

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Dec. 7** Monday **St. Ambrose**
9:00 am RIP: Hendrika Nootebos
- Dec. 8** Tuesday **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:00 pm RIP: Cecilia Lam Wai King
- Dec. 9** Wed. **Weekday in Advent**
8:00 am
- Dec. 10** Thursday **Weekday in Advent**
8:00 am RIP: Caterina Mazzuca
- Dec. 11** Friday **Weekday in Advent**
9:00 am RIP: Augustine Nootebos
- Dec. 12** Saturday **Our Lady Of Guadalupe**
9:00 am INT: The Sevi Family
- Dec. 13** Sunday **The Third Sunday of Advent**
8:30 am INT: INT: Sister Alfreda Grasso
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

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our PREP program is looking for a teacher on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45pm. – 5:00pm. to teach Level 5. The material covered is the Mass and the other Sacraments. All materials are provided with a Teacher's manual and guide.

The requirements are that you practice your Catholic Faith, like to work with children and affirm your own faith in the process. Please contact Louanne Richards by phone: 778-712-0890 or email prepkids@stjpm.com.

Prepare!

A precious guest is coming - now is the time to prepare! It is a season for cleaning, houses and hearts, readying ourselves for the coming Messiah. Blow away the dust of apathy, scrub off the grime of selfish pursuits, shine the bright light of God's Spirit in every corner, purging the sin and stain away. Make the chambers a welcoming place of warmth and hope, charity and love, forgiveness and unity. Prepare for your King - He is coming soon. Maranatha!



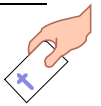
Immaculate Conception – December 8th – Mass at 7:00 pm



“As sailors are guided by a star to the port, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary”
St. Thomas Aquinas

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.

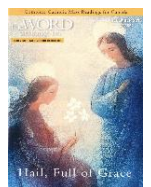


* Pre-Authorized Payment Plan participants have been issued envelopes for the special collections.

* **If you would like to start using the Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for your weekly contribution** please download one from the parish website: <http://stjpm.com/parish/donate/> or call the parish office.

'the WORD among us'

Prepare for Christmas with daily meditations! The December issue of 'the Word among us' complete Mass readings and daily meditations have arrived in time for Advent! They are only \$2. per copy and available in the vestibule.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH IS IN NEED OF USHERS 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, 233 donors that have participated in Project Advance, your kind gifts total \$41,275.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2016.

JESSE TREE REMINDER

All Jesse Tree gifts should now be returned. Food items for the Christmas Hampers should be brought in no later than Sunday, December 13th. Please place your items in the vestibule of the church. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ICON OF HOLY FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

VISITING ON DECEMBER 2nd TO 8th, 2015

AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH, PORT MOODY.

Culminating Mass is on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at 7pm. Rosaries will be prayed 30 minutes before each Mass on Saturday (anticipated) on December 5th; Sunday, December 6th and Tuesday, December 8th for the intention of strengthening Catholic families and their prayer lives.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOLIDARITY CROSS

The 5-inch olive wood cross crafted by Christians in the Holy Land is a symbol of Suffering, Unity and Hope. The net proceeds of the sale will be given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. This Fund helps the persecuted Christians in the Middle East.



HO HO HO HO...

IT'S THAT TIME ONCE AGAIN!

Bring along the whole family and enjoy a yummy **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** & have fun **PICTURE TAKING OR SELFIE WITH SANTA CLAUS** and with your Knights & Squires & Parishioners on Sunday, December 13th after 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses at Ye Merry Old Portable, St. Joseph Parish, Port Moody.



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!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- o December 13, Knights / Parish Breakfast with Santa
- o December 17, St. Joseph's Penitential Service - 7 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

Thursday	Dec. 10	St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge St. Peter's, New Westminster
Friday	Dec. 11	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, New West.
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



COMPLIMENTARY 2016 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



from Burquitlam Funeral Home & First Memorial Funeral Services.

Please help yourselves to a couple per family.