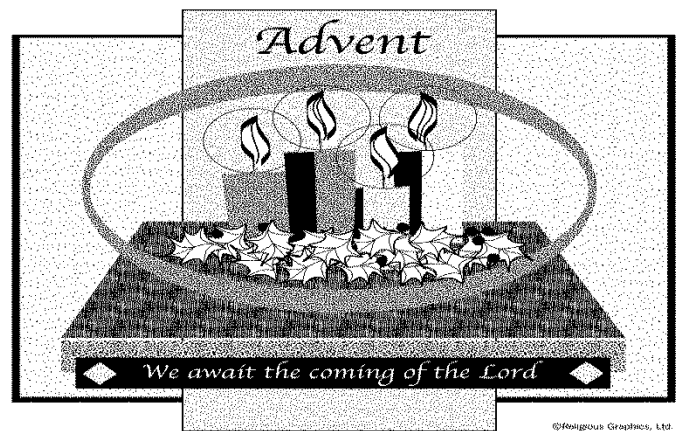


First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Marana tha! Come Lord Jesus!



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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Albert Styk, Channele 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, Erna Bagonghasa, 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.

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!

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. This 6-session course on Monday evenings begins on November 28th at 7-9pm in the Gathering Area of the church. To register, please visit bit.ly/YouthMinRegistration. For more info email stbernadetteyouthmin@gmail.com.
YOUTH MASS - Our next Youth Mass is on Sunday, December 4 at 11:30 a.m. We are looking for singers, musicians, readers, ushers, and gift bearers. If you would like to help out at the Mass, email us at stbernadetteyouthmin@gmail.com. We will practice December 3 at 6:00 in the church Gathering Area.



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **PROJECT ADVANCE 2016:** Thank you to all who have contributed to Project Advance! As of October, we have received pledges totaling **\$120,180.59 from 329 parishioners**. To donate, please go to www.projectadvance.ca, or drop your pledge form in the collection basket. Thank you!
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for our parish Building Fund.
- **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** First Friday, December 2 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction at 6:45 p.m. followed by Mass. Please include your name on the signup sheet.
- **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 now available in the Gathering Area. **Please check your address**, and update the Parish Office with any changes. If there isn't a box with your name, and you would like to use these envelopes, please **print** your name on the Request Sheet and a box will be prepared for you to pick up the following week. **NEW PARISHIONERS**, please complete a registration card.
- **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS:** *Sunday, December 4th* come to the Parish Centre for pancake breakfast, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, and have your picture taken with St. Nicholas.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR PARISH SENIORS:** Seniors in our Parish (60+ years) are invited to the Seniors Christmas Dinner in the hall on Sunday, December 11. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., dinner is at 3:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. This event is sponsored and provided by the members of St. Bernadette Parish Catholic Women's League.
- **GOLDEN BEES:** Please note that there will be no potluck lunch this month for our Golden Bees.



SCHOOL NEWS

PURDY'S CHOCOLATES - Brochures are in the Gathering Area with instructions to shop online at purdysgpp.com using group customer code # 22380, or by using the order form provided in the brochure. St. Bernadette School receives 25% of the profit back to the school and it's a great way to complete your Christmas shopping. Deadline for placing orders is Thurs., Dec. 2; pick-up date is Wed. Dec. 7, 2:15-3:30pm at the school office. Thank you support!

LIGHTS OF HOPE CELEBRATION - The Lights of Hope Fundraiser combines our spiritual needs with the needs of our school and parish. It unites us together and fosters prayer. You can participate by purchasing light bulbs (\$5 each) that will light up the "Lights of Hope Trees" in the courtyard. For each bulb purchased you receive a paper ornament on which you can dedicate your bulb to a particular intention. Those intentions will be offered up at our Lights of Hope celebration on Dec. 8th before our Christmas Concert, when we light up the trees with the bulbs you purchased, as a symbol of the hope we are bringing into the world and our community through your intentions. Students will be selling the bulbs after all weekend masses until December 4th.



30TH ANNIVERSARY – Our next planning meeting will be on Mon., Dec. 5th 7:00 p.m. in the school library. We are still in the early planning stages and we need your valuable input to make it a great success. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be discussing our Taste of the Nations Community Dinner to celebrate our school's 30th Anniversary. The dinner will be held in February 2017. Please email the school at fundraising@stbernadette.ca for more information.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas hamper requests will be accepted until December 2nd and will be delivered on Wednesday, December 14th. If you know of someone in need this Christmas, please call 604.785.4334. 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.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4TH

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office (OYYAM) in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Youth ministry in our diocese continues to grow, as evidenced by the number of parishes with youth ministry programming, and the number of participants at diocesan events and training opportunities. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

This past week was Restorative Justice Week with the theme "Imagine Justice – Inspiring new ways of thinking about justice". Restorative Justice (RJ) understands crime from the perspective of the harm caused to people and relationships. It seeks to address the deepest needs of the victim, the offender, and the community. The prison ministry of the Archdiocese, Catholic Charities Justice Services (CCJS), focuses on RJ activities by visiting those in prison, attending to those returning to the community, offering support to victims and families, and extending to the wider Catholic family education in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and Restorative Justice. To learn more please contact Maureen Donegan at 604-791-1864 or Angela Veters at aoveters@gmail.com. rcav.org/restorative-justice-week/

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.