

Second Sunday of Advent December 10th, 2017

Stewardship Reflection for Advent 2017

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

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Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life

"May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end." Join us as we celebrate life on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30 a.m. and Mass is at 12:10 p.m. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Hall (donation of finger foods is appreciated). rcav.org/event/annual-mass-life-2017

SAVE THE DATE - One Conference 2018

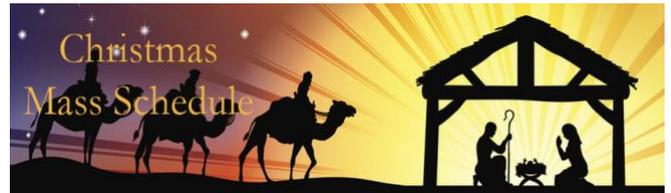
The annual ONE Conference brings 1,000 parish and ministry leaders from across Catholic Vancouver together to connect, learn, and inspire each other. Mercy and Beyond: Sharing our Joy is the theme of the 2018 ONE Conference, and we will hear from two remarkable keynote speakers who have inspired thousands of people to receive God's mercy and share his joy with others. Sign up to get notified when registration opens at onecatholic.ca. The ONE Conference will be held on Sat, Feb. 10, 2018, at Pacific Academy, Surrey. rcav.org/event/one-2018/



Advent Reflection: 'Come, Lord Jesus'

Lord Jesus, come into our weakness.
Come into our fears.
Come into our anxieties.
Come into our grieving.
Come into our darkness.
Come into our loneliness.

Come into our doubting.
Come into our despair.
Come into our poverty of heart.
Come into our searching.
Come into our joys and hopes.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.



Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm ; 6:00 pm ; 8:00 pm ; 10:00 pm

★ *Festival of Carols' before mass*
at 7:30pm & 9:30pm ★

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th

10:30 am & 12:00 Noon

★ *Festival of Carols' at 10:00 am* ★

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st

4:00 pm

New Year's Day Monday, January 1st

10:00 am & 11:30 am

Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday

Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass. The faithful should attend *two* Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

(Taken from [Catholic News Agency](#))

**Project Advance:
Live Gratefully, Give Generously**

Have You Donated To This Year's Appeal Yet?

Thank you to those who have responded to this year's Project Advance. Participation in Project Advance shows that we are striving to live the Gospel; people working and giving together, helping to make our community and lives richer through faith and service. Every gift of Project Advance matters and usually fills your soul with the joy of God. So please make your contribution or pledge today if you have not done so. **Tax receipts will be issued for donations received before December 31, 2017.** There are forms available at the back of the church or you can donate online at www.rcav.org/giving, or contact the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus are still collecting warm winter clothing to be distributed by Catholic Charities to those in need on the Downtown East Side until **December 11th**. Please drop off your donations of clothing (gently-used but clean) at the Parish Center during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You to everyone who came out to our annual IC Parish Women's Potluck Dinner that was held on Dec 5. Everyone had fun and good times. A big Thank You to the ladies who organized this event. We hope to see you again at our next annual gathering.

Sunday Twilight Mass: Thank You to those who came to join us at our monthly Twilight Mass this past Sunday night. It was wonderful to see so many of our 'regular' and 'new' faces. It was an occasion of grace and renewal for all who come. We hope that everyone had brought something with them which stays in their hearts, fills their souls with joy and inspire them with our music. Our next Twilight Mass will be in January 2018. All Are Welcome!

Let us pray for Fr. Paul and his dad, that as they go through this difficult time, they are comforted by Blessed Mother Mary and find peace in their hearts.

Christmas Fair: This year's fair was another resounding success! We are still awaiting the final tally, but just as important as the financial aspect was the fair's success as a community event, bringing together students, parents, staff, parishioners, and neighbours. Thank you to everyone who came to the Fair. We want to say a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their invaluable assistance with the pancake breakfast and to all the parishioners who generously donated items for sale at our auction and in our Marketplace. We could not have done it without you!

2018 Sunday Envelopes

The 2018 Sunday Collections Envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the church. Please use only the envelopes assigned for the current year and refrain from using your old ones as your envelope number may have changed. If you were not assigned envelopes for 2018 but would like them, please contact Kathy at the parish office.

**Collections of Christmas Cards
And 2018 Calendars**

Please place your Christmas cards and calendars for the inmates in the box on the bench at the entrance of the Parish Center. The cards should be plain and without any embellishments. These will be collected until December 17th. Please contact Lois for details.



Turkey Dollar

The Knights are also collecting Turkey Dollars as offered by Stongs Market to deliver turkeys to DTES Catholic Charities and to the Covenant House on December 23. A collection box is located at the Church entrance. Thank you for sharing your care and love to those in need.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Last Day of School at Immaculate is Dec 22.

May our families have a blessed and beautiful Christmas holiday and holy-days! Make sure you save the Christmas Mass schedule in this week's bulletin.

St. Patrick Regional Secondary School is having their Open House on January 15, 2018 at 6pm. Application packages may be picked up in the school office during the Open House or from the school office after the 15th. Completed applications will only be accepted on Wed, Feb 7, from 3-6pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Jan 15, 2018 – Open House at 6pm
Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018 – Date for submissions of new applications from 3-6pm
Monday, Feb 26, 2018 – Between 11am and 3:30pm - Parents to confirm acceptance and drop off tuition and all related school fees to school office.