



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 2nd, 2018



THIS WEEK

Monday	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday	School Mass at 11:00am
Friday	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor
Saturday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9:00am

Next Sunday - 2nd Collection for Charitable Works

SEASON of ADVENT

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a special focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Mina B. Cardoz, Fernando Estrella, Roberto De Guzman, Bella Allan, Yvonne Clucas, Linda Fiore, Dydya Co, Jaime Pestano, Tessa Comendador, Peter Murtagh, Mair Reynolds, Norman Ngan. *(Please notify the office of any changes)*

UPCOMING CALENDAR

2nd Collection for Youth Ministry	TODAY
CWL General Meeting/Party	Mon., Dec. 3, 7:30pm
Liturgy Committee Meeting	Tues., Dec. 4, 7:00pm
Knights' General Meeting/Party	Mon., Dec. 10, 7:30pm
PEC Meeting	Tues., Dec. 11, 7:00pm
Parish Council Meeting	No meeting in December
Marian Prayer	Mondays, 7:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Tuesdays, 7:30pm
PREP	Wednesdays, 6:30pm
Craft Circle	Thursdays, 9am-Noon
RCIA	Thursdays, 7:30pm
Seniors Line Dancing	Thursdays, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Bingo	Thursdays, 6:00pm
Divine Mercy	3 rd Friday of each month, 7:00pm
Legion of Mary	Fri. after 7:30pm Mass & Sun. 10:00am
Junior Legion of Mary	Sundays, 1:15pm

The **CWL Christmas Party** is this Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:30pm in the parish centre. Members are asked to bring a small plate of either sweet or savoury finger food to share. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend as our guests.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & GIVING TREE

Supported by the Charitable Works 2nd Collection Dec. 9



It's the first Sunday of Advent and Christmas is just around the corner! One way to care for others during this season is to donate to the Christmas Hamper Program. Look for the tree with the gift tags at the entrance of the church to find out which non-perishable food items you can donate.

These items will be used to help make up the Christmas Hampers for those in need.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIVING

To help children experience the Christmas joy of giving, we encourage you to have them prepare and wrap an item of baby clothing to bring to church and present to the Child Jesus in the Crib at Christmas. These items, in turn, will be given to Birthright whose work is to assist young mothers who choose to keep their baby rather than have an abortion. **Please no toys or food of any kind.**



INFANT BAPTISM COURSE

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - next session: **Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 @ 7:00 pm. Adults only.** Please call the Sisters at 604-275-2844.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Thomas says, "He cares for us and is there." If we care for him, we would also be there for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration. Christ asked this of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as he had asked the apostles in the Garden of Olives: "Can you not watch one hour with me?" Please pray about this. **Vacant Hours: Thurs 2-3am and Sat 2-3am.** We are in great need of help. Please phone or text: Lynne 604-961-7920

BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Reflections on Sunday's Readings: [1 Thess. 3:11-12] Supernatural love, or charity, embraces everyone without exception. "Loving one person and showing indifference to others", St John Chrysostom observes, "is characteristic of purely human affection; but St Paul is telling us that our love should not be restricted in any way" ("Hom. on 1 Thess, ad loc."). When a person practices this virtue in an uninhibited way, his holiness gains in strength: he becomes irreproachable "before our Lord and Father:[...] it is charity, it is love, which makes us blameless.

For more info: Chito 604-808-4129 or Beth 604-231-9190

YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569

This Sunday's LIFE NITE (Dec. 2nd 8:00-9:30PM):



Lazer Tag!

We're going to Planet Lazer to play some lazer tag! Bring \$12 and meet us there at 8:00PM or if you need a ride, meet us in the Parish Centre by 7:45PM.

 <https://www.instagram.com/stpaulslifeteen>

 <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsLT>

ST. PAUL YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY (SPYAC)

Info: Mary @ 778-858-5167

Happy Liturgical New Year! Advent season is officially upon us and we are inviting you to our December First Friday event. We will have a speaker, time for discussion, and reflection on what it means to prepare for Advent by showing corporal works of mercy. **Please join us on December 7 from 8-9:30!**

SPIRIT PRE-TEEN MINISTRY

Info: shintaro.tachihara@gmail.com

9-DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE ROSARY PRAYER

Knights of Columbus will have the 9-Day Novena For Life Rosary Prayer (Pro-Life Intention) coinciding with the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12th. The novena will start on Monday, Dec. 3rd continuing until Tuesday, Dec. 11th in St. Paul Church. Monday to Friday at 7:00pm and Saturday and Sunday at 6:00pm. All parishioners are welcome to join.

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

All Masses at 7:00pm (7:30pm at St. Paul Parish)

Saturday, Dec. 15 - Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver
Sunday, Dec. 16 - Our Lady of Sorrows, Vancouver
Monday, Dec. 17 - St. Francis de Sales, Burnaby
Tuesday, Dec. 18 - Sacred Heart, Ladner
Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Our Lady of Hungary, Vancouver
Thursday, Dec. 20 - St. Monica, Richmond
Friday, Dec. 21 - St. Paul, Richmond (followed by a pot-luck reception in the parish centre)
Saturday, Dec. 22 - St. Luke, Maple Ridge
Sunday, Dec. 23 - St. Jude, Vancouver

2019 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the entrance of the church. Please do not use them until January 1st, 2019.

PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

PREP classes continue this Wed., Dec. 5, 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Students in grades 6 and 7 will go to Confession during class time.

Parents and families are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 5 from 6:30pm to 6:45pm in the gym for our Advent Prayer Service.

If you have any questions, please contact Clay Imoo (PREP Director) at clayimoo@shaw.ca. As well, please let Clay know if you anticipate your child(ren) being absent from class.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BINGO - DECEMBER 13



\$35 Ticket Package - on sale Thursdays in the parish centre from 5:00 to 8:15pm from now until the night of the event! Doors will open at 4:30pm with Bonanza PreCall at 6:00pm. Turkey or Ham Dinner (\$9) must be pre-ordered by Dec. 6.

Door prizes & goodies!! Free tea and coffee!

MEN'S DISCERNMENT EVENT

Hearing the Voice of God in the Eucharist - Join Fr. Nick Meisl and Fr. Lucio Choi for this Day of Recollection on Saturday, December 15, 10:00am to 3:00pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or by calling 604-442-3254.


JOURNEY INTO TRUTH

This course continues Tuesday, December 4 in the parish centre at 7:00pm. The topics will be: 8. The Holy Spirit and the Church. 9. The Blessed Virgin Mary.

PURDYS CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

For those who ordered chocolates through the CWL Purdys Fundraiser, please remember to pick them up after Mass next weekend, December 8 & 9. **Thank you for your support!**

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE

 Join the Knights of Columbus as we ring in the **NEW YEAR!** Cocktails at 6:30pm, Dinner at 7:00pm, and music all night long! Tickets are \$45.00/person and can be reserved by calling: Tony at 778-297-0193, David at 778-893-8236, Edgar at 604-270-4260, Alberto at 604-275-7426. **Proceeds benefit the St. Paul New Church Building Fund.**



SCHOOL CONNECTION

Please join us this **Thursday, December 6th** as our Gr. 3 class celebrates the Feast of St. Nicholas for our next school Mass at 11:00 am in the church. Parishioners always welcome!