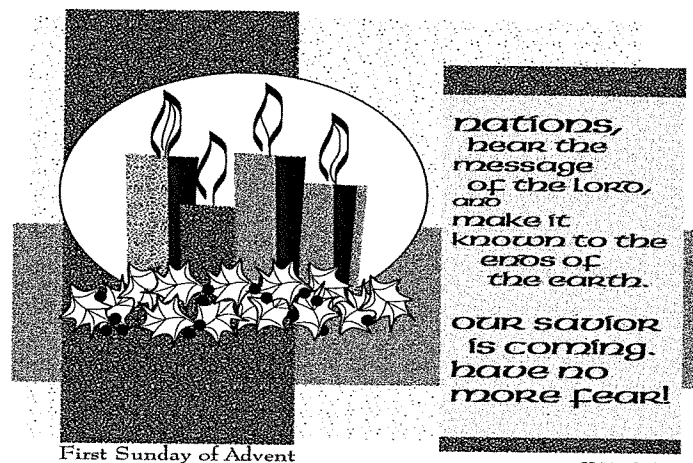


# The First Sunday of the Season of Advent

## December 2, 2018

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul!



First Sunday of Advent

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK



Donna Whitford, Sunny Castro, Felix Caoile, Barry Prime, Crystal Oteyza, Arnold Castro, Lois Wong, Liberato Moreno, Encarnacion Moreno, Maribeth Tamayo, Lindsay Williams, Carmine Cello, Crystal Schuster, Anna Aere, Leo Dy, Virginia Guzman Pedroza, Sheila Pomeroy, Ruth Mohr, Catherine Salgado, JudyLyn Marquez, Joseph Matthew, Grace Tan, Christopher Jozi, Patricia Savcor, Vicente Bautista, Chanelle Lim Yan, Lois Charlebois, Connie Hatherton, Francesca Nichele, Eidrienne Montemayor, Dawn Moscrop, Loreta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Mary Hollman.

### RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Furtado.

### ADVENT MESSAGE

*During Advent, we are preparing our hearts and our lives for Jesus. How do we do it? Individuals, families, and groups have all sorts of preparations. Some may directly point to Jesus, and others may not seem to at first glance. Therefore, Advent is a good time to help us see how so many of our preparations point directly to the coming of the Messiah: the ultimate purpose of Christmas. We don't have to start from scratch. Jesus calls to us from where we are right now. Pray and stay awake. Experience God's loving presence in our lives. Advent begins. The light is shining. Jesus is our light.*

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thurs., Dec. 13	St. Matthew's Parish	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 13	Our Lady of Good Counsel	7:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 14	Precious Blood Parish	7:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 18	Immaculate Conception	7:00 p.m.
<b>Wed., Dec. 19</b>	<b>St. Bernadette Parish</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Thurs., Dec. 20	Good Shepherd Parish	7:00 p.m.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Dec. 6 General meeting in Room A, followed by our Christmas Social with the CWL.

### PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

- **PROJECT ADVANCE:** Donations processed by December 31, 2018 will appear on 2018 tax receipts. Donations can be made online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca), brought to the parish office, or mailed using the brochure or pledge form. Donations accepted by cash, cheque or credit card; in one lump sum, or divided into monthly payments. Your participation counts, and *all gifts matter!* Thank you for your continued support!
- **YOUTH MINISTRY SUNDAY:** This weekend's special collection will assist the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. Parishes with active youth ministry programs will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting our youth.
- **MISSALS:** Our Religious Articles stall has a few St. Joseph's Missals still available. Cost is \$3 each.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR PARISH SENIORS:** Seniors in our Parish (60+ years) are invited to the Seniors Christmas Dinner in the hall on Sunday, December 9. Doors open at 2:00 p.m., dinner is at 3:00 p.m. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Sponsored by our St. Bernadette Parish Catholic Women's League.
- **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS:** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> come to the Parish Centre for pancake breakfast, prepared by the Knights of Columbus and have your picture taken with St. Nicholas. The Youth Ministry will be helping with the photos and will have a gingerbread house workshop for the children. Everyone is welcome!



### PREP NEWS

The last PREP class for 2018 is Wed., Dec. 12. 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 9. There will be a meeting for all Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors at 6:45pm in the parish hall on January 9.

### 2019 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES

Weekly envelopes for **2019** are now available in the Gathering Area. **Please check your address**, and contact the Parish Office with any changes. If your box is missing, or you would like to begin using weekly envelopes, please **print** your information on the Envelope Request Sheet and a box will be ready for you the following week. **NEW PARISHIONERS** please complete a registration card.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Bernadette Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our sincere appreciation to Fr. Paul, parishioners, the staff and students of St. Bernadette School, the Youth Ministry, and PREP families for your wonderful generosity and support of World Day of the Poor. Thanks to all of you our cupboard is overflowing and we are looking forward to sharing this abundance with the less fortunate in our community in the coming weeks before Christmas. Thank you all! Also, if you know of anyone in the parish who is in need, please leave us a message, before Dec. 5 at 604.785.4334.

### ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

**2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS** - Admissions for the 2019-2020 school year are now open. We are advertising this to parishioners first so that you can have priority. Forms are available online, at the school and in the Church gathering area. Currently we 23 spaces available for Kindergarten and 3 spaces in Grade 3 for next year. Please get your application forms in early to guarantee a spot for your child.

**LIGHTS OF HOPE** - We are proud to announce our 4th annual Lights of Hope starting this upcoming week. Once again we will be selling bulbs for \$5. Each bulb is represented by your intention. All bulbs will be lit up at our annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 13th and every year after. This event has brought in thousands of intentions and has created a beautiful light display in our court yard. We hope every parishioner will once again support this prayerful and holy event. Bulbs will be available after weekend masses in the Gathering Area.

### BINGO NEWS

We are seeking additional volunteers again. Two of our callers have stepped down, and our setup volunteer has returned to school. If you are able to help once in a while on a Tuesday with any of these roles, please contact Erin at 778.987.6942. A few hours a month is all it will take.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

Dec. 6 Brief meeting with elections in the hall, followed by our Christmas Social with the Knights of Columbus.



### MINISTRY FOCUS

The St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adults is an active ministry group in our parish for those between the ages of 13 and 30. Our Young Adults take on a leadership role for the Youth and they participate together in activities such as leading the 11:30am mass on the first Sunday of each month, helping at Breakfast with St. Nicholas, open gym nights, organizing the Easter egg hunt and Halloween for Hunger. They raise funds throughout the year with bottle drives, flower sales, and dinners. These funds support the YYAM so they may sponsor parish activities, and help fund their efforts to attend World Youth Day. Keep up to date on the YYAM activities via Instagram at [stbernadetteyyam](https://www.instagram.com/stbernadetteyyam), or email [stbernadetteyyam@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadetteyyam@gmail.com).

### ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

**OPEN HOUSE – WED. DEC. 5 at 6:00 p.m.** All families are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual St. John Paul II Academy Open House which will provide updates about the Archdiocese's newest Catholic high school as well as to hear from our teachers and Gr. 8 students. The Open House will take place at Star of the Sea Community Centre located at 15262 Pacific Ave. in White Rock, Please RSVP to [skelly@sjp2academy.com](mailto:skelly@sjp2academy.com) or 604.560.8210, or visit our website [www.sjp2academy.com](http://www.sjp2academy.com) for more information.

### SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi, the devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honour Mother Mary, will be held at several parishes within our Archdiocese. **St. Bernadette will host on Sunday, Dec. 23.** Join us for the Commissioning Mass on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Cathedral. For a full schedule of the Simbang Gabi Mass times, visit <https://rcav.org/simbang-gabi> For more info, please call 604.771.2975 or e-mail [fipinoministry@rcav.org](mailto:fipinoministry@rcav.org).

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Discover human nature as the "Gift of Self" in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a "communion of persons in the sincere gift of self," giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin Jan. 7 at Good Shepherd Church, Surrey, and Jan. 8 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. To register, please visit [www.rcav.org/tob](http://www.rcav.org/tob).



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