

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Behold the Lord will come  
to save the nations!



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Crystal Schuster, Anna Aere, Roger Pasag, Leo Dy, Virginia Guzman Pedroza, Sheila Pomeroy, Ruth Mohr, Catherine Salgado, JudyLyn Marquez, Joseph Matthew, Bernard Espiritu III, Grace Tan, Ben Armonio, Elisa Castro, Christopher Jozi, Patricia Savcor, Robert Kreeft, Vicente Bautista, Chanelle Lim Yan, Lois Charlebois, Nestor Hipolito, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Eidrienne Montemayor, Dawn Moscrop, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Lenore Burlack, Mary Hollman.



Thank you to those who have already contributed. For those who have not yet shared a gift this year, please consider supporting Project Advance 2017. Your gift allows our parish to meet its special needs and allows us to continue supporting one another and give thanks to the good Lord for the many blessings of faith, family, and treasure that we have been given.

**As of November 30, our pledges total \$101,187.00 from 291 parishioners.**

Donations can be made online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca), or brought to the parish office, or you may mail your donation using the brochure or pledge form. Donations can be made by cash, cheque or credit card; and can be made in one lump sum, or divided into convenient monthly payments. Your participation counts, and *all gifts matter!* **Thank you for your continued support!**

## Many Nations, One Church, One Family

Parish Gala on Saturday, February 10, 2018  
Semi Formal Dinner & Dance

Raffle tickets now available after all weekend masses, or from the parish office.

**Early bird draw this Thursday, Dec. 14  
at the Lights of Hope Celebration!  
Get your tickets to get in the draw.**


*Door prizes, gift baskets, silent auction & more!*



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **MISSALS:** Our Religious Articles stall has the new St. Joseph's Missals available. Cost is \$3 each.
- **SENIORS LUNCH:** All parishioners 55+ are invited to the Golden Bees Senior's potluck luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 14 at noon in Room A. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, and stay for a game of cards! New friends always welcome!
- **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas celebrations. If you are available to help, please come to the Church on Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 a.m.
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. To register please call the Parish Office at 604.596.0566.

## BINGO – CALLERS STILL NEEDED!!

We are still in need of three more callers. Callers are on the stage, use the bingo machine, and call the numbers.  Training will be in January. Please contact Bingo at 604.591.7440 or 604.596.1833 if you are able to help.

## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

**Invitation to Our Lights of Hope and Christmas Concert** - St. Bernadette's School invites everyone to our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 14. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lighting Ceremony and blessing of intentions for our Lights of Hope campaign. Followed by Christmas carols and hymns in the Church lead by our Music director, Mr. Cos Natola and performed by our students.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tues., Dec. 12	Precious Blood Parish	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 14	St. Matthew's Church	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 19	Immaculate Conception	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 20	Our Lady of Good Counsel	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 21	Good Shepherd Church	7:00 p.m.

## PREP NEWS

The last PREP class for 2017 is Wed., Dec. 13. Classes run from 6:30-7:30pm on this night. **Please arrive by 7:30 to pick up your child/ren.** 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 10.

## HOLY CROSS ALUMNI

The Holy Cross Alumni Association is up and running! Register on our website to gain access to our newsletter, keeping you updated on upcoming school and alumni events. Our first Alumni event will take place at the BC Catholics on Fri., January 18<sup>th</sup> and Sat., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## HOLY CROSS BASKETBALL SHOOTING CAMP

Boys and Girls in grades 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross High School are invited on Jan. 3-5 9am-12pm to St. Matthew's Elementary Gymnasium, Surrey for this camp. Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur at [hcboysbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:hcboysbasketball@gmail.com) to confirm a spot in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. Download and fill out a registration form at [www.holycross.bc.ca](http://www.holycross.bc.ca) or [www.hcboysbasketball.com](http://www.hcboysbasketball.com) and bring a cheque and form on the first day of the camp. Cost is \$85.00 includes daily prizes and gatorade.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR

"Breath of Heaven" Christmas Concert by Stella Maris Concert Choir will be held at Good Shepherd Church, (2250 150 St., Surrey) on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets: Adults \$10; Seniors/Students \$8; Family \$25 (2 adults with one or more children).

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI

Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray for family members who have passed away this month. Mass will be on Sunday, December 17, at both 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. in our Evangelist Chapel, at Gardens of Gethsemani, Surrey. For more info, please contact Terry Whiteley at [twhiteley@rccav.org](mailto:twhiteley@rccav.org).

One mightier than I is coming after me.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

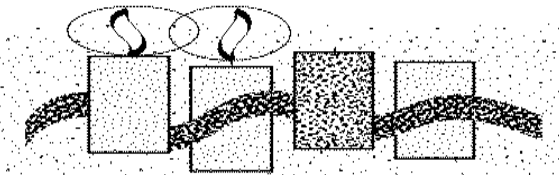
The CWL will be serving cookies and hot chocolate at the St. Bernadette School Lights of Hope Ceremony on Thursday, December 14. Everyone is invited to the Ceremony, followed by carols and hymns in the Church.

## SIMBANG GABI

The Filipino Community of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will 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. The full Mass schedule can be viewed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. St. Bernadette Parish will host a mass on Saturday, December 23.

## NEW YEAR'S DINNER & DANCE

Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta welcomes everyone to a New Year's Dinner and Dance featuring buffet dinner, DJ, 50/50, cash bar and prizes. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call Godfrey at 604.592.9830, or call Greg at 778.551.1627, or contact the parish office at 604.591.2271.



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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE – Sunday, December 24

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule  
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

- 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 – Monday, December 25

Mass at 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE – Sunday, December 31

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule  
8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am  
Additional 5:00 pm Mass

### NEW YEARS DAY – Sunday, January 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

### ST. ALPHONSA SYRO MALABAR PARISH

Christmas Eve – Mass at 3:30pm  
Christmas Day – Mass at 8:00am  
New Year's Eve – Mass at 7:00pm  
New Year's Day – Mass at 8:00am