

The Mass Intentions for This Week

Dec. 5	Monday	Weekday in Advent
	9:00 am	INT: Marg De Gobbi
Dec. 6	Tuesday	Weekday in Advent
Dec. 7	Wed.	St. Ambrose
	9:00 am	RIP: Deceased Sevi Family Members
Dec. 8	Thursday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec. 9	Friday	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Dec. 10	Saturday	Weekday in Advent
Dec. 11	Sunday	The Third 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.



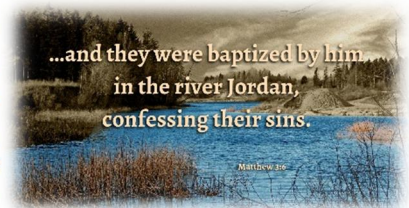
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH GROUPS

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

Fashion statement

Walk through any mall today and you're bound to get a few shocks: fluorescent hair, vampire wannabes, jeans worn half-mast. Eye popping styles create a portable cone of notoriety drawing attention to the brave youths who wear them. And the shock value works. Whether we admire or detest the styles, we find ourselves wondering just who those people are, or who they want us to think they are.

John the Baptist might have fit right in, draped in his distinctive camel skin tatters. An ascetic desert life, with minimal food and clothing, gave John a jarring impact before he spoke a word. But unlike today's trend-hounds, John's fashion statement said 'my mind is not focused on this world. God has given me a greater vision'. People shocked by John's clothes were also drawn by his spirit, his devotion to God. The sight of John in this week's gospel gives us pause to ask...what am I wearing today, inside and out? Am I dressed with God's love and message of salvation?

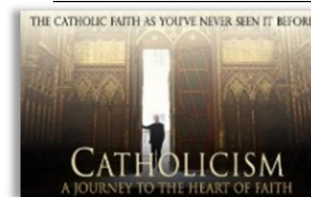


Prepare!

A precious guest is coming—now is the time to prepare! It is a season for cleaning, houses and hearts, readying ourselves for the coming Messiah. Blow away the dust of apathy, scrub off the grime of selfish pursuits, shine the bright light of God's Spirit in every corner, purging the sin and stain away. Make the chambers a welcoming place of warmth and hope, charity and love, forgiveness and unity. Prepare for your King—He is coming soon. Maranatha!



CATHOLICISM A Journey To The Heart Of Faith



Bishop Robert Barron's CATHOLICISM, an Adult Formation Program, did not disappoint! It explained not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displayed in

breathtaking, visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. The consensus from all those who attended the program September-November, 2016, was that this program should be REQUIRED for all in our parish. That shows the heightened level of awareness and a greater sense and desire to share the depth and richness of our Catholic faith from those who experienced this program. Many thanks to all participants who attended this first offering of CATHOLICISM in our parish, our dedicated facilitators who gave generously of their time and talent, staff and volunteers without whose help we could not have done what was accomplished, but most of all our Pastor, Father Thomas, for introducing this program to our parish.



**HO HO HO Ho...
IT'S THAT TIME ONCE AGAIN!**

Bring along the whole family
and enjoy a yummy

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

with the Knights & Fellow Parishioners

Sunday, December 11th

after 8:30 am & 10:00 am Masses

See you at St. Joseph's Ye Merry Old Portable



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 **160** 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: \$52,550.00

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, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what advent is all about; for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. By your generosity together we are helping the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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

Jesse Tree Reminder: All food items for the Christmas Hampers are to be returned no later than Sunday, December 14th. Please place your items in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.



COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE ACCOMPLISHED!



The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel provides shelter for transient or destitute men, modeling the caring and compassionate spirit of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Coat and Blanket Drive. The Catholic Charities Men's Hostel expressed their appreciation for the much needed winter clothing. A third of the items were graciously accepted at the Crossroads Hospice thrift store in Coquitlam. Please note: We are no longer accepting donations at the church. **A special thank you to Alex** for organizing and delivering the all the clothing and blankets.

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 17th 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

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

