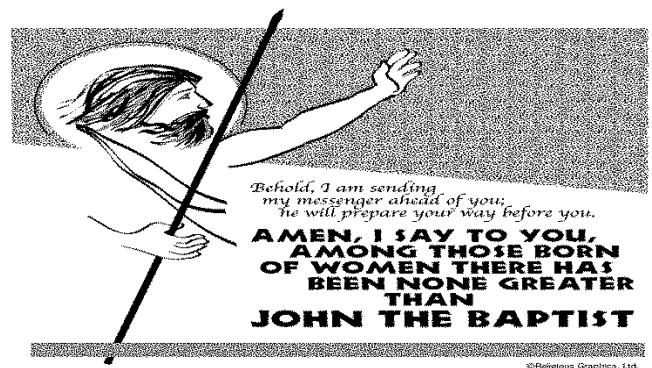


Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Lord, come and save us!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Albert Styk, Chanelle Lim Yan, Rosa Alexander, Lois Charlebois, Catherine Salgado, Maria Pascua, Joe Schiffers, Gina Debulgada, Arnold Castro, Encarnacion Moreno, Manolo Asuncion, Nestor Hipolito, William Zanon, Joe Fauht, Kay McDonald, Rosemary McNeill, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Gelina Cacal, Betty St. Pierre, Anna Aere, Eidrienne Montemayor, Veronica Sperling, Eugenia Taggar, Ben Reyes, Alexander Dobrzanski, Marguerite Andrews, Norma, Dawn Moscrop, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Deborah Coleman, Rod Rolston, Raquel Satparam, Jorge Amoranto, Lenore Burlack, Mary Hollman, Ruel Capili.

2017 CALENDARS

2017 Religious Calendars available in the Gathering Area. Cost is by donation and all proceeds go to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to Rose Meyer of Bakerview Funeral Services for supplying the calendars!

YOUTH MINISTRY

STUDY SESSIONS – All high school students are encouraged to join us! Learn how to use your weapons of faith to fight the battle against evil on Monday evenings at 7-9pm in the Gathering Area of the church. To register, please visit bit.ly/YouthMinRegistration. For more info email stbernadetteyouthmin@gmail.com.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There is still time to donate for the Christmas hampers that we will prepare for those in need this Christmas season. If you wish to donate, grocery store gift cards are welcome items, in addition to non-perishable food. This allows the families that we support to purchase fresh items such as milk, eggs, meat, and other necessities such as diapers.

BINGO



Tuesday, December 20 is Ugly Sweater Bingo. Wear your 'best' sweater for a chance to win a gift basket. Bingo will be closed on Dec. 27th and will reopen on Jan. 3rd.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **PROJECT ADVANCE 2016:** Thank you to all who have contributed to Project Advance! As of November, we have received pledges totaling **\$124,515.59 from 349 parishioners**. To donate, please go to www.projectadvance.ca, or drop your pledge form in the collection basket. Thank you!
- **MISSALS:** Our Religious Articles stall has the new St. Joseph's Missals available. Cost is \$3 each.
- **2017 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES:** Weekly donation envelopes for **2017** are available in the Gathering Area. **Please check your address**, and update the Parish Office with any changes. If there isn't a box for you, and you would like to use these envelopes, please **print** your name on the Request Sheet and a box will be available for pick up the following week. **NEW PARISHIONERS**, please complete a registration card.
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:** The next Baptism Prep Class will be **Thursday, December 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area. To register please call Parish Office at 604.596.0566.
- **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas celebrations. If you are available to help, please come to the Church on Thursday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24th to January 2nd. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017. ***** Donations to St. Bernadette Parish that you would like to appear on your 2016 tax receipt must be received at the parish office by December 22nd, or in the Christmas Day collection.**

PREP NEWS

The last PREP class for 2016 is Wed., Dec. 14. PREP parents please join us in the parish hall at 7:35pm for some singing, a visit from St. Nic and closing prayers. A special thank you to our wonderful and dedicated catechists and youth volunteers for the time they give to teach and support our students and families each week! PREP classes will resume on January 11.

SCHOOL NEWS

30TH ANNIVERSARY – We are still in the planning stages and value your input for a most successful event; a Taste of the Nations Community Dinner to celebrate our school's 30th Anniversary. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings which will continue in January. The dinner will be held in February 2017, so we will be hard at work in the New Year. Please email the school at fundraising@stbernadette.ca for more information.

Lights of Hope Fundraiser - Thank you to everyone for their support of our Lights of Hope fundraiser. Although final numbers are not in yet, the charitable donations we received from the parish were outstanding! Thank you to the CWL for their involvement in providing hot chocolate and cookies to all those who attended.

BASKETBALL CAMP

Holy Cross High School Christmas Basketball Shooting Camp is for boys and girls in Gr. 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross High School. The camp will be on Mon. Dec. 19th – Wed. Dec. 21st from 9am to 12pm at St. Matthew's Elementary Gym in Surrey. Please email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur at hcboysbasketball@gmail.com to confirm a spot in the camp. Space is limited and will be first come first served. Download and fill out a registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or at www.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and the form on the first day of the camp. Cost is \$75.00 and includes daily prizes.

WORKSHOP ON DIALOGUE

Are you afraid to dialogue with others about your faith? Then this workshop is for you! Many of us do not feel comfortable initiating or entering into dialogue due to a lack of confidence in our own faith. This workshop will generate confidence and courage to do so. Explore ways to engage in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue through culture of encounter and the art of listening. Join us for a free workshop on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Delta, from 10am-12pm. To register or for more info, contact Marjeta Bobnar at ecumenism@rcav.org or 604-683-0281.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – Saturday, December 24

- CHILDREN'S MASS AT 6:30 P.M.
(Beginning with carol singing at 6:15 p.m.)
- MASS AT 9:00 P.M.
(Beginning with carol singing at 8:30 p.m.)
- MIDNIGHT MASS
(Beginning with carol singing at 11:30 p.m.)

CHRISTMAS DAY – Sunday, December 25

Mass at 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Mass at 5:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE – Saturday, December 31

Anticipated Mass at 5:00 p.m.

NEW YEARS DAY – Sunday, January 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Mass at 5:30 p.m.

SIMBANG GABI

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Vancouver is once again happy to host the novena Masses leading up to Christmas, in accord with the Filipino tradition. Everyone is welcome! All Masses begin at **7:30 p.m.** Inaugural Mass in English will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Miller, CSB, with readings and songs in Filipino, on Dec. 15 at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Mass schedule in Filipino: Dec. 16 at St. Paul Parish, Richmond; Dec. 17 at St. Luke Parish, Maple Ridge; Dec. 18 at Sacred Heart Parish, Ladner; Dec. 19 at St. Jude Parish, Vancouver; Dec. 20 at Our Lady of Hungary Parish, Vancouver; Dec. 21 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Vancouver; Dec. 22 at St. Monica Parish, Richmond; **Dec. 23 at St. Bernadette Parish, Surrey.**

ST. BERNADETTE GROTTO

We would like to extend an invitation to our parishioners, who have General Contracting experience, to quote on assisting our parish with the new grotto that is being planned in the courtyard. If you are interested, please contact Fel at 778.883.9448 for more information and details on the project.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tuesday	December 13	Precious Blood Parish	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 14	St. Matthew's Church	7:00 p.m.
Monday	December 19	Our Lady of Good Counsel	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 20	Immaculate Conception Parish	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 21	Star of the Sea	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 22	St. Bernadette Parish	7:00 p.m.