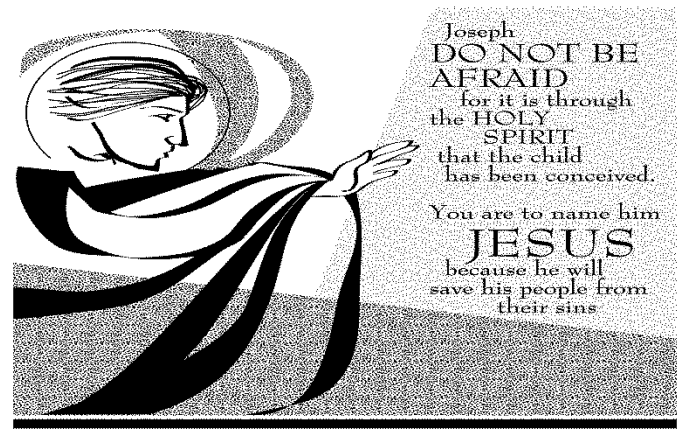


Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

Come and rescue us, Lord, with
your mighty power.



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicente Bautista, 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

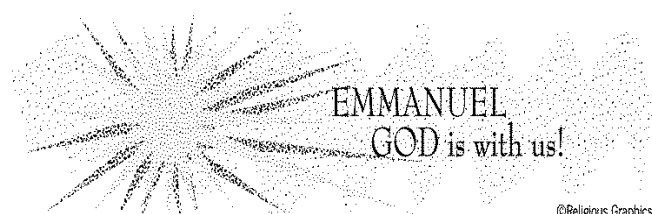
Merry Christmas to all parishioners from the Staff & Students of St. Bernadette School!

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Cross students from our parish will be selling chocolate bars after all masses this weekend. Proceeds will go towards the Holy Cross band trip. All band students are encouraged to help with sales after mass. Thank you for supporting our music students!

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.



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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:** Please pick up your weekly donation envelopes for **2017** which 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.

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

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, 2017.

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.

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.

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!

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. 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.**

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

The Knights of Columbus 9534 will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Chipping and Bottle Drive at St. Matthew's Parish parking lot (16079 – 88 Avenue, Surrey) on Sat., January 7 and Sun., January 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Cost is by donation and will benefit local charities.

ALPHA'S PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE

No role we undertake is more important than parenting. Enjoy dinner and a first-class parenting video-and-discussion program to help build our parenting skills. Join us for 10 sessions, starting Wed., Jan. 11, at Precious Blood Parish, Surrey. The course is for any parents, step-parents, prospective parents or caregivers of children aged 0 – 10 years. Each session will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end promptly at 7:45 p.m. Only one-time \$20 fee for individuals or couples required (includes course manual and child-minding). For more details, visit rcav.org/event/alphas-parenting-course.

DECREE FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER

A DECREE for the closing of Holy Cross Church, Surrey, in Star of the Sea Parish. Having received the recommendation of the Pastor of Star of the Sea Parish and having consulted the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Vancouver on August 23, 2016, I, J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, hereby decree that Holy Cross Church located in Surrey, BC, is to be canonically closed and no longer used for divine worship effective January 16, 2017, in accordance with canon 1222, §2. The entire decree can be read at rcav.org/Decree-Holy-Cross-Church.

NOW HIRING

The Archdiocese of Vancouver is looking for candidates with a background in administrative support and familiarity with project management tools and principles, to support the Ministries and Outreach offices. If you have a minimum of two years' experience in an office environment, experience working with project management tools, and a love for ministry, we want to meet you! If you enjoy working in a fast-paced environment surrounded by a team of professionals who share your love for Jesus Christ and His Church, please send your cover letter and resume to humanresources@rcav.org with "Ministries & Outreach position" in the subject line.

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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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.