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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF Advent



THE VOICE OF ONE
 CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS:
 'PREPARE THE WAY
 OF THE LORD,
 MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'

Mark 1:3

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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 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we gave to everyone the handout describing the 3-R's Program that we have been following for the past two years, with our focus being God's call to each of us to be good stewards of the plentiful gifts we have received from Him. This year during Advent we are calling attention to the first of the "R's", that of Reverence, and we highlighted the various groups that contribute to the reverence we portray in the celebration of our Sunday Masses. In that vein I would like to express my gratitude for all those volunteers who take an active role in those ministries, i.e. the Servers, the Greeters, the Ushers, the Musicians and Choristers, the Lectors, the Children's Liturgy, and the Ministers of Holy Communion. Their commitment to the sacred liturgy and the reverence they demonstrate in its celebration, is so much appreciated.

Now for this 2nd Sunday of Advent we will focus our attention on the theme of Reverence as it applies to the need to grow stronger in our Faith and to enhance the quality of our esteem for this gift of God. We have several faith formation groups active in the Parish, and they provide an ongoing invitation for people to take part. To that end, we have the RCIA for adult enquirers, the PREP for public school children, the Friday Morning Men's Group, 2 Bible Study Groups, and the Alpha Program, all of which make an effort to help in the deepening of one's Faith. And again, I extend my gratitude to those involved in these ministries.

These groups offer a variety of ways to increase the faith of their participants, but if a person could not attend programs or groups, then there is also the possibility of using one's computer as a kind of library of the Catholic Faith through the use of the name "google". I've looked up a lot of topics and issues through that means and I encourage you as well. One of the sites I've used is called Catholic Answers, but there are many others as well. Advent is a reverent time of year and it calls us to be ever more reverent in the living and learning of our Faith, so let us persevere in the learning mode.

Have a good week,

Fr. Dion

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

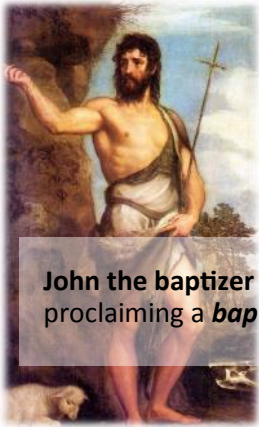
Christmas Day:
Monday, Dec. 25 – 9:00am and 11:00am

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



This Sunday's Readings

1ST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
RESPONSORIAL: Psalm 85:9-14
2ND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14
GOSPEL: Mark 1: 1-8

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a **baptism of repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins**.

Our God is coming. The time of exile—the long separation of humankind from God due to sin—is about to end. This is the **GOOD NEWS** proclaimed in today's liturgy.

Isaiah in today's First Reading promises Israel's future release and return from captivity and exile. But as today's Gospel shows, Israel's historic deliverance was meant to point towards an even greater saving act by God—the **coming of Jesus** – who came not just for Israel, but who came to set all nations free from the bondage to sin and to gather us up and carry us back to God.

In Jesus, God has filled in the valley that divided sinful humanity from Himself. He has done all this, not for humanity in the abstract, but **for each of us**. And each of us must hear in today's readings **a personal call**. *Here is your God*, Isaiah says. *He has been patient with you*, Peter says in today's Epistle.

Today's Gospel reading describes the ministry of John the Baptist as "*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*" (Mark 1:1). In other words, he preached the essential gospel message of **repentance** and **faith in Jesus** as the divine Messiah.

Like many of the prophets before him, John was sent to call the people to an urgent repentance in light of what God would soon bring about. Matthew 3:2 summarizes the content of John's message as: "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" Luke 3 echoes these warnings, and in verses 10-14 we are told that the crowds cried out to know what they must do. John commanded tax collectors to stop collecting deceitful wages, soldiers to stop extorting people by force and to be content with their wages, and the crowd as a whole to give up the extra things they possess to meet the needs of those who did not have enough. He painted a clear picture of **repentance as not a mere ritual or sacrifice, but an actual "turning of hearts" and life from sin to God.**

And each of us has a choice to respond or not... Like Jerusalem's inhabitants in the Gospel, we are called to go out to Him, repenting our sins, all the laziness and self-indulgence that make our lives a spiritual wasteland. Through Him and in Him, we are called to straighten out our lives, so that everything we do leads us to Him. stpaulcenter / carm.org

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

Dec 11 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 12 Tuesday

- 9:30am Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room
- 4:00pm Soup Kitchen Christmas Dinner - SOS Hall
- 7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation - GS - Cry Room

Dec 13 Wednesday

- 10:00am Seniors Fitness - SOS Hall (LAST CLASS before Christmas; classes resume Jan 3rd)
- 10:15am Priests at Communion Calls - Care Homes
- 6:30pm Confessions - GS
- 7:00pm RCIA - GS (LAST CLASS before Christmas; classes resume Jan 10th)
- 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - School

Dec 14 Thursday

- 4:00pm Legion of Mary- GS -Fireside
- 6:15pm PREP Classes - School (LAST CLASS before Christmas; classes resume Jan 11th)

Dec 15 Friday

- 6:00am Friday Morning Men's Group - GS - Fireside (LAST MEETING before Christmas; resume Jan 5th)

Dec 16 Saturday

- 8:30am Confessions - SOS
- 10:00am Confessions - GS
- 11:15am Families around the Nativity - GS
- 5:00pm Family Mass - GS

MINISTRY FAIR at ALL WEEKEND MASSES at Good Shepherd Church

Dec 17 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 3:00pm "Breath of Heaven" STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR Christmas Concert - GS

Welcome to our newest parishioners:

Wendy Huang

Congratulations to those recently Baptised:

Isabella Charlotte Busto

STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR'S
Breath of Heaven
Christmas Concert
is **NEXT** Sunday, December 17th
3:00pm, Good Shepherd
Church
Tickets available at the door.

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
2 more Saturdays:
December 16th and 23th,
11:15am – Noon



Perpetual Adoration Chapel



To ALL CHAPEL PARTICIPANTS: If you are unsure of fulfilling your weekly scheduled Holy Hour or hour as a Substitute **DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS** over the winter, or any other **EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL YOUR HOUR COORDINATOR**, or the contacts posted in your Parish bulletin, or call the Parish Office during administrative hours. Also, if you are planning on being away over the Christmas Season, please be sure to call and let us know.

Hours needing a Substitute:

- Sat night/Sunday, Dec 24, 31
– 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 – 11:00-Midnight
- Tuesdays, Dec. 19, 26
– 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Thurs night/Friday, Dec 22, 29
– 1:00am-2:00am
- Fridays, Dec 22, 29
– 4:00am-5:00am

The Lord is offering you a place of rest, peace and grace, away from the bustle of the busy season. If you are able to give just one hour with Jesus in the middle of the night or at any other time in the upcoming weeks, please call:

Chapel Coordinators:
Sandra Perrin 604 542 6057 or
Donna Sali 604 542 3070

Next Family Mass is
Saturday, December 16th
Good Shepherd Church, **5:00pm**
Participate by being a:

- *Reader* (Gr.4 & up and parent)
- *Singer* (Gr. 2 & up and parent)
- *Gift Bearer* (a family)

Christmas Eve Family Mass
is on **Sunday, December 24th,**
Good Shepherd Church, **4:00pm.**

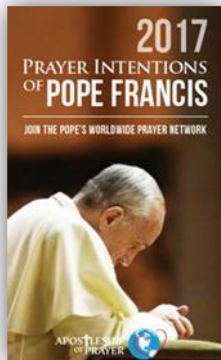
If you would like to participate in this special Family Choir (*only 20 open spaces!*), there is a rehearsal on Friday, Dec. 22nd, 6:30pm-8:30pm in the School Fine Arts Room. Please contact Mrs. Olsen at elosen@starofthesea.ca

Jesse Tree Advent Outreach items are due this week in order that the team can properly pack and deliver your donations to the recipient groups by next week. Please drop off your items under the Jesse Tree no later than Sunday, December 17th.
Thank you!



Papal Prayer Intentions For December

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of:
Bo Genevieve
Roberta Peters

2nd Collection next weekend
December 16 & 17
for the Parish Centre
Building Fund



Tuesday, Dec. 12th is the Feast Day of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**



A special invitation to all the **Spanish Community** to come and celebrate Our Lady's Feast Day together - Mass with Fr. Dion at **Star of the Sea Church, 9:00am.**

**Parish Family Camp
JULY 27 - 30, 2018**

Join us for a weekend where we take care of the family with all the cooking, dishes and planning. Include your grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Activities are designed to be enjoyed with the whole family as well as programs specific to a particular age group. Toddlers and babies are welcome to join in the fun!

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



Representatives will be at Good Shepherd Church next weekend (Dec 16&17) to answer your questions and share their fun family summer camp experience!

THE BIBLE and the SACRAMENTS

The Bible and the Sacraments is a beautifully filmed visually stunning series exploring the Sacraments of the Catholic Church by investigating the deeper Mystery of the Sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture.



The goal is to understand where the sacraments come from, what they mean and why they are so important and foundational to our Catholic Faith.

Five Thursdays
starting **January 18th**
1:00pm or 7:00pm
Good Shepherd - Meeting Room

No registration necessary. For inquiries, call Loren 604-538-8761

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Charismatic Prayer Group

Last meeting: Wed. Dec. 13th
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

R.C.I.A.

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

And just like that, the 2017 CWL Christmas Potluck Dinner is done! " We would like to thank all of those that helped in the preparation of this event. Often times some of the joy and memories come not from the event alone, but from the moments we share in getting to the event itself. It was wonderful to see the faces of our members that are not always able to join us and those joining us for the first time. It always strikes a chord that we share so much common ground; beyond the fact that we are all women, we share our faith, our love of God, good friends and family, while sharing a meal. May your Christmas be filled with Joy, family, and friends. Thank you for your continued support of the CWL and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year! ~ Susan Mustard
2017 CWL president





LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR TICKETS!!

SENIORS LUNCHEON & CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th

Mass at 11:00am

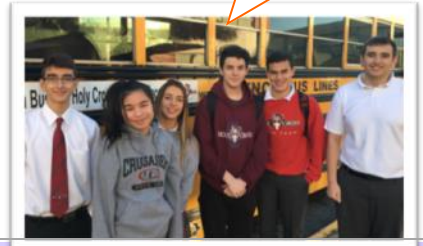
at Good Shepherd Church, followed by a special lunch at Noon and our Christmas presentation.

There are some tickets left (\$2.00 each) at the Parish Office

Starting this week at Friday assemblies, our school community will be honouring our UNSUNG HEROES - those who make "substantial, yet unrecognized contribution without the expectation of praise", such as those who spend many hours doing all those 'little jobs' that support in such big ways, like supervising, photocopying, cutting, gluing, laminating...etc.



Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Holy Cross Music Students by purchasing chocolate covered almonds after Mass 2 weeks ago. We sold 40 cases!! The profits will go towards the expenses of our Band trips in the Spring to Edmonton and Toronto. We are very lucky to have your generous support!



Around the Diocese & Community

December 10, 2017 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. John Paul II Academy

Over 200 people were at the Open House for the St. John Paul II Academy held in Star of the Sea Hall on Wednesday, December 6.



Many of our parishioners and parish families interested in getting an update on the plans for this newest high school in the Vancouver Archdiocese in 23 years were on hand to listen to Archbishop Michael Miller, school principal, Michel DesLauriers and school board member, Troy Van Vliet. Architectural renderings of the school grounds and buildings were unveiled as were the new school uniforms modeled by a number of Star of the Sea students.



Morning of Recollection

"Pray always, I will be your rest"

While we are waiting for the coming of our Lord, let's reflect together how to pray always, and rest in his arm. Come join Madonna House for a talk and time of silent reflection, followed by fellowship and sharing.

**We will have potluck lunch afterwards so bring a dish to share.*

When: Saturday, Dec 16th

Where: St. John the Apostle Parish Hall

5457 Trafalgar St, Vancouver

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm*

For more information contact Madonna House:

madonna02@shaw.ca
604-267-1757

www.madonnahouse.org
www.madonnahousetv.com

Furniture & Household Items Needed



Do you have basic furniture and household items to donate to newly-landed refugee families?

- Bedroom furniture (single or double beds only)
- Living room furniture
- Kitchenware (basic items including dishware set, cutlery set, pots and pans, cooking utensils)

PLEASE: YOUR FURNITURE ITEMS MUST BE IN GOOD, CLEAN CONDITION

If you have any of these items, please email photographs to Mario at the Parish Office: mylanan@starofthesea.ca

Please *ONLY* drop off items at the church or at the Parish Office *AFTER* approval - this is to make sure the items are suitable for the small apartments these families are sharing.