

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

# December 20, 2015

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Dec. 21</b>	Monday	<b>St. Peter Canisius</b> 9:00 am RIP: Pauline Brow
<b>Dec. 22</b>	Tuesday	<b>Weekday in Advent</b> 7:00 pm RIP: Attilio & Janet Costanzo
<b>Dec. 23</b>	Wed.	<b>St. John of Kanty</b> 8:00 am RIP: Sevi Family
<b>Dec. 24</b>	Thursday	<b>Weekday in Advent</b> 8:00 am
<b>Dec. 25</b>	Friday	<b>The Nativity of The Lord</b> 10:00 am RIP: Tom Brown
<b>Dec. 26</b>	Saturday	<b>St. Stephen</b> 9:00 am
<b>Dec. 27</b>	Sunday	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> 8:30 am RIP: Yick-Chong Family 10:00 am INT: Our Parish 12 noon RIP: Gerald Lannon

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 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

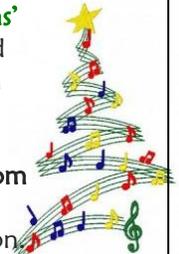
### 'Keeping Christ in Christmas'

The Knights, PREP Kids and Choir Members have been busy preparing for our

### Christmas Concert on

Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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



## 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 Easton Woodley and Britton Simmonds to our parish family, baptized on December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.  
*May the Sanctifying Grace that they received carry them, throughout their 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!!

## A gift worth receiving

Signs of love and good cheer are abundantly clear for us throughout this holiday season. But how much are we actually attuned to the signs of love that God, our family, and friends are giving us? Although "it is better to give than to receive," it is also good for us to be able to receive what others are giving to us. Even more importantly, do we take time out of our busy schedules to ponder what God gave to us this Christmas season? What could be more precious than the gift of His Son? It was a gift of life not just a one-time gift that is shoved in the closet, but one that can grow and be passed on to others. This Advent let the gift of God's love multiply in your heart and joyously receive all that He has prepared for you.



JUBILEE  
**YEAR  
OF  
MERCY**  
Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

THE IGNORANT; TO COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL; TO ADMONISH SINNERS; TO BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY; TO FORGIVE OFFENCES WILLINGLY; TO COMFORT THE AFFLICTED; TO PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD; TO FEED THE HUNGRY; TO GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY; TO CLOTHE THE NAKED; TO HARBOUR

## Year of Mercy Reflection . . .

"Jesus is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith... Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions and his entire person reveals the mercy of God." – Pope Francis

## 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/](http://stjpm.com/parish/donate/).

## CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone would like to volunteer in prepping the church for Christmas, please meet in vestibule of the church on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 9 am.



## 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](http://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/](http://rcav.org/project-advance/)

**Thank you, 239 donors that have participated in Project Advance, your kind gifts total \$42,800.00**

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Mary and Elizabeth are both blessed by the Holy Spirit. 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.

Through your gifts to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul you have brought the light of Christ to the poor who live in our streets and neighborhoods.

### THANK YOU

Dear St. Joseph's parishioners:

Your generosity is overwhelming. The charitable work of this parish is made largely possible by your goodwill and generosity. The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thank you for your contributions to our Jesse Tree project. We also thank you for your food and monetary donations throughout the year. God bless you all.

**Father John Eason, Port Chaplain, Apostleship of the Sea,** phoned and asked us to personally thank the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, Port Moody for the many gifts they donated to his mission to seafarers. The gifts will be distributed to sailors who are away from their homes this Christmas. God Bless you all We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## 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.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Join Archbishop Miller for the annual Mass for Life on Monday, December 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver for Mass at 12:10 pm. Unfortunately there will not be a reception this year, due to the hall being closed.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- o December 20, St. Joseph's Christmas Concert - 6:30 pm
- o December 23, Volunteer Church Cleaning – Wed. 9 am

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## 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. The Year of Mercy Companion, presents a practical way for individuals and families to walk with the Church in this year-long celebration.

## COMPLIMENTARY 2016 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



Provided by [Burquitlam Funeral Home & First Memorial Funeral Services](#). Please help yourselves to a couple per family.