

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov. 30** Monday **St. Andrew**
9:00 am INT: The Zazzi Family
- Dec. 1** Tuesday **Weekday in Advent**
7:00 pm RIP: Cecilia Lam Wai King
- Dec. 2** Wed. **Weekday in Advent**
8:00 am INT: Rose Gielty
- Dec. 3** Thursday **St. Francis Xavier**
8:00 am RIP: Dolly Moe
- Dec. 4** Friday **St. John Damascene**
9:00 am RIP: Mry (Betty) McKinnon
- Dec. 5** Saturday **Weekday in Advent**
9:00 am RIP: Cecilia Lam Wai King
- Dec. 6** Sunday **The Second Sunday of Advent**
8:30 am INT: Magsisi Family
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, 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

PRIESTLY ORDINATION



Join the local Church in celebration and prayer during the Mass of Ordination of Deacon David Lanzani and Deacon Larry Lynn on Thursday, December 3 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. This is sure to be a large gathering so please arrive early for a seat!

Children's Liturgy is every Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

All children 4-8 years of age, sit with their parents and will be called up after the Collect (opening prayer) and then will be led out and assembled in the portable for their liturgy.



But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

Advent allows a step back from our preoccupation with economic worries and the cares of the world. It raises our eyes to see the new liturgical year as the hopeful dawn of salvation that will ultimately reach completion with our participation. Fear about the "end of the world" gets replaced by excitement about the fullness of God's Reign. Your "ransom," "liberation," and "redemption" are at hand!

For faithful disciples the right agenda drives out fear. We know concerns like immigration, poverty, torture, capital punishment, the environment, workers' rights, women's rights, and every violence demand our attention. We People of Faith overcome our fear by speaking out, knowing "the Lord our justice" (Jer 33:16) stands by our side.

2016 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE BOXES COMING SOON

If you would like to **start** using contribution envelopes please email or call the parish office with your name, address and phone number and a box will be label for you.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S by EFT

For our finances to continue maintaining a healthy book, we rely **solely** on your continued **gift of generosity**. Many of you have transitioned to our automatic withdrawals from your personal bank accounts on a weekly basis. As a friendly reminder for those parishioners who are already on the **Electronic Funds Transfer** weekly contribution, you have the option to put your numbered envelope in the collection basket and on the front of the envelope to place the letters in bold "EFT". In addition, second collections are not part of the Electronic Funds Transfer and so please continue to add these envelopes with your generous offerings separate from your weekly contributions. Thank you so much for participating and we continue to pray for those who are still considering joining this initiative. Forms to sign up are available in the church entrance or at stjpm.com Please contact our parish office for further inquiries.

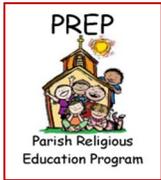


'the WORD among us'

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.



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.

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, 212 donors that have participated in Project Advance, your kind gifts total \$40,645.

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We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As we begin Advent we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Remember that wherever we live in our parish, there are always families in need of help. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 pm in the upstairs room of the church. Please come and join us as we will be sorting the Jesse Tree gifts for distribution before Christmas.

JESSE TREE REMINDER

This is the last week to return all Jesse Tree gifts. On Thursday, December 3rd, at 7 pm we will be sorting the gifts for distribution before Christmas. Food items are to be returned no later than Sunday December 13th. Please place your food 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.

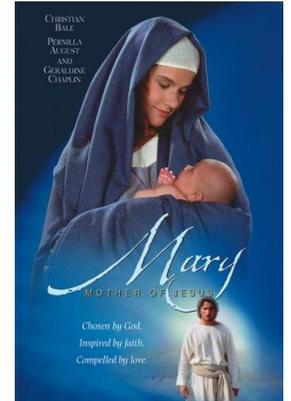
DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 29, Due date for Jesse Tree gifts
 - December 13, Knights / Parish Breakfast with Santa
 - December 17, Penitential Service at St. Joseph's, 7 pm
 - December 20, St. Joseph's Christmas Concert
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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS, COME SEE THE MOVIE – MARY MOTHER OF JESUS!

The next Knights of Columbus Movie Knight is this this Friday, December 4th. It will follow the first Friday evening Mass at 7:30pm in the upper room of the church.

This is a good opportunity for your children to view a movie about the true meaning of Christmas!



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!



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 begins with the opening of the "holy door of mercy" at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Francis. Join us on Sunday, , December 13, at 3pm for the opening of the Holy Door at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver with Mass and official blessing of the door. All Cathedrals in the world will open their doors on this day. More details to come: rcav.org/year-of-mercy

FIND AN ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE NEAR YOU!

Advent is the season of preparation. Throughout these weeks, the Scriptures tell us to "awake and be vigilant." During this time we are all encouraged to go to confession as a way to prepare for the coming of the King of Kings. Throughout the archdiocese there are many special penitential services available. Visit rcav.org/advent-penitential-services/ to find an Advent Penitential Service near you.
