

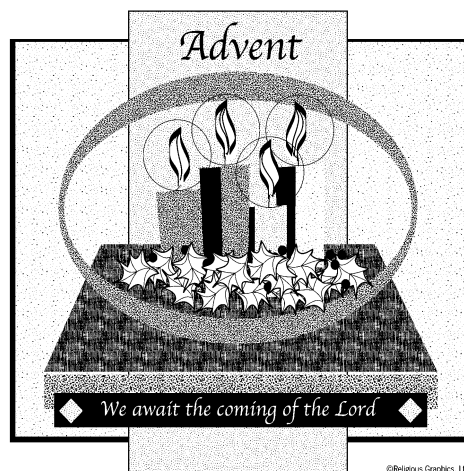


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# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

Marana tha! Come Lord Jesus!



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## THIS WEEK

- Wednesday - 6:45pm Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7pm Mass**
- Friday**
- 1pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
  - 6:00pm Confessions
  - 6:40pm Benediction
  - 7pm Mass.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lorraine Cameron; Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Janet Forsey; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Edward Zdancewicz Jr.; Ryan Lehwald; Helen Kutty; Donna Uzelac; Kellie Marchak; Lillian Thibault; Myrna Cussen; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Archie D'Souza; Darlene Erskine; Leo Verstraete; Beryl Hall; Jean Van Loo; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; John Lu; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Benedicto Tugade; Jim O' Rourke; Henry Morell, Erna Bagonghasa, Gloria Peralta & Jo-Anne Macleod.

*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

Joseph Uy Co.

## ADVENT RETREAT

You are cordially invited to attend Advent Retreat with Father Larre on Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at IC Delta. More details to follow in the next bulletin.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The annual Archdiocesan Youth Ministry collection is coming up next weekend, December 3 & 4.

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office (OYYAM) in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministry. **Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection.** Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.



**Tonight, Sun. Nov. 27, 7pm: "Wait for it..."** Join us for a new liturgical year party and prepare yourself for #advent2016!

**Next Sunday, Dec. 4, 7pm: "The Cross"** This is Promise series Life Night is about the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Trust us, this DOES fit into the season of #advent2016.

**Hey teens, if you haven't already, don't forget to take a leaf from The Giving Tree, located at the back of the church!**

**Keep up to date and find out about upcoming events** 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Fundraising for Syrian Refugee family:** There will be a "Festive Menu" with edible items for the Christmas Season from Neufeld Farm, Abbotsford. Order Forms" are available after all Sunday Masses. The delivery date for the orders is Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm in the parish hall.

**"Keep Christ in Christmas"** Car Magnets will be on sale throughout the "Advent Season" for \$7.00 each or 2 for \$12.00.

**General meeting for Knights of Columbus** is on Thursday Dec. 1 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.



## LEGION OF MARY

The Annual reunion will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm at St. Matthew's Church. All active and auxiliary members, their family and friends are most welcome to attend. Please bring food to share if coming and enjoy good fun and company.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr. Rob Galea, Luke 15 house and the I.C. building fund, we wish to thank everyone for their financial & spiritual support. The **net proceeds** from the concert was **\$10,216.76**.



## OUR PARISH FEAST DAY THURSDAY DECEMBER 8th

*Come honour our Blessed Mother and celebrate with your Parish family.*

**Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:15am & 7pm Masses**  
**Refreshments will be served after 8:15am Mass in the gathering area. Everyone is welcome.**

## The "O" Antiphons

With the first candle of Advent, come the first two of the antiphons



*O Wisdom, You came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and reaching from beginning to end, You ordered all things mightily and sweetly. Come and teach us the way to salvation.*

*O Adonai (God of the Covenant) and Ruler of the house of Israel, You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law. Come, and with an outstretched arm, redeem us.*

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE NEEDY

#### The Giving Tree- Christmas Hamper, Food & Gift Coupon Drive.

A "Giving Tree" is stationed in the church vestibule. Each leaf has an item printed on it. Parishioners are requested to take a leaf, or more if you wish, buy the item and place it under the tree, **LATEST BY: December 4th.** **If the item is a gift card (any denomination of your choice), please mark 'Giving Tree' & the amount, drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or at the parish office mail slot.** All donations will be used for our Christmas hampers. Thank you for your generosity. Any inquiries, please call the office at 604.591.2271.



### CWL

The **CWL Annual Christmas Party** is on December 15, 2016 at the Gathering Area. Doors open at 6:00pm; dinner is at 6:30p.m. \$10 per person. Please see us after Mass or call 778.232.5953 and leave a message. **Exciting time to bond. Be ready for fun ALL women are welcome to join us.**

### PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Pro- Life fund raiser - Christmas Cakes have arrived. Please pick up what you ordered after all the Masses this weekend - Saturday evening Mass and all Masses on Sunday. Please pay with exact cash - thank you. \$25 for deluxe and \$15 for regular.

### EXPLANATION OF PARISH LOGO

The statement "*A Eucharistic Community of Christian Disciples Proclaiming Jesus*" is who God calls each of us to be. The building is our church. The colour blue is to honour Mary. The wave, coming from the door, is representative of several things. First, the 3 distinct colours in the wave represent the 3 persons of God: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Second, the wave is the river of life that flows from the altar bringing life wherever it goes (Ez 47). Third, the wave is us, the people of God, Christian disciples, going forth from the church to the world, where we proclaim Jesus to others by performing works of mercy.

### PROJECT ADVANCE REMINDER

As we enter the Advent Season, let us pause and reflect on the many gifts and graces that God has given each one of us in our life and throughout the year. If you have not yet made a pledge this year, please consider doing so. Please contact our parish office or go online at [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca) and clicking on the 'Donate' button, to qualify for a 2016 tax receipt, donations need to be received by December 24, 2016.

### CHILDREN'S ROSARY

All are invited to our First Saturday Children's Rosary & Devotion to Our Lady on Dec 3 at 4pm in our church.



### SPONSORS NEEDED FOR RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults team is searching for people willing to journey with the adults seeking full initiation in the Catholic Church. The Wednesday sessions are a great experience for any cradle Catholic looking for adult formation. Please call Pat or John Nimmo at 604.597.7048. We are blessed to have a large group of candidates this year. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you, right now, to His service in this ministry.



### CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS & SUNDAY MISSALS

We will be selling religious Christmas cards, calendars and Sunday Missal in the gathering area this Sunday Nov. 27, 2016. (Cash only please).

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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- Tues. Dec. 13 7:00pm - Precious Blood Parish
- Wed. Dec. 14 7:00pm - St. Matthew's
- Mon. Dec. 19 7:00pm - OLG
- Tues. Dec. 20 7:00pm - **Immaculate Conception Parish (Delta)**
- Wed. Dec. 21 7:00pm - Star of the Sea
- Thurs. Dec. 22 7:00pm - St. Bernadette

