

## The Mass Intentions for This Week

Dec. 12	Monday	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 13	Tuesday	St. Lucy
Dec. 14	Wed.	St. Josh of The Cross
	9:00 am	RIP: Pat Davis
Dec. 15	Thursday	Weekday in Advent
Dec. 16	Friday	Weekday in Advent
Dec. 17	Saturday	Weekday in Advent
Dec. 18	Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Advent
	8:30 am	INT: The Sevi 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: 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.

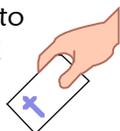


## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

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

## 2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

2017 envelope sets are ready to be pick up in the vestibule. If there is not a set there for you... it's easy to order one. Just fill in a request card, provided alongside the boxes and drop it in the collection basket and your boxed set will be ready for you 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 you can download one from the parish website: <http://stjpm.com/parish/donate/>

**Important! Do not use your 2017 set until the New Year. In the New Year discard all your 2016 envelopes!**

## The Position of Savior Is Filled

"John ...sent word by his disciples, Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Matt. 11:13)



In today's gospel we hear John the Baptist ask Jesus: "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" In other words, "Are you the Messiah or not?" Jesus' answer spoke of his ministry then underway: His deeds of mercy, His proclamation of the Good News of God, the inauguration of God's kingdom on earth. "Yes," our Lord was saying. "The position of Savior is filled." Christmas is about taking Christ at His word. We don't need anyone else to call Lord. Christ has come. Christ is God being with us Person to person, Face to face, Heart to heart. When we realize the difference Christ makes and has made throughout the centuries, we understand the deeper meaning of Christmas: God with us.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means to rejoice. We light the pink-coloured candle in the Advent wreath because its colour is a symbol of rejoicing or joy!

A life of discipleship and stewardship is itself infused with intense joy. We discover that a Christ-centred life, not a self-centred life, is both joyful and rewarding. Stewardship is to walk the road of joy. The joy radiates from giving, and thus, joy shared is joy multiplied. At the heart of stewardship is an attitude of gratitude. When gratitude to God is behind our giving then joy naturally accompanies each gift we give. Stewardship is joyful and grateful giving. It's more than giving to a need...its needing to give!



## 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 **163** 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: \$53,150.00**

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](http://www.projectadvance.ca)

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. During the past three weeks your abundant gift giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show those in need that we truly care and that they will share in the blessings of Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7:00pm



The Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council has released a prayer of thanksgiving for families to mark the 2016 **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**. The Aboriginal Council and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have promoted the annual National Day of Prayer since 2002. **It is celebrated on December 12, the memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom Pope Pius XII proclaimed patroness of the Americas in 1946.**

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

O Great Creator, we give praise and thanks to you for our lives and for our families. Your gift to us of human community is one of your greatest blessings.

We thank you for our Elders – our grandfathers and grandmothers -whose patience and wisdom guide our lives.

We thank you for our fathers and mothers, who by giving their love to each other bring us into the world, nurturing and leading us.

We thank you for our brothers and sisters, with whom we come to know what sharing and caring really means.

We thank you for young people, whose hope for a better world energizes and inspires us.

We thank you for the little ones – the children - whose innocence and promise bring gladness and joy.

O Creator, may our families always be that blessed and first community that we honour and cherish.

As you continue to make all things new, may we hear your invitation - in all creation - to receive and share all that is good and true with each other.

O God, we also face many challenges and crises in our lives and world. May our families continue to be the first and constant community that shows us how to live intimately and respectfully with all people, and all Creation.

May all Glory, Praise, Honour and Thanksgiving be shown to you, Father of all mercies and compassion, Jesus Saviour and Guardian of our souls, and Spirit of peace and communion.

**DATES TO NOTE**

- December 11, Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast
- December 16, 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Penitential Service
- December 17, 7:00 pm St. Joseph's - Evening of Christmas Songs

**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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to hear stories and song performed by various St. Joseph's music ministries!*

*Refreshments & fellowship will follow in the portable.*

**Advent Penitential Services all begin at 7 pm**

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
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>St. Joseph's, Port Moody</b>
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 31<sup>st</sup> Saturday:** Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm

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

