

## First Sunday of Advent December 3rd, 2017

### Stewardship Reflection for Advent 2017

#### *Hope*

Advent is a good time to remember that God is the source of all we have accomplished or accumulated this past year. He is the source of all our gifts. Unending hope is one of the rewards of knowing that our good and generous God always provides for our needs.

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### Advent Retreat - Love Incarnate: Understanding Christian Charity

All are welcome to this Advent Retreat led by Sister John Mary Sullivan and Fr. Jude Iloghalu on Dec. 9, 9:30-11:30 am at Holy Rosary Hall, followed by confession and Mass. Admission is by donation. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.



### Prayer to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

**Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of Your Son. You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by His death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Help us by her prayers to live in Your presence without sin. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**



### An Advent Prayer

God of wonder and mystery,  
You called us out of darkness by sending the One who is Light,  
And Truth, and the Way.

As we journey again through this Advent of expectation and preparation, help us to stop often,  
to reflect and connect with You in prayer.

Help us to deeply experience, through the events of Jesus' incarnation and birth, how much You love us, Your children.

We pray for a wide open heart and a quiet mind, to recognize and cooperate with Your Holy Spirit at work in my life this Advent.

For this we pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.



### Twilight Mass: This Sunday, December 3rd at 8:00 pm

Our Twilight Masses gather people from around the Archdiocese. The contemporary Gospel Music and informality of the Liturgy helps all who come to revitalize their Faith and experience Catholic community. We offer this Twilight Mass as our little way at Immaculate to evangelize the many within our families and city who are seeking deeper meaning in lives and wandering in the hope of finding a faith community for their lives. All Are Welcome!

## Christmas Mass Schedule 2017



### Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am & 12:00 Noon

★ *Festival of Carols' at 10:00 am* ★

### New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

4:00 pm

### New Year's Day Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am & 11:30 am

## Parish Advent Confessions: Dec 4

To celebrate Jesus' Birth with true joy, we need to open our hearts to His merciful goodness. The Church encourages us to participate in this joyful preparation of Advent by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At Immaculate we are going to celebrate this sacrament **on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** All are welcomed and encouraged to come and celebrate this beautiful sacrament of the Church.

## IC Parish Women's Christmas Potluck: Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



### IC Parish Women's Christmas Potluck

Come to the IC Parish Women's Potluck Dinner!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 5th

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** The Jesuit Room

**WHAT TO BRING:** a friend, a bottle of wine to share, your favorite dish & if you choose, a cash donation for the Food Bank

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Susan Cordonier @ 604-738-3465 or Kathleen Gellard @ 604-261-4611

Hope to see you there!

FRIENDSHIP

FOOD

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

CHRISTMAS BINGO & PRIZES

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

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 Dec 31, 2017.*** There are forms available at the back of the church or you can donate online at [www.rcav.org/giving](http://www.rcav.org/giving), or contact the parish office.

☒ Please kindly update your contact info with Kathy at the parish office. We are preparing the 2018 Sunday envelopes which will be ready for pick up in mid-Dec.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Lois for details.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please drop off your donations of clothing (gently-used but clean) at the Parish Center during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

**Fr. Paul** is currently away in Nova Scotia as his dad is very ill. As a parish family let us keep them in our prayers.