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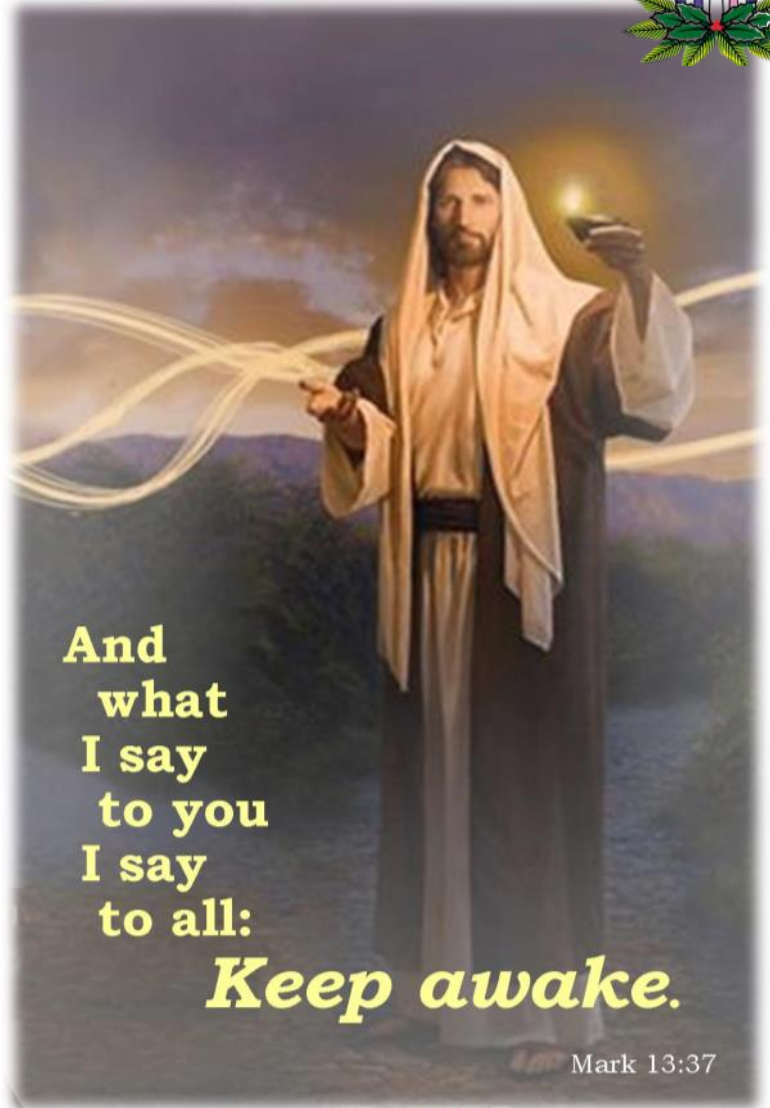
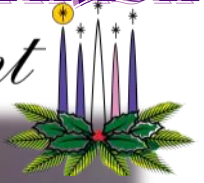
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# STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

## 1ST SUNDAY OF Advent



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## One Parish ~ Three Churches

### GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

2250 - 150th Street  
 Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass: 8:00am Monday  
 6:30pm Tuesday  
 8:00am Wed. to Saturday  
 Weekend Mass: 5:00pm Saturday  
 9am, 11am & 7pm Sunday  
 Confession: 10:00-11:00am Saturday  
 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday

### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

1153 Fir Street  
 White Rock, BC V4B 4A8

Weekday Mass: 9:00am  
 Tues. to Saturday  
 Weekend Mass: 4:00pm Saturday  
 10:30am Sunday  
 Confession: 8:30am-9:00am  
 Saturday

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

12268 Beecher Street  
 Surrey, BC V4A 3A3

Weekend Mass:  
 8:30am Sunday

December 3, 2017

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### *Pastor's Corner*

Dear Parishioners,

At the beginning of November I invited the principal of the new St. John Paul II Academy to visit our facilities at the Star of the Sea Center in White Rock and to consider using this space for the beginning of this new school, rather than that of the proposed portables placed at the Good Shepherd site. The cost of the portables would be large, with site preparations and installation and such, and they would still be without hall and washrooms and staff lounge. The White Rock site has everything they need all under one roof, with the church just next door, and with a fresh coat of paint the old rooms could be freshened up and used for the next two years as a sort of "incubator" location while the Academy is being built. The principal jumped at the opportunity, as did their Board of Directors.

Since we have put our plans for the renewal of the Star of the Sea site on hold, as I stated in my letter of last August for an "indeterminate" period of time, it seems providential that our facilities could be used for this educational need in the interim. This week there will be an Open House at Star of the Sea Hall, so that interested families may get a glimpse into what this new high school will look and feel like, and as well, to have a look at this temporary site. The use of our facilities seems in my mind so appropriate as it hearkens back to the days when this site was the original parish school and which is now being used once again for the good of the students who will be starting this new St. John Paul II Academy. We wish them well.

Today is the 1st Sunday in the Advent Season and so we light our first candle on the Advent Wreath and say a prayer. In our bulletin today we have included an insert with the prayers and readings for the blessing of the Wreath, of the Crib Scene, and of the Christmas Tree. The use of these prayers of faith in conjunction with our traditional Christmas practices can be very helpful for families as we all try to "Keep Christ in Christmas", especially if there are children in the home.

Have a blessed week, *Jr. Dion*

Week at a Glance  DECEMBER

See Bulletin cover for **regular weekly Mass times**

#### **Dec 4 Monday**

- 8:30am Rosary for our Priests after 8am Mass - GS
- 6:30pm **DISCOVERY: WOMEN'S** DISCIPLESHIP GROUP - GS
- 6:30pm **DISCOVERY: MEN'S** DISCIPLESHIP GROUP-GS

#### **Dec 5 Tuesday**

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 6:30pm CWL Mass followed by Christmas Potluck Dinner - GS
- 7:00pm Small Christian Community - GS - Library
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

#### **Dec 6 Wednesday**

- 9:00am - 2:00pm All Priests at school confessions - GS
- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - *SOS Hall*
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS - Meeting Room
- 7:00pm St. John Paul II Academy Open House - *SOS Hall*
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - *School*

#### **Dec 7 Thursday**

- 9:00am -12:00pm All Priests at school confessions - GS
- 4:00pm Legion of Mary- GS -Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP Classes - *School*
- 6:30pm First Holy Communion meeting - GS
- 7:00pm THE PROPHETS Bible Study - 10 OF 10 (LAST CLASS) - GS

#### **Dec 8 Friday**

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside
- 10:00am Priests at Communion Calls - Care Homes
- 7:00pm Young Adults (19-35yrs) Group - *School*

#### **Dec 9 Saturday**

- 8:30am Confessions - *SOS*
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 11:15am Families around the Nativity - GS
- 6:00pm Knights of Columbus 20th Annual Christmas Dinner - *Knights Chambers at SOS Hall*

**MINISTRY FAIR at ALL WEEKEND MASSES  
at Good Shepherd Church**

#### **Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 10:00am - 1:00pm Breakfast in Bethlehem - GS
- 7:00pm Teen Mass Band

## ***This Sunday's Readings***

**1ST READING:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 19  
**RESPONSORIAL:** Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
**2ND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
**GOSPEL:** Mark 13:33-37

For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences today - on the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Jesus.

This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season is a season of **vigilant** waiting, and gives us the three-fold reminder that Jesus came (Christmas), He comes (Word & Sacraments), and He is coming again (as Savior or Judge).

*Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.*

Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of First Vespers of Advent, Vatican Basilica, December 2006

We hear in today's Gospel, Jesus says: *"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake... else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly."* (Mark 13: 34-36) "Asleep" here doesn't just mean physical sleep; it refers to the very common indifference to the orders of the master; a flippant attitude acting as if we have the right to do whatever we want, regardless of what God says.

Our watchful waiting for Jesus' coming is totally different from our getting ready for Christmas. Some people literally wear themselves out rushing here and there. But God grants peace and joy to His children for He has already done all of the preparations. In today's second reading, the apostle Paul writes: *the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way...so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.* (1 Cor 1:4, 7-9)

Let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others, so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

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## **Christmas & New Year's MASS SCHEDULE**



### **Holy Cross Church**

#### ***4th Sunday of Advent:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8:30am

#### ***Christmas Eve:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4:00pm

#### ***Christmas Day:***

Monday, Dec. 25 – 8:30am

#### ***Holy Family Sunday (New Year's Eve):***

Sunday, Dec. 31 – 8:30am

#### ***Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day):***

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 – 8:30am

### **Star of the Sea Church**

#### ***4th Sunday of Advent:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 10:30am

#### ***Christmas Eve:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4:00pm

#### ***Christmas Day:***

Monday, Dec. 25 – 10:30am

#### ***Holy Family Sunday (New Year's Eve):***

Sunday, Dec. 31 – 10:30am

Anticipated Mass - 4:00pm

#### ***Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day):***

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 – 10:30am

### **Good Shepherd Church**

#### ***4th Sunday of Advent:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 9:00am and 11:00am

#### ***Christmas Eve:***

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 4:00pm, and  
Midnight Mass - doors open 10pm,  
carols start 11pm

#### ***Christmas Day:***

Monday, Dec. 25 – 9:00am and 11:00am

#### ***Holy Family Sunday (New Year's Eve):***

Sunday, Dec. 31 – 9:00am, 11:00am

Anticipated Mass - 7:00pm

#### ***Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day):***

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 – 9:00am, 11:00am and  
7:00pm

### **Advent Penitential Services**

Thursday, Dec. 7	7:00pm	St. Bernadette
Tuesday, Dec. 12	7:00pm	Precious Blood
Thursday, Dec. 14	7:00pm	St. Matthew's
Tuesday, Dec. 19	7:00pm	IC Delta
Wednesday, Dec. 20	7:30pm	OLGC
Thursday, Dec. 21	7:00pm	Good Shepherd Church

**Welcome to our newest parishioners:**

Maria Braungart and Chenevert Claude

**Congratulations to those recently Baptised:**

Maxwell Harrison Couto Cope



**Perpetual Adoration Chapel**

**REMINDER** to all weekly scheduled adorers: If you are going to be absent over the Christmas Season, please contact your Hour Coordinator as soon as possible.

We thank everyone for faithfully making your Holy Hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. We encourage you to share this life-giving relationship with family members and friends, and invite them to know Him and adore Him! *May God bless you over this Advent Season!!*

Hours needing a weekly adorer:

- Sat/Sunday, Midnight-1:00am
- Sunday, 4:00-5:00am
- Sunday, 7:00-8:00pm
- Monday, 5:00-6:00am
- Mon/Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am
- Tuesday, 2:00-3:00pm
- Wednesday, 5:00-6:00pm
- Thursday, 2:00-3:00am
- Thursday, 5:00-6:00am
- Thursday, 11:00-12:00noon

Substitutes are needed for the following hours:

- Sat night/Sundays, Dec 10, 17 & 24 – Midnight-1:00am
- Sundays, Dec. 24 & 31 – 8:00am-9:00am
- Sundays, Dec. 17 & 24 – 9:00pm-10:00pm
- Monday, Dec. 25 – 6:00-7:00am
- Monday, Dec. 25 – 7:00-8:00pm
- Tuesdays, Dec. 19 & 26 – 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Thursdays, Dec. 7 & 14 – 12 noon-1:00pm
- Fridays, Dec. 22 & 29 – 4:00am-5:00am
- Friday, Dec. 22 – 2:00-3:00pm

For more info, please call: Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or Donna Sali 604 542 3070



**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Last meeting: Wed. Dec. 14th  
Meetings resume Jan. 10, 2018

**Christian Silent Meditation**

Last meeting: Tues. Dec. 19th  
Meetings resume Jan. 9, 2018

**Friday Morning Men's Group**

Last meeting: Fri. Dec. 15th  
Meetings resume Jan. 5, 2018

**Legion of Mary**

No break.  
Meetings every Thursday, 4:00pm at Good Shepherd Church

**PREP**

Last class: Thursday, Dec. 14th  
Classes resume: Jan. 11, 2018

**Small Christian Community**

Last meeting: Tues. Dec. 5th  
Meetings resume Jan. 2, 2018

**Seniors Fitness Class**

Last class: Wed. Dec. 13th  
Classes resume Jan. 3, 2018

**R.C.I.A.**

Last class: Wed. Dec. 13th  
Classes resume Jan. 10, 2018

**Stella Maris Concert Choir presents**



**Sunday, December 17th**  
at Good Shepherd Church, 3:00pm  
Tickets available from the Parish Office or at the door on Dec. 17  
Adults \$10, Senior/Students \$8  
Family (2 adults and 1 or more children) \$25.



**Please pray for:**

Pat Lawson, Marian Nadelko, Rose Lawson, Derek Ridsdale, Wade Carpenter, Graham Shore, Regina Merkl, Elsie Cowley, Margaret Barron, Joanna Boomars, Jim Cullina, James Mitten, William Rivard, Ken Wharton, Danya Slijouk, Odette Slezas, Helen Mentek, Joe Novak, Luka Volentier, Dan Hof, Denise McGrann-Pavlovic, Gloria Jaimes Aguilar, Ashley Lambert, Scott Forbes, Gary Wheeler, Gene Nimetz, John Dunn, Edgar Druwe and Joyce Henderson

**Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:**

Frances Tivy  
Horace Jalbert  
Bernice Jangula



**Cards and Calendars for Prisoners**



Please drop off blank/unused 2018 calendars and Christmas cards in the Prison Ministry box located in the welcoming area of Good Shepherd Church or at the Parish Office.

**Enter into the  
Joy of Christmas  
around the Nativity**



**ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR  
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS**

are invited to join  
Fr. Francesco, Claudia,  
Evon & the Youth Choir  
in front of the Nativity at  
Good Shepherd Church

3 Saturdays ~  
**December 9th, 16th and 23th,**  
11:15am – Noon

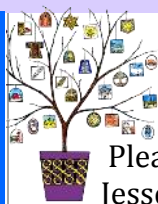


**CWL Christmas Potluck**

**Dinner** is **THIS TUESDAY,**  
**December 5th.** Mass at 6:30pm at  
Good Shepherd Church followed by  
potluck dinner. Please bring your  
plate, cutlery and a potluck dish to  
share.

**Membership Renewals**

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2018) are now  
available \$30. Membership forms  
will be available at the dinner on  
Dec 5th and anytime from the  
Parish Office (and from the parish  
website).



**Jesse Tree Advent  
Outreach**

Please pick a tag from the  
Jesse tree displayed in the  
welcoming area (of all 3 churches).  
Each tag is labeled with an item(s)  
you can donate to someone in  
need. Then, bring the item(s)  
**unwrapped** to place under the  
tree on the following Sunday.

The Jesse Tree items will be  
donated to:

- 100 women who attend a special Christmas Breakfast in the Downtown East Side
  - organized by Theresa Wiggins and her volunteers - [dewc.ca](http://dewc.ca)
  - 120 women who will receive a gift bag from a breakfast at The Door is Open [thedoorisopen.ca](http://thedoorisopen.ca)
- A special project of Sister Chito and her volunteers
- The men's socks, toques and gloves to the Extreme Weather Shelter in White Rock (located at First United Church) - if needed or to the men's program at The Door is Open.

There is also a need for donations  
of **travel size toiletries**

– lotion, toothpaste,  
shampoo, etc.   
Please drop these  
off in the collection bins located in  
the welcoming area of Good  
Shepherd Church. *Thank you!*

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP  
for 19-35 yr-olds**

**NEXT GATHERING: FRIDAY,  
DEC 8th  
7:00-9:00PM  
(in the School  
Fine Art)**

Questions? Email  
[parish@starofthesea.ca](mailto:parish@starofthesea.ca)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
invites you to:

**Breakfast  
in Bethlehem**



Enjoy a delicious Pancake &  
Sausage Breakfast; Crafts &  
Christmas Fun for the kids  
Caroling and Christmas cheer!

**Sunday, December 10th**  
10:00am - 1:00pm  
Star of the Sea School Gym

Entrance by Donation  
(or bring Food Bank items)

The Knights' **20TH ANNUAL  
Christmas Dinner** is on  
**Saturday, December 9th.** Bar  
opens 6pm; Dinner starts 7pm.  
Pick up your tickets at the Parish  
Office by December 5th.



**JULY 27  
-30, 2018**

**Register before Feb. 27th** for  
the early bird rate of \$699 per  
family. Individuals in shared  
accommodation: \$225/per person  
Couples: \$450

Find out more about **Camp  
Latona** (in Gambier Island) by  
visiting [camplatona.com](http://camplatona.com)

Representatives will be at Good  
Shepherd Church weekend of Dec  
16&17 to provide more info.

Our third session of Alpha (first was in Fall of 2016) concluded this past Tuesday, November 28th. We started this session with 48 participants and ended with 23 solid participants.



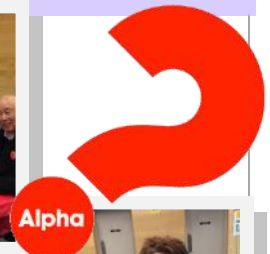
For 11 weeks, the group met on a Tuesday evening in the school gym to have a meal together, watch a 20-min video and in our small groups, tackled some of life's biggest questions such as *What is the purpose of my life? Who is Jesus? Why and How do I have faith? Why is there suffering in the world? How can I resist evil? What about the Church?* Many evenings the conversations could have gone on for hours if we didn't have a

scheduled finish time of 8:30pm!

Through these often-lively discussions, participants gradually sharing their backgrounds, their relationships and ultimately opening up about their questions about God and Christianity. *"To have the Gospel explained in such a real way... that I can respond to in a personally was life-changing. I really wasn't expecting to look forward to it every Tuesday."*

~ Alpha guest

The prevailing comment on the Feedback form participants filled out was their delight at the community they've created within their small groups. A few of these groups have plans to continue meeting and helping each other grow in discipleship.



We thank the CWL who hosted dinner on one evening and the Knights who hosted twice. We also especially thank those kind souls (school parents) who dropped of steaming crockpots full of delicious meals on so many Tuesday evenings. Know that your contributions helped create an atmosphere reflective of Christ's love and invitation to COME and SEE!

Our next Alpha will start after Easter.



Star of the Sea School

[www.staroftheseaschool.ca](http://www.staroftheseaschool.ca)

SENIORS LUNCHEON & CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION



An Invitation to our Senior Parishioners:  
Come join us on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th** Mass at 11:00am at Good Shepherd Church, followed by a special lunch at Noon and our Christmas presentation.

Tickets are \$2.00 each and are now available at the Parish Office. (please note that you will need a ticket to enter - *no early birds please!*)



On Wednesday, the school dressed down in Christmas attire and brought in donations totalling \$1,600 for The Door is Open; a Catholic charity that lends a helping hand to men and women living in Vancouver's downtown east side. Thank you to everyone who donated and for all the students and teachers who brought Christmas cheer into the school!