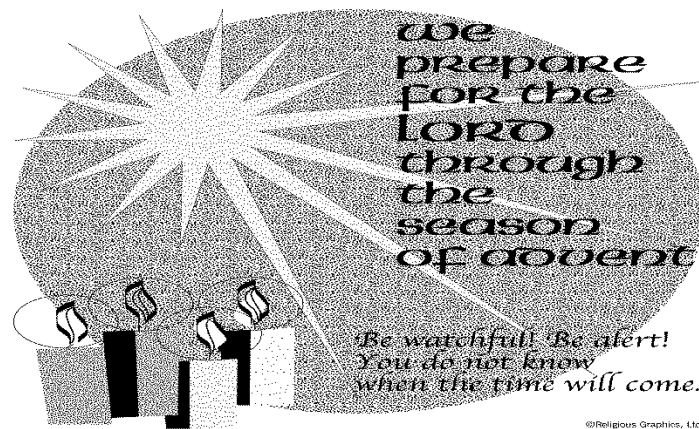


First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

I lift up my soul, to you,
O my God



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

Lights of Hope - Our 3rd Annual Lights of Hope Fundraiser combines our spiritual needs with the needs of our school and parish. It unites us together and fosters prayer. Students will be selling light bulbs in the form of a prayer card, 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. 14 before our Christmas Concert. There, we will 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 masses until next weekend.

Invitation to Our Lights of Hope and Christmas Concert - St. Bernadette's School would like to invite you to our annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 14. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with our lighting ceremony and blessing of intentions for our Lights of Hope campaign, followed by Christmas carols and hymns lead by our Music director, Mr. Cos Natola and performed by our students in the church.

Kindergarten Registration - Currently we have approximately 8 spots available in Kindergarten for next year. We are now accepting Kindergarten applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications are located in the Gathering Area. Please take the yellow form for 2018-2019 or the green form if you are applying for your child to transfer to our school for this school year. If you would like more information, please contact the school office at 604.596.1101.

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at Star of the Sea Community Hall (1153 Fir St., White Rock). Parents and students are cordially invited to the 1st Annual St. John Paul II Academy Open House! Get an exciting glimpse into what the future of this new Catholic high school will look and feel like, and meet with the Principal, and parents and students who have already committed to be part of the SJP II Academy community. The Open House will take place at what will be our temporary location until the high school is ready for us to move into. We welcome all families interested in our wonderful project to attend. For more info contact Michel DesLauriers at mdeslauriers@cisva.bc.ca or visit our website at www.sjp2academy.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

Our Christmas Social will be on Thursday, December 7 in the Parish Centre. We will begin with a brief meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room A. This will offer members the opportunity to attend the Advent Penitential Service at 7:00 p.m.

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 18th and Sat., Jan. 19th.

HOLY CROSS BASKETBALL SHOOTING CAMP

Boys and Girls in Gr. 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

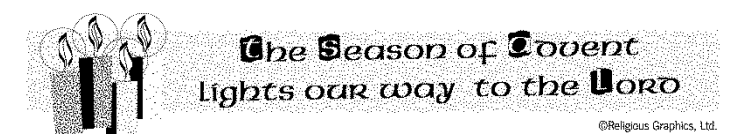
Immaculate Conception Parish in Delta welcomes everyone to a New Year's Dinner and Dance featuring buffet dinner, DJ, 50/50, cash bar and prizes. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call Godfrey 604.592.9830, or Greg 778.551.1627 or the parish office 604.591.2271.

ARCHDIOCESAN HOLY HOUR

Join Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians, in a monthly Holy Hour of prayer, focused on asking the "Lord of the Harvest to send forth labourers into the harvest." Visit rcav.org/event-archdiocese-holyhour for the full calendar. If you wish to consider becoming a supporter of the St. John Vianney Fund for Priestly Formation, brochures are available in the Gathering Area and at the parish office.

PARENTING MINISTRY: MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on the problem of the escalating level of anxiety in our children and paves the way for natural interventions to get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, the material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety. St. Ann's Family Group invites parents and caregivers to this course at St. Ann's Church in Abbotsford on Thursdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1 from 7 - 9 p.m. Cost is \$30/person. Register to reserve your spot. For more details, e-mail stannsfamilygroup@gmail.com or visit www.rcav.org/event/making-sense-of-anxiety.



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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.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection this weekend for youth ministry, assisting the Archdiocese in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Our parish has an active youth ministry and will receive a rebate from this collection. Thank you for your generous support.
- **MISSALS:** Our Religious Articles stall has the new St. Joseph's Missals available. Cost is \$3 each.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR PARISH SENIORS:** Seniors 60+ in our Parish are invited to the Seniors Christmas Dinner in the hall on Sunday, Dec. 10. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., dinner at 3:00 p.m. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Sponsored by our St. Bernadette Parish CWL.
- **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS:** *Sunday, December 3rd* every is welcome to the Parish Centre for pancake breakfast, prepared by the K of C and have your picture taken with St. Nicholas. The Youth Ministry will have a gingerbread house workshop for the children.
- **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!

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. A commitment to train in December is desperately needed! Please contact Bingo at 604.591.7440 or 604.596.1833 if you are able to help.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thurs., Dec. 7	St. Bernadette Parish	7:00 p.m.
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.



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, 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.

We are still seeking donations of cash
to be used as prizes for the raffle.

Door prizes, gift baskets, silent auction & more!