any parish.

## Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

For information regarding PREP please contact Mrs. Louanne Richards [prepkids@stjpm.com](mailto:prepkids@stjpm.com)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Will resume January 8<sup>th</sup>**

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



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

So often we ask God for a fresh start, to start afresh the tasks He has assigned us. And faithfully, lovingly He gives us each new morning throughout the year, an unsullied page on which to write. May we be ever thankful for this daily gift of new-ness, treasuring the opportunity to begin again, fresh in His grace and love.

## The Sacrament of Eucharist in the Catholic Church

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; ...he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and ... abides in me, and I in him" (John 6:51, 54, 56).



One of the seven sacraments of the Church, indeed the greatest of the sacraments, described by the Church in this way: "The Most Holy Eucharist is the most august sacrament, in which Christ the Lord himself is contained, offered and received, and by which the Church constantly lives and grows. The Eucharistic Sacrifice, the memorial of the death and resurrection of the Lord, in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated over the centuries, is the summit and the source of all Christian worship and life; it signifies and effects the unity of the people of God and achieves the building up of the Body of Christ. The other sacraments and all the ecclesiastical works of the apostolate are closely related to the Holy Eucharist and are directed to it." Canon Law 897.

## Welcome to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion;

Alex Tam, Araceli Nocos, Eleazar Sager, Francisco Balce Gloria Lewis, Joy Sager, Lawrence Donovan, Manuel De Leon, Maria Javier, Maria Saulog, Remedios De Leon, Robert Szpakowski, Rommel Nocos, Stefan Ziemnicki, Venita Kwan, Veronica Balce.

## Thank you for the many years of devoted service as our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion;

Alice T. Arce, Astrida Fernandes, Rolly & Tessa Magsisi, Louanne Richards, Elles Roosen, Corrine So, Cynthia Saratan, Elles Roosen, Rome and Cynthia Saratan, Joventino and Corrine So, Gil and Ruth Villarante, Jolanda Ziemnicki.

In particular, many patients in the hospital and the shut-in have benefited so much from their care and dedication over the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Quite often, we are mistaken that their service is to make the Communion line to go smoother and shorter at Holy Mass. Unfortunately; wrong impression has been given to their real ministry, which is primarily to those who cannot come to Holy Mass in the Church. It is their generosity of the time and talents that are most appreciative. After worship at the Holy Mass, these men and women continue to dedicate their Sunday service of their brothers and sisters, who cannot come to Mass.

Sometimes, the wrong term Eucharistic Minister is used for the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In 2004, Vatican document, *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, From the Sacred Congregation of Divine Worship and Sacraments has corrected this misunderstanding because only ordained bishops, priests and deacons are Eucharistic Ministers for the latter are set apart for the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass.