

The Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

The Mass Intentions for This Week

Nov. 28	Monday	Weekday in Advent
Nov. 29	Tuesday	Weekday in Advent 7:00 pm INT: Bernadette Croke
Nov. 30	Wed.	St. Andrew
Dec. 1	Thursday	Weekday in Advent 9:00 am INT: Jocelyn Rochard
Dec. 2	Friday	First Friday of December 9:00 am RIP: Corrine Ketelaar
Dec. 3	Saturday	St. Francis Xavier 9:00 am Thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother 5:30 pm RIP: Hilda Leitan
Dec. 4	Sunday	The Second Sunday of Advent 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:
 Victor Peterson, Sharon Chila, Paul Cummings, Jim O'Donnell, Helen Mair, Els Roosen, Andrew Chew, Don Rowe, Suzanne Dubeau, Sarah Gatzka, Vanessa Miller, Annie Hughes, Joseph Slacik, Art Samson, Teresita Drexler, Cecilia Obcena, Bill Van Eldik, Donna Hicks, Kristen Cummings, Chloe Castro, Wendy Castro, Marlene Brakel, Bob Smith, Liam Week. Carol Berry, Sarah Gielty, Thomas Chlebak, Ann Lum Min, Gabriel Sanchez. Ron & Louise Meranger, Mary Chandler, Elise Kobbeltvedt & Shirley Hutton.



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	604 695-7421
SSVP:	Parish Office	604 461-1369

PREP FUNDRAISER

All parishioners are invited to donate their refundable bottles & cans to our ongoing fundraiser. The proceeds go to our Building-Fund. Simply put your plastic bags behind the gate near the portable. Thanks



Stay Awake!

Hear the call today—stay awake! Shake off life's slumber, the day to day monotony of surviving and prepare yourself for amazing events. Jesus, the Messiah, is coming! Let the miracle of the message stir your hearts and souls to expectant longing. Push off the blanket of complacency and be ready. The King is coming—Maranatha!

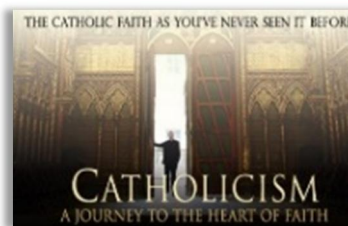


Explaining the Advent Wreath

A symbol of Christmas in churches and many homes, the Advent wreath's evergreen scent and flickering candlelight often brings our first anticipation of the Christmas season. Not only do we respond to the beauty of the wreath, but our spirits are also touched by the symbolism of each separate element. Drawn into a circle, symbolizing an eternal God without beginning or end, the evergreen echoes this message representing God's continuous presence, his ever new, "ever-green" care for his children. Placed on this circle of eternal love and care, are four candles, shining symbols of the Light of the World, Jesus, who we eagerly await. As each of three purple tapers are lit, we repent our sins, and prepare our hearts for the coming Messiah. Then the sole rose taper beams our joy and anticipation of Jesus' birth. We use the wreath to remind our eyes and hearts that Advent is a season of expectant preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior, celebrated as the white candle burns on Christmas Day.



CATHOLICISM A Journey To The Heart Of Faith



This formation program started September 2016 at St. Joseph's and ends this Wednesday Nov. 30, 2016 with Episode 10 on the subject of "The Last Things": death, judgment,

hell, and what the Catholic Church teaches about the "last things". Due to interest expressed by parishioners/other parishes, CATHOLICISM will be offered again in 2017. Please watch for details in this bulletin.

CAREGIVING NEED

Looking for a mature woman for part-time light caregiving for my 91-year-old mother. Contact Angie: (604) 616-0428.



FINAL STAGES OF PROJECT ADVANCE

The Advent Season is upon us. It is time to reflect on the blessings we have been given, a time to renew our faith, love, hope and joy.



We are accepting with gratitude donation for Project Advance during the Advent and Christmas seasons. All funds received will be returned to us and used for our future parish development. Donations received to the end of December will be tax deductible for the 2016 income tax year.

We sincerely thank the **155** households in our parish who, as good stewards have made a gift to this year Project Advance and we do hope that those of you who have not yet made up your mind to contribute. Your participation counts and all gifts matter!

To date pledges: \$51,450.00

Remember that funds received from now on will be returned to us and used for our future development Drop your pledge-envelope in the collection basket or give online: it's easy by visiting www.projectadvance.ca

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond us;

for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you bring in your Jesse Tree gifts, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

Next monthly meeting: Thursday, at 7pm in the upstairs room.

REMINDER: All Jesse tree gifts to be delivered by Wednesday, November 30th.

We will be sorting our Jesse Tree gifts for distribution before Christmas. You are cordially invited to join us.



COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE



During the month of November Alex Fantillo, along with our St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be collecting men's, women's and children's clean used winter

sweaters, coats blankets for the men's homeless shelter in Vancouver and the needy in our local area. If you would like to help with the drive any donations are appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the boxes provided on the back porch of the rectory (office entrance). Thank you!

PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents. Join us for Mass on Sat., Dec. 3, at 9am at St. Pat's Parish, Maple Ridge followed by the Rosary at Maple Ridge Hospital. rcav.org/pro-life-mass-and-prayer-vigil

DATES TO NOTE

- November 30. Due date for Jesse Tree gifts
- December 11, Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast
- December 16, St. Joseph's Penitential Service
- December 17, St. Joseph's - Evening of Christmas Song

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITH SONG

Join our St. Joseph's community for a great celebration of song. We have had a great tradition of coming together and celebrating Christmas together. Come out on Saturday December 17th at 7:00 pm to hear stories and song performed by various St. Joseph's music ministries! Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the portable.



Advent Penitential Services all begin at 7 pm

Tuesday	Dec. 6	St. Patrick's, Maple Ridge (6:30pm)
Friday	Dec. 9	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, New West.
Sunday	Dec. 11	Our Lady of Assumption, Pt. Coq.
Wed.	Dec. 14	St. Clare of Assisi, Coquitlam Our Lady of Lourdes, Coquitlam
Thursday	Dec. 15	St. Peter's, New Westminster
Friday	Dec. 16	St. Joseph's, Port Moody
Sunday	Dec 18	St. Michael's, Burnaby
Monday	Dec. 19	St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday	Dec. 20	St. Luke's Maple Ridge Holy Spirit, New Westminster
Wed.	Dec 21	All Saints, Coquitlam Our Lady of Mercy, Burnaby
Thursday	Dec. 23	Our Lady of Fatima, Coquitlam

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 5:30 pm & 12 Midnight.

Christmas Day: 10:00 am & 12 Noon.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st Saturday: Vigil Mass at 4pm

New Year's Day, Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 Noon



YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY: December 4, 2016

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our diocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities.