

DECEMBER 10, 2017

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord...”

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Peace:

Peace of mind comes from knowing that God the Father provides for all our needs. “The kingdom is where God provides for all that we need. It is the realm of sufficiency where we are no longer pulled here and there by anxiety about having enough” (Henri J.M. Nouwen). Trusting in God’s providence is a source of lasting peace.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Gloria Peralta; Ernesto Hidalgo; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Melody Carruthers; Brian Vint; John William; Kay D; Cliff & Marion Maxwell; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D’Penha; Gabriel Gamboa; Giuseppe Sabatini & Violet Marie.

If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Rita Stinson & Vivian Tepoorten



SERRA CLUB

Serra Club invites you to attend the Vocations Mass on Thursday, December 14 at 7pm. All are welcome. Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Vocations Director, is the celebrant.

I.C. PARISH WEBSITE

This bulletin can be accessed through our website at icdelta.ca.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

2017

- Tues. Dec. 12 7:00pm - Precious Blood
- Thurs. Dec. 14 7:00pm - St. Matthew’s
- Tues. Dec. 19 7:00pm - **Immaculate Conception Parish (Delta)**
- Wed. Dec. 20 7:00pm - Star of the Sea
- Thurs. Dec. 21 7:30pm - Our Lady of Good Counsel



Tonight, Sun., Dec. 10, 7pm: “Minute to Win it” Come check your skills in our fun 1 minute games! There will be prizes!

Next Sun., Dec. 17, 6:30pm: “Shopping” This is our annual shopping trip! Cost is \$5 per person and the money goes towards purchasing new socks which we donate to Catholic Charities: Men’s Hostel. Meet us at the Youth Room. If you wish to come with us, please email, call or leave us a message on our social media so we have enough rides.

IC Life Teen is for all high school aged teens! Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen) For more information about Youth Ministry and Life Teen, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com

PARISH LIBRARY

New Year's Resolution! Learn to "speak confidently, boldly, provocatively the message of the Gospel, the dying and rising of the Lord." (Bishop Robert Barron) with help from the fully-stocked Library here in our parish! We're open after all Sunday Masses! www.icparishlibrary.com.

BAPTISMAL COURSE

The baptismal course will be held on Sunday, **December 17, at 2 pm in rooms 2 & 3.**



CWL

CWL is having a Christmas party on Thursday, December 14 after the 5:30pm Mass. Tickets \$10 on sale after weekend Masses or by calling Pat at 604.597.7048.

FLOWER DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS

We are looking for donations of potted red or white poinsettias for Christmas, latest by December 20. Please leave the pots in the church vestibule.

DONATION BOX FOR PRO-LIFE

A gentle reminder, we will not be collecting children’s clothing as the Birthright Centre of Surrey/Delta is no longer in service. This year however, we will have a donation box for Pro-life near the nativity scene in our Church.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE

Christmas Turkey Dinner – Sat., December 16th:

Last chance to buy tickets. Cost: \$5/Adult, \$3/kids

New Year's Dinner Dance: Sunday, December 31, 2017

Tickets: \$40 per person (including dinner).

Dress: Formal. Doors: 7pm Dinner 7:30pm.

Buffet Dinner, DJ Music, 50/50 draw, spot prizes, Cash

Bar, Midnight snack.

For tickets, call Godfrey: 604.592.9830 or Greg:

778.551.1627 or Parish office: 604.591.2271.

AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Come join us in our annual "Simbang Gabi" - a nine-day celebration of Masses in preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ - December 16-24, 2017 @ 5am. If you would like to be a novena Mass sponsor, sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Area or you can also call 778.319.4571 or 778.228.3816.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

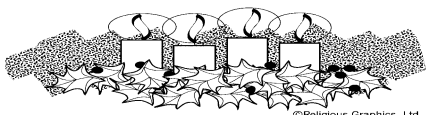
Sunday, December 17 after the 12noon Mass, we will be celebrating our First International Migrants Day event at IC Parish. May we request that you come to the Gathering Area after Mass today and register so that we can identify your country of origin. For more information please call 778.998.6747 or 778.319.4571.

I.C. PARISH – POSTERS & SIGNS

The smaller frames (against sacristy outside wall) in the vestibule are dedicated spaces for specific Ministries and/or Groups. Unless it is your Group, please DO NOT move, remove, adjust, overlay or use for other material, otherwise it will be removed. The larger frames in Vestibule & Gathering Area, roll around school boards or Lucite frames 8 1/2 x 11" can be used, if space available and you do not cover other items. Non-church posters/signs must be submitted to the rectory office, stamped & dated (good for up to 30 day posting). Office staff will look after placement. Reminder: No posters/signs on walls, windows or church doors, except as authorized.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2018

Contribution envelopes for 2018 are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like a box of envelopes and one is not available for you, please PRINT your name on the list provided or call the Parish Office (604.591.2271) and it will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. **These envelopes should be used effective January 1, 2018.** Thank you.



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PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

Our participation rate is at 30.6% which is 550 families participating out of 1798 current registered families.

If you have not yet made a pledge this year, please consider doing so. Please contact our parish office or go online at www.rcav.org/giving and clicking on the 'Donate' button, to qualify for a 2017 tax receipt, donations need to be received by December 24th.

ST. CATHERINE'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Simon Shepherd is missing!! It's census time in Bethlehem, and Simon is nowhere to be found! Please come join St. Catherine's Elementary School, 20244 32nd Avenue, Langley in trying to solve the "Mystery of Simon Shepherd!" Performances of this delightful nativity musical are Tuesday, December 19 at 1pm and Wednesday, December 20 at 10am and 7pm. Hope to see you there.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball Shooting Camp:

Who: Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross High School.

When: January 3-5 at 9am-12pm.

Where: St. Matthew's Elementary Gymnasium, Surrey

How: Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur 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: \$85 includes daily prizes and gatorade.

Holy Cross Alumni: The Holy Cross Alumni Association is up and running! Register on our website to gain access to our newsletter. To register please go to: <http://www.holycrossalumni.com/registercontact.html>

GARDENS OF GETHSEMANI

Join us for our monthly Mass of Remembrance as we pray for family members who have passed away this month. Mass is Sunday, December 17, at both 12:30pm and 2:30pm in our Evangelist Chapel. For more info, please contact Terry Whiteley at twhiteley@rccav.org.

I.C. CHANGE INITIATIVE

Please encourage your children to donate some of their loose change in the two boxes marked 'I.C. Change Initiative' located at the entrance of the church and the other next to Our Lady's statue. The proceeds will go towards our Parish Building Fund.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind donation of warm clothing to the poor and homeless at the Mens' Hostel in Vancouver.

From: I.C. Young Adult Ministry