



THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 16th, 2018



THIS WEEK

Please refer to the Christmas Season Schedule from last week's bulletin for Mass and Confession times, or go to www.stpaulparish.ca and click on 2018 Christmas Schedule.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Pol Garcia, Catherine Jenkins, Mina B. Cardoz, Linda Fiore, Jaime Pestano, Peter Murtagh, Mair Reynolds, Norman Ngan.
(Please notify the office of any changes)

INFANT BAPTISM COURSE

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - next session: **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 15 & 22 @ 7:00 pm. Adults only.** Please call the Sisters at 604-275-2844.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

	TODAY
Pancake Breakfast	
Knights Exec. Meeting	Mon., Dec. 17, 7:30pm
Liturgy Committee Meeting	1 st Tuesday, 7:00pm
PEC Meeting	2 nd Tuesday, 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	Back in January
RCIA	Thursdays, 7:30pm
Seniors Line Dancing	Back on Thurs., Jan. 10
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

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Could you not watch one hour with me?



In the Eucharist we encounter the strength that sustains us, because there we encounter Him. Every time we go in need to pray before the Tabernacle, Christ gives meaning to our life, restores our supernatural outlook, comforts us in our difficulties and fills us with apostolic zeal. **Please consider whether you can commit to Sat 1-2pm or Sat 2-3am.** Call or text Lynne @ 604-961-7920. We are in our 22nd year of Perpetual Adoration!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS & GIVING TREE

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. **Deadline for donations is Thursday, December 20.**



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.

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: David 778-893-8236, Edgar 604-270-4260, Francis 604-273-8175, Alberto 604-275-7426, or Tony 778-297-0193.



Proceeds benefit the St. Paul New Church Building Fund

BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Christmas Break: Bible Study resumes Jan 5, 2019

Reflections on Sunday's Readings: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice [Phil. 4:4]*

In order to have joy it does not matter if we are living in difficult conditions. "For a Christian, joy is a treasure. Only by offending God do we lose it, because sin is the fruit of selfishness, and selfishness is the root of sadness. Even then, a bit of joy survives under the debris of our soul—the knowledge that neither God nor his (Christ's) Mother forgets us. If we repent, if an act of sorrow springs from our heart, if we purify ourselves in the holy sacrament of penance, God comes out to meet and forgive us. Then there can be no sadness whatsoever" (St. J. Escriva, "Christ Is Passing By", 178).

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569

This Sunday's LIFE NITE (December 16th 8-9:30PM):



LIFE TEEN Christmas Party!

Our annual Christmas party is here! Come out to our last LIFE Nite of the year and join us in celebrating Christmas!

Please bring some savoury food to share and ugly Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged!

Next Sunday (December 23rd) NO LIFE NITE:



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

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

ST. PAUL YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY (SPYAC)

Info: Mary @ 778-858-5167

SPIRIT PRE-TEEN MINISTRY

Info: shintaro.tachihara@gmail.com

2018 DONATIONS

With the end of 2018 fast approaching, now is a good time to review your investments, income, and tax responsibilities and consider a donation to our New Church Building Fund a part of your review. Donations can be made to Project Advance by credit card, cash, or cheque or directly to the Building Fund by cash or cheque. If you are considering donating investments or securities, please contact the parish office. Remember, donations are a way to reduce your income tax. **Donations received in the parish office by December 31st will be credited for 2018 (cheques must be dated December 31st, 2018, or earlier).**

NEW Sunday Missals for sale (\$4) as well as 2019 calendars (\$2) - at the entrance of the church on the weekends and in the parish office during the week.

Your 2019 envelopes can be picked up at the entrance of the church. Please do not use them until January 1.

PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

PREP classes continue Wed., Dec. 19, 6:30 - 8:00pm.

Parents and families are invited to a special potluck reception in the gym from 6:30 - 7:15pm. Please bring some finger foods to share.

Students will join us in the gym from 7:15 - 8:00pm for our Advent Prayer Service and Christmas Program. Look forward to music, skits, and more!

No PREP classes on December 26 and January 2;

PREP classes will resume on January 9, 2019.

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.

SIMBANG GABI MASS 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 potluck reception in the parish centre)

Saturday, Dec. 22 - St. Luke, Maple Ridge

Sunday, Dec. 23 - St. Jude, Vancouver

NEW PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



School Year: 2019-2020

Date: Tuesday, February 5

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Paul Parish Gym



Parents interested in sending their child/children to St. Paul School are invited to attend this information meeting. Application forms will be available during this time. The meeting is intended for *adults* only. You are respectfully requested to make arrangements for childcare. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER VIGIL

Please join your voice with others to pray on the first Saturday of each month for a new culture of life - January 5, Mass will be at 9:00am at St. Anthony of Padua, 1345 W. 73rd Avenue, Vancouver.



SCHOOL CONNECTION

Join us on **Tuesday, December 18th**, for St. Paul School's production of **Christmas Shoes**. We have two shows - a 1:00 pm matinee, and an evening show at 7:00 pm. Come and help us celebrate the joy of the season!