

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

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Dancing for Joy

This is the third Sunday of Advent, called "Joyful" Sunday, the day that John the Baptist tells the Jews that the coming Messiah wants more from them than simply being in Abraham's lineage! To us this means, as John puts it, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise. Don't lie and accuse others falsely; take only what is owed to you and quit complaining."

To anyone who thinks church teachings are stuffy, boring, and all for old people—listen up! Advent is shocking, because it actually asks us to curb our power and our consumption. Who else tells you that in no uncertain terms? Our college degrees, our bank accounts, and our fancy bloodlines mean nothing, if we do not: "Limit your passion to have and to hold, your yearning to possess and administer and control, which operates boundlessly at the expense of your neighbor. Advent is such a startling act because it runs directly against the consumer orgy that Christmas tends to be." All that does matter is how you share what you have, or use the power that you have in the world, to create new life for someone who needs you. That is the way to prepare for Jesus. That is the source of joy on "Rejoicing Sunday."

Simple people have done it for generations. Immigrants cared for each other in their neighbourhoods. Let's create neighbourhoods with each other, not simply be satisfied with lots of clothes and shoes rotting in the closet. Think creatively—how can you DO real preparation for Jesus this Advent? Go in peace to love and serve our God!

Parish Schedule

Dec 17 Mon	9:00 AM <i>Int: David Lalana †</i> 7:00 PM Christmas Novena	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 11:30AM-1PM Confessions 10AM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 1:00 PM SENIORS SOCIAL 7:00 PM Walking With Purpose Bible Study 7:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship
Dec 18 Tues	9:00 AM <i>Int: Wilf Zinger †</i> 7:00 PM Christmas Novena	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 1:00 PM CCS Christmas Pageant 6:30 PM PEC Meeting 7:00 PM CCS Christmas Pageant 7:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship
Dec 19 Wed	9:00 AM <i>Int: Wilf Zinger †</i> 7:00 PM Christmas Novena	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:45 AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10:00 AM LEGION OF MARY 7:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship
Dec 20 Thurs	9:00 AM <i>Int: Rustico Tria †</i> 7:00 PM Christmas Novena	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:00 AM SVDP Christmas Hamper Sorting 7:00 PM Holy Days Choir Practice in Church
Dec 21 Fri	9:00 AM School Mass <i>Int: David Lalana †</i> 7:00 PM Christmas Novena	8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:00 AM SVDP Christmas Hamper Packing 2-3:00 PM HOLY HOUR 7:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship
Dec 22 Sat	9:00 AM <i>Int: Mathew Xavier †</i> 4:30 PM Christmas Novena <i>Int: Juan, Ines & Cecilia Omaga †</i>	8-9:00 AM Men's Faith Study Gathering 8:45 AM Morning Prayer/Confession 9:30 AM Confessions 4:00 PM Confessions 10 AM—12 PM SVDP Christmas Hamper Distribution 5:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship
Dec 23 Sun	9:00 AM <i>Int: PB Parishioners</i> 11:00 AM <i>Int: Makenzie Hangad B'day</i> 4:30 PM Christmas Novena	8:30-8:55 AM Confession 10:30-10:55 AM Confession 3-5:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group 5:30 PM Novena Mass Fellowship 6:30-9:00 PM AA Mtg @ Parish Centre

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 23 is for the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. In this season of giving, please give generously to our parish organization that works to give to the needy. Use the SVDP envelopes. Please make cheques payable to Precious Blood Parish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Daniel Gibbons, Catharina Noble, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy, Rosa Santos, Buena Lipat Carandang, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Peter & Carolyn Goertzen, all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

Stewardship Reflection

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
—Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) Thank you everyone who came to our Christmas play and family party. Thank you to all the teachers for putting it together. Catch up classes continue and Jan 5 is First Reconciliation for catch up. PREP grade 2 students First Reconciliation is Jan 16th. PREP classes resume on January 9. Merry Christmas everyone

Thank you so much for all the people that supported Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta. The Youth Ministry and Hispanic Community have worked really hard to bring this joyful celebration to you all. The proceeds from this event will help to continue assisting the migrant workers ministry and the youth ministry efforts. Youth gatherings will resume in January. For now you will see our young parishioners greeting and reading at the youth mass on the second and fourth Sundays of December. Least but not last thank you for supporting our Charlie Brown pancake breakfast on December 2nd.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) will take a break until Wednesday, Jan 9, 2019. Merry Christmas to all and a safe and holy holiday season!

MEN'S FAITH STUDY For any man trying to figure out how to be a Christian. Come learn what it means to follow Jesus by learning from St. Paul's life and teaching. Saturday mornings, 7:45 –8:45 am in the Parish Centre. Contact Darren Friesen @ darrenxfriesen@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GIFT CARD PROGRAM All proceeds from gift card sales benefit the vestibule expansion project. We have collected \$2,943 to date.

Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

WEEK 44

SUN	Jeremiah 31:23-32:44; Sirach 17:15-27; Jn.6:22-40
MON	Jeremiah 33-34; Sirach 18:1-14; John 6:41-71
TUE	Jeremiah 35-36; Sirach 18:15-33; John 7:1-24
WED	Jeremiah 37-39; Sirach 19:1-17; John 7:25-53
THU	Jeremiah 40-42; Sirach 19:18-26; John 8:1-30
FRI	Jeremiah 43-45; Sirach 20:1-17; John 8:31-59
SAT	Jeremiah 46-47; Sirach 20:18-30; John 9:1-23



HOLY HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

on **Dec 21, 2-3 pm**. As you "watch and wait" and remain "silent" in His Presence, *come and open yourself to His Graces which flow from the Eucharistic Jesus during this Advent season.* "How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Vianney



Fr. Paul wishes to express his gratitude for all the gifts and greeting cards he received for his 25th Anniversary. Thank you also to everyone who came to make the celebration a fun and successful one. God bless you all!

AROUND THE PARISH



CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS Join us for Mass for 9 consecutive days before Christmas from Dec 15-23. Mass starts @ 4:30 pm on Dec. 15, 22 & 23 and 7 pm on Dec 16-21. Fellowship follows after all Masses. Welcome Archbishop Emeritus Ramon Arguelles of Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines and thank you for kicking off our Novena Masses.

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR 2018-2019 still available until end of December. Get your copy at the Vestibule after Mass or from the Parish Office Monday through Friday. 1 for \$4, 2 for \$7, 3 for \$10.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is taking names of those who may need a little extra help during the upcoming holiday season until Dec 19. If you (or a family you know) are in need this Christmas, please contact the Parish Office. All info received is confidential. If you would like to donate towards this cause, pick a star from our "Giving Tree" located by the baptismal font.



VESTIBULE EXPANSION Approval in Principle has been granted by the Archdiocese for this Project! Please continue to pray and support this endeavor which will roughly cost \$400,000. Donate to Project Advance (pledge card or online), support our shopping card program or use the Building Fund envelopes available in the vestibule.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2018 Our parish has currently raised \$56,658.80 with 16% (or 163) of our families participating. Give online at www.projectadvance.ca or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in the collection basket **before Dec. 31 for the 2018 tax year**. Thank you!

2019 DONATION BOXES AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Please pick up your donation boxes. They will be available in the vestibule until Dec. 21 and then they will be in the Parish Centre. Please let Rosana in the Parish Office know if you can not find your box.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tues, Dec 18	IC Delta	7:00 pm
Wed. Dec 19	St. Bernadette Parish	7:00 pm
Thurs Dec 20	Good Shepherd	7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 Family 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve Dec. 24 Vigil 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Dec. 25 9 AM & 11 AM

New Year's Mass Schedule:

New Year's Eve Dec. 31 4:30 PM
New Year's Day Jan. 1 9 AM & 11 AM



For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry: Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	Vocations Office: 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7546
Catholic Cemeteries: 604-531-2141	Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy: 1-877-889-6626
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline: 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca	NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES Billings Method: David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256
Retrouvaille (for troubled marriages): retrouvaillevancover.com	Creighton Method: fertilitycarevancover.ca
Courage (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	Encourage (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org