

## The Mass Intentions for This Week

Dec. 26	<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Stephen</b> 9:00 am RIP: Augustine Nootebos
Dec. 27	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. John</b> 7:00 pm INR: Poor Clare Sisters
Dec. 28	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Holy Innocents</b>
Dec. 29	<b>Thur.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity</b> 9:00 am RIP: Joseph Sands
Dec. 30	<b>Friday</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> 9:00 am INT: Thanksgiving, Gloria Lewis
Dec. 31	<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> day within the Octave of the Nativity</b> 9:00 am Thanksgiving, Chuck & Corinne
Jan. 1	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</b> 8:30 am RIP: Teo Mary 10:00 am INT: Our Parish 12 noon RIP: Gregory Kung

The complete Mass time schedule is listed on the front page.



God is now among us  
Now we no longer wait  
for you have come among us  
to share our human fate.  
Born in a dusty manger  
your only place on earth  
God's word and yet no stranger  
our life is in your birth.

H. Oosterhuis

## 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.



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us . . . Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives." Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

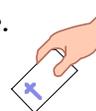
## COMPLIMENTARY 2016 CATHOLIC CALENDARS



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

## 2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES BOXES

Please pick up your 2017 box of church envelope. If you would like to request envelopes just fill in a request card, provided alongside the boxes and drop it in the collection basket and a 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 (it's easy) forms are available in the vestibule or from the parish website: [stjpm.com/parish/donate](http://stjpm.com/parish/donate)

**Important!**

**In the New Year discard all your 2016 envelopes!**

## 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

## ➤ 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!

## Merry Christmas

*May the love that came that Holy night,  
light all your days with hope and joy.*

The birth of **Jesus** signified the beginning of our salvation. **Christmas** reminds us to be thankful for his great love-gift that brings and sustains us in this hope and joy.

This is our prayer for you at Christmas and through the New Year.



St. Joseph's Living Word Prayer Group

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Times

### The Nativity of the Lord

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

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

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

### THANK YOU

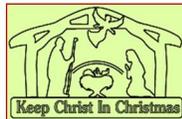
Dear St. Joseph's parishioners: Your generosity is overwhelming. The charitable work of this parish is made largely possible by your goodwill and generosity. The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul thank you for your contributions to our Jesse Tree project. We also thank you for your food and monetary donations throughout the year. God bless you all.

We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Thank You for keeping Christ in Christmas.



There will be free fresh breads available for pick up. Please come to the portable after the morning Mass on Wednesday, December 28 between 9:30 and 10 if you like to pick up some free breads.

## 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.

**Christmas is love tugging us back to God  
with the powerful clasp of a tiny hand  
reaching out from a bed of straw.**

## FINAL STAGES OF PROJECT ADVANCE

Live gratefully, give generously.



We sincerely thank the 170 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: \$55,725.00**

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)

## COUPLES CONNECT: A DEEPER BOND

Through teaching moments, demonstration, and practice, this 6-week workshop provides couples with a unique opportunity to practise skills learned and receive feedback from counsellors. Couples will learn how to manage and work through conflict, increase sexual intimacy, fondness and admiration, feel more connection with their partner, and build a long-lasting relationship of love. Couples will also receive a workbook containing handouts and reference tools to take home. Join us on Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1, 8, from 7-9 p.m., at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Cost: \$130 per couple. To register, visit [rcav.org/event/couples-connect-deeper-bond](http://rcav.org/event/couples-connect-deeper-bond)

## 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](http://vocationsvancouver.ca)

