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STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*
 December 16, 2018



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 bear fruits
 in keeping
 with
 repentance...

Luke 3:8

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

On this third Sunday of Advent we wear the rose vestments as a sign of the joy of the season and our closeness to the feast of Christmas. And in this spirit of joy we highlight the theme of "**Respect**" with a focus on various ministries that portray a commitment to the good of others who may especially deserve the outreach and attention of the people in the parish. So we have the **Hospitality ministry** that involves the welcoming of those coming into Mass; the **Prison Ministry** that involves visiting those who cannot come to Mass; the **St. Martin's Guild** that helps people in special circumstances of need; and the **Seniors Outreach** group that involves serving the senior members of the parish.

These are all really worthwhile ways of interacting with others and providing a tangible sign of the care and kindness for those involved and for those they reach out to. There's always room for more helpers in these various ways of demonstrating the grace of Respect.

This week we will be having our Advent Penitential Service on Thursday evening starting at 7pm with several priests in attendance. The three of us priests will be going to Immaculate Conception Parish on Tuesday evening, and then to St. Bernadette Parish on Wednesday evening, so for this week we will cancel our own confessions on Wednesday in favor of the next evening when all the priests will be here for our scheduled night.

Please take notice of the Mass times for the feast of Christmas, and plan to come a little earlier than you might normally. There are always larger numbers coming to Mass and the parking takes longer and the weather may be an issue, so planning ahead is a good thing.

Have a joyful week, *Fr. Dion*



*Each one of us is
an innkeeper who
decides if there is
room for Jesus.*



Christmas & New Year's MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Cross Church

Christmas Eve:

Monday, Dec. 24 – 4:00pm

Christmas Day:

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 8:30am

Holy Family Sunday:

Sunday, Dec. 30 – 8:30am

Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day):

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 – 8:30am

Star of the Sea Church

Christmas Eve:

Monday, Dec. 24 – 4:00pm

Christmas Day:

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 10:30am

Holy Family Sunday:

Anticipated Mass: Sat. Dec. 29 - 4:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 30 – 10:30am

Solemnity of Mary:

Anticipated Mass: Mon. Dec. 31 - 4:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 – 10:30am

Good Shepherd Church

Christmas Eve:

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

Christmas Day:

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Family Sunday:

Anticipated Mass: Sat. Dec. 29 - 5:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 30 – 9:00am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

Solemnity of Mary:

Anticipated Mass: Mon. Dec. 31 - 5:00pm

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

Advent Penitential Services

Tuesday, Dec. 18 7:00pm IC Delta

Wednesday, Dec. 19 7:00pm St. Bernadette

Thursday, Dec. 20 7:00pm Good Shepherd
Church

This Sunday's Mass Readings

1ST READING: Zephaniah 3: 14-18

RESPONSORIAL: Isaiah 12:2-6

2ND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

The following reflection is taken from the Biblical Reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent C - Dec 16, 2012 by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB saltandlighttv.org and from Dr. Scott Hahn, St. Paul Centre stpaulcenter.com

On this third Sunday of Advent -- known as Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing -- this theme resounds through today's readings: ***"Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near!"***

St. Paul tells us in today's epistle to ***Rejoice in the Lord always*** (Phil 4:4). This rejoicing to which St. Paul invites us, forms the heart of the Advent season. But we must ask ourselves, when St. Paul wrote this letter to the persecuted Christians, what did they have to rejoice about? **The answer is their relationship with the Lord**, which can even become stronger and more intimate in times of persecution. Their joy is not in their circumstance; indeed it is often in spite of their circumstance. Rather it is in the Lord.

Sheer joy arises out of a deep and abiding relationship with God that carries the believer through all sorts of trials and tribulations. Rejoicing in the Lord is a sort of adoration, and adoration often takes the form of prayer. Rejoicing constantly leads to praying and praising repeatedly. Since Paul refers to giving thanks after he mentions prayer, it is probable that the term "praying" refers to petitioning God in some form, perhaps interceding for self and others in some manner.

The opposite of rejoicing and happiness is not sorrow, but rather a deadness that often manifests itself through cynicism, meanness of spirit and smallness of mind and heart. Many of us know what that feels like: the deadness and dissatisfaction induced by a consumer culture that stimulates our senses and bombards us with largely meaningless choices, while leaving us starved for some deeper purpose.

The gospel ready today continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. The people are "filled with expectation" as they believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: *"What then should we do?"*

The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to ***"repent"*** or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too. ***"Repentance"*** translates an ancient Greek word, metanoia (μετάνοια), which literally means "change of mind". In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a two-fold turning away from sin and toward God. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change, and John challenged the crowds who came to him, calling upon them to **show evidence of their repentance**: *"Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance..."* (Luke 3:8)

John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites.



Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: **the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone**, Jews and Gentiles.

The crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics, i.e. what evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John teaches us that **each person has a role to play in God's salvation**. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans!

Each of us is being called today to stand in that crowd and hear the good news of John's call to repentance. Let us examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" **Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath, but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.**



Week at a Glance

see bulletin cover for regular weekday Mass schedule

Dec 17 Monday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
8:30am Rosary for Priests after 8am Mass - GS

Dec 18 Tuesday

- 9:00am Drop-off, Drop-in Coffee (*school parents*)- **LAST GATHERING BEFORE CHRISTMAS** - GS
9:15am Priests at Confessions at Holy Cross Regional Secondary
7:00pm Priests at Confessions at I.C. Delta
7:00pm Christian Silent Meditation (**LAST MEETING BEFORE CHRISTMAS**) - GS Cry Room

Dec 19 Wednesday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
9:30am *Endow* Women's Group (week 8 of 8) - GS
Priests at 3rd Wed Communion Visits
12:00pm Seniors Christmas Luncheon in Good Shepherd Church foyer followed by Christmas Performance in the School Gym
NO regular 6:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Priests at Confessions at St. Bernadette's
7:00pm RCIA (**LAST MEETING BEFORE CHRISTMAS**) - GS Meeting Room

Dec 20 Thursday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
4:00pm Legion of Mary - GS Fireside
7:00pm **Advent Penitential Services at Good Shepherd Church**

Dec 21 Friday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
8:30am Rosary for the Crisis in the Church - GS
9:15am School Mass - GS

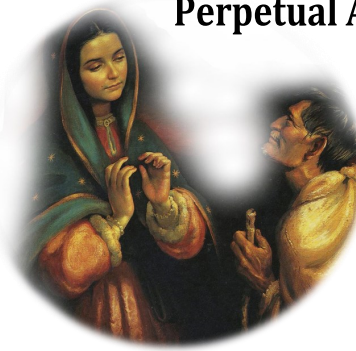
Dec 22 Saturday

- 7:30am Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours - GS
8:30am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Prayer Group - GS
8:30am Confessions - SOS
10:00am Confessions - GS
10:00am Christmas Eve Family Mass Choir Rehearsal - GS

Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent

Knights of Columbus shopping card sales at all the weekend masses

Perpetual Adoration Chapel



Our Lady of Guadalupe asked the Bishop to build a chapel for her Eucharistic Son. Today, Mother Mary continues to invite her children to come into His Presence in the Chapel of Adoration.

Come for just ONE HOUR and wait with Mary in prayerful silence for the Lord's coming, Our Emmanuel, "God with us."

Many substitutes are needed over the Christmas Season where faithful visitors to the chapel are away. Will you offer just one hour to fill a need?

Hours in need of a weekly adorer:

Sunday, 1:00am-2:00am
Sunday, 2:00am-3:00am
Monday, 5:00am-6:00am
Monday, 10:00pm-11:00pm
Tuesday, Midnight-1:00am
Tuesday, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, 8:00pm-9:00pm

Hours needing a Substitute:

Sunday, Dec. 30 – 8:00-9:00am
Mondays, Dec. 17 & 24 – 2:00-3:00am
Mondays, Dec. 17, 24, 31 – 12 Noon-1:00pm
Monday, Dec. 24 – 2:00-3:00pm
Monday, Dec. 24 – 5:00-6:00pm
Monday, Dec. 24 – 8:00-9:00pm
Monday, Dec. 31 – 10:00-11:00pm
Monday, Dec. 24 – 11:00pm-Midnight
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 6:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25 – 8:00-9:00pm
Wednesdays, Dec. 19, 26 – 4:00-5:00pm
Fridays, Dec. 21 & 28 – Midnight-1:00am
Friday, Dec. 28 – 1:00-2:00am
Fridays, Dec. 28, Jan. 4 – 8:00-9:00pm
Saturdays, Dec. 22 & 29 – 6:00-7:00am
Saturday, Dec. 29 – 8:00-9:00pm

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A reminder that for **2018 income tax purposes**, donations need to be received at the Parish Office **BEFORE Friday, December 28th**. Donations can be made by cheque, cash or credit card at the Parish Office. For online donations, go to: www.rcav.org/giving

Welcome

We're glad you're here

Our newest parishioners:

Jeanette Bader
Thoko Kamwanja &
Anastasia Struss

Congratulations to those recently Baptised:



Victor Dre Lopez

Congratulations to those recently Married:



Shane Potter & Ria Geluk

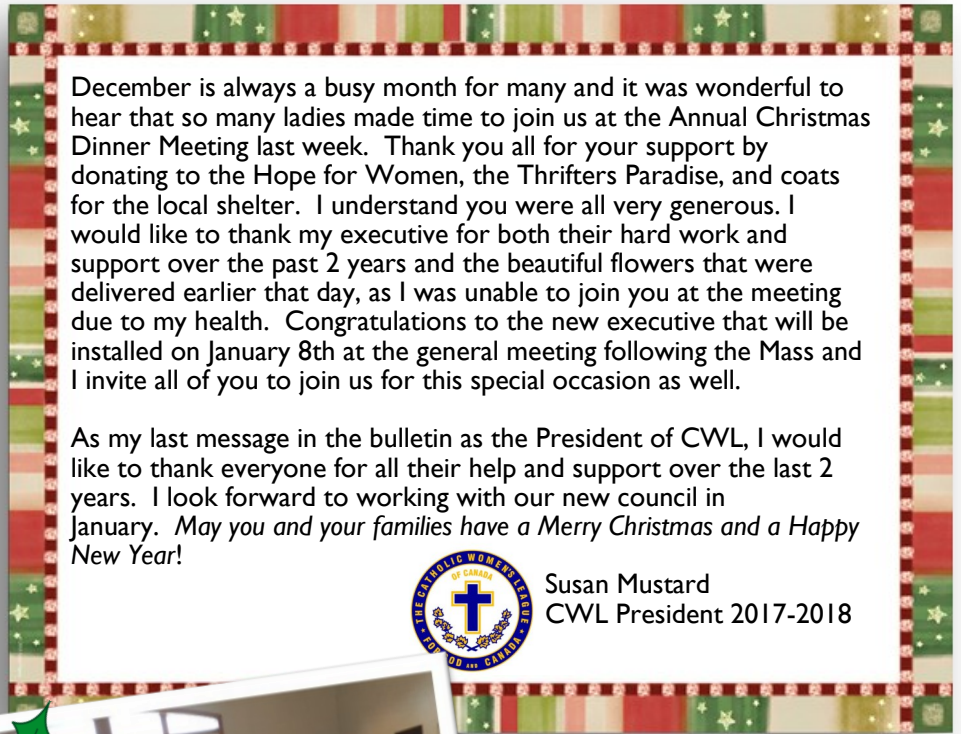
Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

Patrick McManus,
Marie-Louise Hanna, Jane Smith,
Theresa McMurtry, Cathy Fifik,
Bradley Antchak, Bill Lesage,
Brianna Ginn, Kelsey Freisen,
Jim Cullina, Nancy Murchison,
Mark Heeler, Rachelle Beaver,
Janice Thorsen, Walter Butula,
Ray Wittrock, Mia Tennant,
Sarah Philibert, Bernd Firnung,
Isla Ufford, Colleen Hopwood,
Nikolas Fleming, Juliette Jacks,
Chuck Lafave, Marie Geiger,
Dermot Dunne, Ken LaHaie,
Magdalena Coombs,
Luka Volentier, Lynn Carruth,
Leslie Jones, Barbara Demers,
Charlotte Sears, Alice Anderson,
Van Huguet, Catherine Dempsey,
Andrea Egan, Catharina Noble,
Marian Nadelko, Derek Ridsdale,
Graham Shore, Fran Caparo,
Pat Flickinger, Sophie Cosgrave,
Dan Hof, Joanna Boomars,
Joyce Henderson, and
Bernadette Deeley.

Please pray for the **Rest**
of the Soul of:

Maria D'Astolfo



December is always a busy month for many and it was wonderful to hear that so many ladies made time to join us at the Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting last week. Thank you all for your support by donating to the Hope for Women, the Thrifters Paradise, and coats for the local shelter. I understand you were all very generous. I would like to thank my executive for both their hard work and support over the past 2 years and the beautiful flowers that were delivered earlier that day, as I was unable to join you at the meeting due to my health. Congratulations to the new executive that will be installed on January 8th at the general meeting following the Mass and I invite all of you to join us for this special occasion as well.

As my last message in the bulletin as the President of CWL, I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support over the last 2 years. I look forward to working with our new council in January. *May you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



Susan Mustard
CWL President 2017-2018



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

would like to welcome others 19-yr
-to-35years of age to join them in
these upcoming events:



* Christmas Ceilidh Dance ~ Saturday, December 29th.

A festive spin on the Scottish ancestor to the barn dance ("KAY-lee"), no experience or dancing skills needed (instruction will be provided). \$10 entry includes 1 mulled wine or other drink; dress to impress! We will be meeting in the Good Shepherd Church parking lot on Dec. 29th at 6:20pm to carpool to the dance at Sts Joachim & Ann Parish, 2827 - 273rd Street, Aldergrove

* Chris Tomlin's "Holy Roar Tour" ~ Saturday, March 9th, 7pm at the Abbotsford Centre.

Email parish@starofthesea.ca
if you'd like to join us or for more
information.

Christmas Eve Family

Mass is on **Monday, December 24th**, Good Shepherd Church,
4:00pm.

Calling all **FAMILIES**

WHO LIKE TO SING:

(grandparents &
grandchildren,
moms/dads/children,
aunts/uncles/nieces/nephews)



AND COME TO REHEARSAL

on **Saturday, Dec. 22nd,**
10:00am-Noon in Good
Shepherd Church Meeting Room.

This is a special Christmas
Family Mass Choir and there are
only 30 open spaces! Please
contact Mrs. Olsen
evono@starofthesea.ca
if you would like to sing at the
Christmas Eve 4pm Mass.



Charismatic Prayer Group

Meetings resume Jan. 9, 2019

Christian Silent Meditation

Last meeting: Tues. Dec. 18th
Meetings resume Jan. 8, 2019

Drop-Off/Drop-In Coffee

Last café: Tues. Dec. 18th
Resume Jan. 8, 2019

Friday Morning Men's Group

Meetings resume Jan. 4, 2019

Journey Youth Group

Last gathering: Fri. Dec. 14th
Meetings resume Jan. 8, 2019

King's Banquet Soup Kitchen

Last dinner: Tues. Dec. 18th
1st Tuesday night dinner in the new year: Jan. 8, 2019

Korean Bible Study

Meetings resume Jan. 9, 2019

Legion of Mary

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

PREP

Classes resume: Jan. 10, 2019

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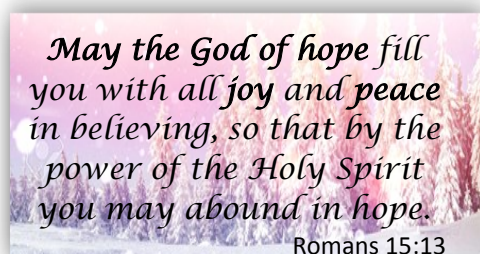
Last class: Wed. Dec. 19th
Classes resume Jan. 9, 2019

Small Christian Community

Meetings resume Jan. 8, 2019

Seniors Fitness Class

Classes resume Jan. 9, 2019



Winter Institute 2018

One day courses for ministry training, faith formation and general interest open to all.

Saturday, January 19, 2019
10:00am to 4:00pm
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Cost: \$40.00 on or before Jan. 16th
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Course topics:

- Addressing the Clerical Sexual Abuse
- Discovering the Gospels
- Basics of the Faith – Part II
- Classroom Management
- Volunteer Management
- Adult Catechesis – Part I

For course descriptions and more info, visit rcav.org/oc-winter-institute

Course cost may will be covered for all those in parish ministry ~ please contact our parish office.



Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life

Join us as we celebrate life on **Friday, Dec. 28th**, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30am and Mass is at 12:10pm.

Pro-Life Vespers

On the Feast of the Holy Innocents, we pray for:

- Victims of Abortion
- all considering Abortion
- Abortion Survivors
- all involved in Abortions

Friday, Dec. 28th, 7:00pm
Eastern Catholic Church Richmond
8700 Railway Ave.



Holy Cross Regional Secondary invites prospective families to:

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Thursday, January 31st

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To apply, contact the school: 604-560-8210 or email: mdeslauriers@sjp2academy.com

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