

DECEMBER 24, 2017

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.”

THIS WEEK

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8:30am; 10:15am & 12noon (NO 4pm Mass)

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 - 6:30pm, 9pm & 12midnight

Christmas Day - Dec. 25 - 8:30am, 10:15am, 12noon & 4pm

New Year's Eve – Dec. 31 – 11:15pm thanksgiving prayers (TE DEUM) & Benediction

New Year's Day – Jan. 1 – 8:30am; 10:15am; 12noon & 4pm

ADVENT REFLECTION

“The Lord is with you.” One can only imagine how Mary felt receiving this knowledge. Despite her lowliness, she was chosen to give birth to the Son of God. She was perplexed and moved by what she heard, yet Mary accepted the tremendous responsibility and proclaimed a joyful ‘yes’. Mary’s faithful response to God’s call carried her through life when, years later, she watched her son be put to death. Even then she drew on God for strength.

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; Martha Smillie & John Burnell.

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

Keith McGregor

THURSDAY COFFEE HOUR

There will be no coffee hour this Thursday, December 28th. We will resume on January 4th.

MOMS & TOTS

No Moms and Tots on December 26th and January 2nd.



Pastor's Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.” (Luke 2:14). We rejoice again in the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ among us. Another year has passed with many events that touched our lives and the lives of many people in our parish in different ways. We pray that our hearts may always be open to others especially to those who have lost their loved ones since last Christmas or the many overburdened by worries, sickness, family problems and for many other reasons

In the midst of the challenges and concerns that we face, our Catholic faith beckons us to rejoice, to feel our worth and to fall on our knees. The love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.”

Our lives are a mix of good and evil, of joy and sorrow, of hope and despair, of happiness and pain. As we look upon the Child-Jesus with awe, He gives us a way of bringing to Church many of our individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. A wonderful and grace-filled opportunity is made available to us to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. Together may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May the Child-Jesus born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, our Mother and the Mother of the Child Jesus watch over you and our beloved Immaculate Conception Parish always.

I, along with Father Camillus Temba and Fr. Fred Buttner, would like to wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a grace-filled 2018.

*Fr. Amador M. Abundo
Pastor*

NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE

Last chance to buy tickets !!!



Come join your fellow parishioners for a fun evening to bring in the New Year at the Immaculate Conception, Delta!

New Year's Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 31st.

Tickets: \$40 per person.

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

Buffet Dinner: Pork Roast with Garlic & Herb, Nugget Potatoes, Butter Chicken, Mixed Vegetable, Pilaf Rice, Naan Bread, Tossed Salad, Coleslaw, Chicken Pasta, Dessert Squares.

DJ Music, 50/50 draw, spot prizes, Cash Bar. For tickets, call Godfrey: 604.592.9830, Greg: 778.551.1627, Dior: 778.834.8292 or Parish office: 604.591.2271. Tickets are available this weekend after Masses in the Gathering Area.



Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Next Life Night, Sun. Jan. 7, 7pm: "Epiphany Party"

This is our annual gift exchange and Christmas celebration. Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift. Please no food, gift certificates or money. But please do bring a festive snack to share!

Get your new calendar for Jan. - Jun. 2018 at the next Life Night!

Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to help serve Coffee & Juice after the Sunday Masses on Dec. 30/31.

Contact Faye if you are able to help out! You can use this as school service hours if you need to!

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

JANUARY 1ST – 10:15AM MASS

We would like to request if any choir can sing for the 10:15am Mass on January 1st. It will be very much appreciated. Please call the parish office at 604.591.2271.

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).

These envelopes should be used effective January 1, 2018. Thank you.

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION & MUSIC WITH FR. ROB GALEA

Our parish is hosting the Lenten Reflection and Music with Father Rob Galea on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$20 each. **We have an "early bird" special of \$15 each, up to and including January 1, 2018.** Inspirational Christmas gifts for the whole family. Net proceeds will go to the building fund. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses or at the Parish office.

PARISH LIBRARY

Merry Christmas from the Library Volunteers!

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! Online catalogue is at www.icparishlibrary.com

PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Saturday, January 6th. Mass is at 9am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Vancouver, followed by the Rosary at Burnaby Hospital.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the volunteer coordinators, participants (who shared their culture and ethnic food) and fellow parishioners who attended Mass and supported the First International Migrants Day event in our parish. Your presence made the event a great success. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas!

From: The Migrants Ministry team

We wish to thank all our parishioners and volunteers who donated food, gift cards and helped with the food hampers. We also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for helping with the delivery of these hampers. May this holy season of Christmas bring you joy and happiness to you and your families.

From: St. Martin's Guild

Peace on Earth