

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

Rejoice the Lord is near!



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 December 15, our pledges total \$106,602.00 from 307 parishioners.

Donations can be made online at www.projectadvance.ca, or brought to the parish office before Dec.27, or by mail. 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 are available after all weekend masses, or from the parish office.

Thank you to all of our generous donors for providing the cash prizes!

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.
- **CALENDARS:** 2018 Religious calendars are available in the Gathering Area. Cost is by donation and all proceeds go to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Change to date!! Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas celebrations. If you are available to help, please come to the Church on Tuesday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 p.m. To register please call 604.596.0566.

BINGO – CALLERS STILL NEEDED!!

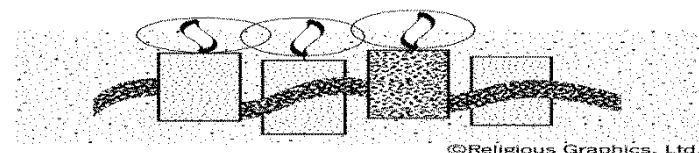
We are still in need of **three callers**. Callers use the bingo machine, and call the numbers. Training will be in January. Please contact Bingo at 604.591.7440 or 604.596.1833.

PREP NEWS

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.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raphael Alcoreza. Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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| 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. |

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

Lights of Hope and Christmas Concert- St. Bernadette's School would like to thank everyone who participated in our Lights of Hope campaign. The lights in the courtyard will be lit every night until the Epiphany. We hope you enjoy the festive nature of the lights and remember that the lights represent the thousands of intentions that are in the hearts of those who purchased a bulb. We would also like to thank everyone who came out to our Lights of Hope ceremony and Christmas Concert. A very special thank you to the CWL and Mr. Pierre Roy who helped make the evening special.

HOLY CROSS CHOCOLATE SALES

Holy Cross Band students will be selling chocolates after all masses this weekend. Proceeds will go towards funding the travel costs for band students. Chocolates are \$2 each.

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 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 or 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

The Knights of Columbus at St. Matthew's Parish are having their Annual Christmas Tree Chipping event at Holy Cross High School on Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th, 10am to 4pm. Payment by donation.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

Join us for Ladies Night on Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Parish Centre. Bring a friend and enjoy informative presentations from London Drugs cosmetics and pharmacy representatives. Light refreshments will be served.

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. 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 with a potluck fellowship in the Parish Centre to follow; please bring a dish to share. A Lector fluent in Tagalog is required; please contact Myrna at 604-591-2430.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS ON TV

For our parishioners, families, and friends who are unable to get out to attend mass due to illness or injury, Vision TV offers Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm, and on Christmas Day at 5:00 am and 12:00 pm. Mass is also available on Salt + Light at 8:00 pm. You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com.

PRISON MINISTRY

Please pray for imprisoned offenders, released inmates, their families and victims of crime this Christmas season. If you would like to know more about Prison Ministry, please call Joe or Lynne at 604.588.7031.

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 – Monday, January 1

Mass at 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