

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 14	Monday	St. John of the Cross 9:00 am RIP: Bertus Nootebos
Dec. 15	Tuesday	Weekday in Advent 7:00 pm RIP: Herculano Melo
Dec. 16	Wed.	Weekday in Advent 8:00 am RIP: Carmen Costanzo
Dec. 17	Thursday	Weekday in Advent 8:00 am INT: Jean Lue
Dec. 18	Friday	Weekday in Advent 9:00 am RIP: Dennis Parker
Dec. 19	Saturday	Weekday in Advent 9:00 am RIP: Dolores Costanzo
Dec. 20	Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 am RIP: Armand Yargeau 10:00 am INT: Our Parish

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our Parish particularly: Anita Cishecki, Bob Smith, Ann Lum Min, Jose Reyes, Vanessa Miller, Marlene Brakel, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Thomas Chlebak, Andrew Chew, Teresita Drexler, Suzanne Dubeau, Bill Van Eldik, Sarah Gielty, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik Irene Hanson Monnie, Cecilia Obcena, Art Samson, Don Rowe, Matt Essman, Carol Berry, Trish Kelly and Liam Week.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

Abp. Carney School Rep:	Mark Pan	604-782-9612
Bible/Prayer Group:	Jocelyn Rochard	604 469-0713
Choirs	Jeff Cabralda	604 812-3178
CWL:	Valerie Lovato	778-984-6580
Knights of Columbus:	Dennis Kwan	604-468-8205
Legion of Mary:	Tessi Magsisi	604 315-5625
Lectors:	Erica Penner	604-722-3604
Pro-Life:	Terry O'Neill	604 464-5679
RCIA	Mark Norbury, OP	604 695-7421
SSVP	Parish Office	604 461-1369

CONGRATULATION – WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



St. Joseph parish would like to welcome our little addition to our parish family, Mikaela Elize Robles, who was baptized on December 8th. May the Sanctifying Grace that she received carry her, throughout her life, in service of the Holy Gospels in the Church.

The PREP program has been holding a Bottle and Can Drive for a few years and this year, and beyond, we are inviting all parishioners to participate with us. There are containers in the hallway for you to drop them off. If there are large bags you may put them inside the gate by the portable. All proceeds go to the Building Fund! Thank you!!

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!



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT



'Keeping Christ in Christmas'

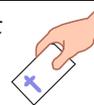
The Knights, PREP Kids and Choir Members have been busy preparing for our **Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 20th 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

Come enjoy an evening of Christmas Carols with a sing-a-long and special video presentation.



2016 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

2016 envelope sets are issued alphabetically, for that reason your envelope number will have changed. If we missed you, please fill in an envelope request card provided in the vestibule and drop it in the collection or at the office. A set will be ready for you in the vestibule the following weekend.



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

* **If you would like to start using the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your weekly contribution** forms are available in the vestibule or at the parish website: stjpm.com/parish/donate/.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTISE

There will be an Altar Servers practise in the church on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 pm. All Altar servers are expected to attend.

THE YEAR OF MERCY COMPANION

The essential guide for living the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



A comprehensive page-a-day booklet to help you encounter and share the Father's mercy. Each day of the week, presents a different way to experience and live the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

The books have been purchased in bulk by the Archdiocese office for a special price of \$3. (regular \$7.99). The Year of Mercy Companion, presents a practical way for individuals and families to walk with the Church in this year-long celebration.

We have 50 copies for purchase in the vestibule of the church.

USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SATURDAY 5:30 pm MASS.

The role of ushers has had a long history in the Catholic Church. Referred to as porters in the Third Century, ushers used to guard the church doors against disruptive intruders. Today, ushers serve the opposite function by being the first to welcome parishioners and visitors to Mass. If you are interested in this special ministry please contact the Fr. Thomas or the parish office.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2015

As you know with the upcoming building project, our parish goal for this annual appeal is \$100,000. Please continue to be generous! If you would like to use online giving go to: www.rcav.org/giving the first field to complete is "what is your parish?" don't forget to fill in St. Joseph's Port Moody. If you cannot find your envelope there are spares on hand at the entrance of the church. More info. rcav.org/project-advance/

Thank you, 237 donors that have participated in Project Advance, your kind gifts total \$42,225.00

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two coats should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. You have shown your love by sharing your abundance with the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul so that those in need will share in the blessings of Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to us, your generosity is outstanding. Also, a big THANK YOU to the twelve people who came out on Thursday night, Dec. 3, to help us sort and pack the Christmas gifts for distribution. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to do God's work. God Bless you all. On Friday, December 18, we will be in the portables at 11:30am to pack Christmas Hampers for needy families in our area; you are cordially invited to join us.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7pm in the upstairs room of the church.

Catholic Women's League (CWL)



A big thank you to our ladies for their good work hosting our Book Sale and to all the PREP parents and parishioners who donated goodies for the Bake Sale.

We raised \$329.00 to add to our donation to the Building Fund. We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

OPENING MASS FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



Pope Francis has announced the celebration of an extraordinary Holy Year dedicated to Mercy, starting Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and concluding Nov. 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Year of Mercy began with the opening of the "holy door of mercy" at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. Join us on Sunday, December 13 for the opening of Holy Door at two designated churches in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. At 3 pm the opening of the Holy Door at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, will take place with Mass and official blessing of the door. Confessions will be heard from 2 to 3pm. Westminster Abby in Mission is also a designated pilgrimage site during the Year of Mercy. Groups wishing to make a pilgrimage should contact the Abbey in advance to book. Call 604-826-8975 rcav.org/year-of-mercy

COMPLIMENTARY 2016 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



Provided by Burquitlam Funeral Home & First Memorial Funeral Services. Please help yourselves to a couple per family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- o December 13, Knights / Parish Breakfast with Santa
- o December 17, St. Joseph's Penitential Service - 7 pm
- o December 19, Altar Servers Practise – Saturday 2:30 pm
- o December 20, St. Joseph's Christmas Concert - 6:30 pm
- o December 23, Volunteer Church Cleaning – Wed. 9 am

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Thursday, Dec. 17 – 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

Sunday	Dec. 13	Our Lady of Assumption, Pt. Coquitlam
Tuesday	Dec. 15	St. Luke's, Maple Ridge Holy Spirit, New Westminster
Wednesday	Dec. 16	All Saints, Coquitlam
Thursday	Dec. 17	St. Joseph's, Port Moody
Friday	Dec 18	St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam
Sunday	Dec. 20	St. Michael's Burnaby
Monday	Dec. 21	St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday	Dec 22	Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby
Wednesday	Dec. 23	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 6pm, 9pm & 12 Midnight.

Christmas Day: 10:00 am & 12 Noon.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st Thursday Vigil Mass: 4pm

New Year's Day: 10 am & 12 Noon



TOGETHER WE BUILD A COMMUNITY A FAMILY OF LOVE



Our church is our second home. It's important that your voice is being heard, being a member of the family.

Should you have any opinion or suggestion to the initial rendering of the proposed new church, please do not hesitate to let us know by dropping a note to Fr. Thomas at the suggestion box located in the vestibule of the church by the rendering or email him at office@stjpm.com. You could also meet him in person or call him at 604-461-5850

Thanking you in advance for your most precious comments!