

The Mass Intentions for This Week

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| Dec. 19 | Monday | Weekday in Advent |
| | 9:00 am | RIP: Pat Davis |
| Dec. 20 | Tuesday | Weekday in Advent |
| | 7:00 pm | INT: Sister Mary Francis, OSC |
| Dec. 21 | Wed. | St. Peter Canisius |
| | 9:00 am | INT: Pam Banyard |
| Dec. 22 | Thursday | Weekday in Advent |
| | 9:00 am | RIP: Chang Kam Sue |
| Dec. 23 | Friday | St. John of Kanty |
| | 9:00 am | RIP: Fred Chai |
| Dec. 24 | Saturday | Weekday in Advent |
| Dec. 25 | Sunday | The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas |
| | 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, Brian Smith, Liam Week, Pam Banyard, 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

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| 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 |

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 4:00 pm

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



From nearby to next door

For many of us, making shocking discoveries can be traumatic. Undoubtedly; Joseph's discovery of Mary's "situation," her sudden and (initially) inexplicable pregnancy; was one of those discoveries. Yet, Joseph learned a lesson and we learn one, too, from Matthew 1:18-24. Joseph discovers that God is no longer distant. God will soon be close enough to



touch. Joseph also discovered that he, himself, was valuable and that he would have a role in making sure Emmanuel, "God with us," arrived safely into the world. Joseph's encounter with the angel assured him, and believers today as well, that God is now not just "nearby" in, say, the Temple or, for us, in a church, but rather, that God is literally right next door, as close as we might be to our neighbors. A God that close, a God who is right next door, then becomes the God who wishes to live in our lives and be to us as close as possible. That is one of the great promises of Christmas.

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.



➤ PARISH PARKING ALERT



Be careful about parking illegally around the church!

The office has been warned that the police will be called to ticket cars illegally parked regardless of the snow conditions!

COMPLIMENTARY 2016 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



Provided by Burquitlam Funeral Home & First Memorial Funeral Services.
 Please help yourselves to a couple per family.

Live gratefully, give generously.



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 165 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: \$53,400.00

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



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." 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.

In helping those who are poor and suffering we find the real, lasting and deep joy of Christmas.

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

ARCHBISHOP CARNEY REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL

- ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE -

Our Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. At our Open House we welcome students and their families interested in applying for September 2017 (Grades 8-12) and for those who would like to visit our school. Our school is located at 1335 Dominion Ave., Port Coquitlam, 604-942-7465.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

Join us as we celebrate life on Wednesday, December 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30 am and Mass is at 12:10 pm. Reception to follow in Holy Rosary Hall (donation of finger foods appreciated).

"May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end."

Advent Penitential Services all begin at 7 pm

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| 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 |

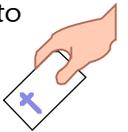


CHURCH CLEANING

If anyone would like to volunteer in prepping the church for Christmas, please meet in vestibule of the church on **Wednesday, December 22 after the 9am Mass.**

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.



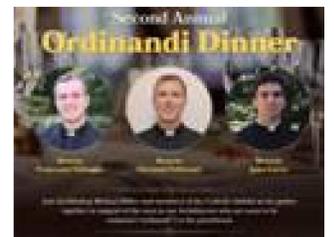
* Pre-Authorized Payment Plan participants have been issued envelopes for the special collections.

* **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!

SECOND ANNUAL ORDINANDI DINNER

Join Archbishop Miller and members of the Catholic faithful as we gather together in support of the men in our Archdiocese who are soon "to be ordained" ("ordinandi") to the priesthood. Meet your future priests:



Deacon Francesco Voltaggio, Deacon Giovanni Schiesari, and Deacon Juan Lucca. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Italian Cultural Centre, 3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5:30 pm., dinner begins promptly at 6 pm. Cost: \$50. You can also sponsor a priest or seminarian. To register or for more info on how to sponsor a priest or seminarian, visit vocationsvancouver.ca

