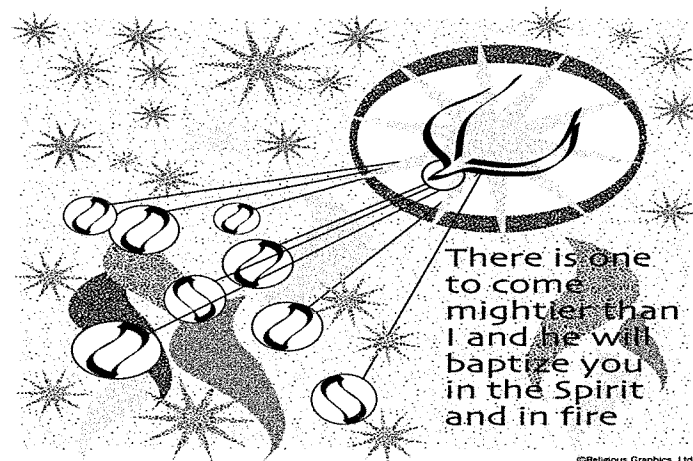


# The Third Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 16, 2018

Great is the Holy One of Israel!



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alfredo Camales Sr., Alejandra Damayo, Limuel Palad, 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, Loretta Di Curzio, Evelyn Jackson, Mary Hollman.

## RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gail Harper and Corazon Raymundo.

## 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

Tues., Dec. 18	Immaculate Conception	7:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 19	St. Bernadette Parish	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20	Good Shepherd Parish	7:00 p.m.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

December Executive meeting – Dec. 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Room C.

## 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!
- **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. If you are available to help, please come to the Church on Wed., Dec. 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next Baptism Preparation Class will be on Thursday, Dec. 20. Time has been changed to 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. To register please call the Parish Office at 604.596.0566.
- **CALENDARS:** 2019 Religious calendars are available in the Gathering Area. Cost is by donation and all proceeds go to Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## 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 Request Sheets provided and a box will be ready for you the following week. **NEW PARISHIONERS** please complete a registration card.

## NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to join in the Novena to the Infant Jesus. We will begin the Novena following the Rosary after Mass from Jan. 7 to Jan. 15.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CORNER

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Women's League, please see one of our members in January during our membership drive.



## PREP NEWS

A special thank you to our wonderful and dedicated catechists and youth volunteers for the time they give! 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.**

## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL NEWS

**2019-2020 Admissions** - Admissions for the 2019-2020 school year are now open. If you know of someone who you believe would benefit from a Catholic education please direct them to our website to fill out an application form. There are also forms in the Gathering Area of the church, and at the school. Currently we have 13 spaces available for Kindergarten. Please get your application forms in early to guarantee a spot for your child. Interviews will begin in January.

## HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE

Holy Cross' community invites prospective families to join us on **Thursday, Jan. 31** from 6:30 – 8:00 pm to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary unique. Listen to our Band, conduct experiments in our Science Laboratory, learn about the many different athletic opportunities, taste the delightful treats provided from the Foods and Nutrition Department, relax at our French Café, admire the artwork of our students, browse through the books in our Learning Commons, and much, much more. Explore our campus, talk with students and staff to observe what a remarkable education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Applications for the 2019/2020 school year will be available at this event. Holy Cross' community looks forward to meeting all of you, Thursday, January 31st.

## ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

St. John Paul II Academy is now accepting applications for Gr. 8 & 9 for the 2019-20 school year. The deadline for application is Feb. 15, 2019. To apply, please visit [www.sjp2academy.com](http://www.sjp2academy.com) call 604.560.8210 or email [mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com](mailto:mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com). God bless you during Advent and wishing you a blessed Christmas holiday!

## HOLY CROSS BASKETBALL SHOOTING CAMP

Boys and Girls in grades 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross High School are invited on Jan. 2-4 at 9am-12pm to St. Matthew's Elementary Gym 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.

## BINGO NEWS

Bingo will be closed on Tues., December 25 and Tues., January 1; we will resume on January 8. We are still looking to replace the two callers that have stepped down, as well as one of our floor workers. If you are able to help once in a while on a Tuesday, please contact Erin at 778.987.6942. A few hours a month is all it will take.

## 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 [filipinoministry@rcav.org](mailto:filipinoministry@rcav.org).

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE – Monday, December 24

Regular 9:00 am Mass

- 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 – Tuesday, December 25

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

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

Regular 9:00 am Mass  
Additional 5:00 pm Mass

### NEW YEARS DAY – Tuesday, January 1

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

### ST. ALPHONSA SYRO MALABAR PARISH

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



Rejoice  
Your God is near!