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Parish Office Hours:	Monday-Friday : 8.30am-3.00pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday (anticipated) @ 4.30pm Sundays @ 9am. 11am 6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday @ 8.00am Sat. & Public Holidays @ 9.00am
Reconciliation: (Confession)	30 minutes before Sunday Masses 15 minutes before weekday Masses School Confessions: Fridays @ 9.20am
Baptisms:	Please contact the Parish Office.
Marriages:	Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to setting the wedding date.
Communion/Visiting the Sick	Please contact the Parish Office
Chaplet of Divine Mercy:	Fridays @ 11.00am
Eucharistic Adoration	Monday-Thursday: 7.00-8.00am Fridays @ 8.30-11am School Adoration & Rosary: Fridays @ 9.20am

December 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Stational Church: Basilica of the Twelve Apostles

December 25, 2018
SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST
Stational Churches: **At midnight**—Basilica of
St Mary Major at the Manger
At Dawn—Basilica of St Anastasia
During the Day—Basilica of St Mary Major



Parish Groups & Contacts:

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St John Brebeuf Regional High School	Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

9am ◊ Int: - RIP † Jean Pilla

11am ◊ Int: - Irene

6:30pm ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

Monday, December 24, 2018

8am ◊ Int: -

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

10am ◊ Int: Thanksgiving, Elma & Leo Harrison

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

9am *St. Stephen* ◊ Int: - Roland

Thursday, December 27, 2018

9am *St. John, Apostle* ◊ Int: -RoseMarie

Friday, December 28, 2018

9am *The Holy Innocents* ◊ Int: - Norbert

Saturday, December 29, 2018

5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9am ◊ Int: - Phillip

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - ◊ Int:

Sunday, December 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9am ◊ Int: - Raymond

11am ◊ Int: - Marcel

6:30pm ◊ Int: - Missa pro populo

Stewardship Reflection

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the Scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

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PROJECT ADVANCE

Our total so far is 61,140. We thank the 88 families who have so generously contributed.

We look forward to even more generous donations as we seek to attain our goal of \$90,000.

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM ARCHBISHOP MILLER**

Christmas celebrations enable us to remember that God has not forgotten us and that he comes to us in our daily lives. He came among us 2,000 years ago, born in Bethlehem. But he also comes to be with us today in every situation of our life, the good times and the bad. He dwells among us; he lives with us and within us.

As we journey toward Christmas, the Church takes us by the hand and helps us to experience once again the joyful expectation of the Lord’s coming to his people long ago, and to us today. Visit <https://rcav.org/christmas2018> to read Archbishop Miller’s complete Christmas message.



Upcoming Events

DEC. 24 (MON) ◊ Christmas Eve

Syro Malabar Mass @ 2pm

Mass @ 5:30pm with Children’s Choir

Mass @ 9:00pm (Sung Latin Mass)

DEC. 25 (TUES) ◊ Christmas Mass @ Midnight

Mass @ 10:00am

DEC. 31 (MON) ◊ New Year’s Eve Mass at 4:30pm

JAN. 1 (TUES) ◊ New Year’s Day Mass at 9am & 11am

Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners

*Felicisima Junos, Joseph Billerman, Bill Hireen, Rev. Anthony Boniface,
Luka Volentier, James Hargrave, Roger Loiselle, Ian MacDougall,
Julie Miller and Joyce Walker*

Pregnant? Need to talk? Hurting from a past abortion?

For confidential and compassionate text: “HOPE” to 393939 or “onlinecare.ca”

Eucharistic Adoration: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in St James Church *Monday-Thursday* from 7-8am before the 8am Mass and on Friday mornings at 8.30. Spend an hour adoring, praising and glorifying the Lord in the quietness of the morning.

POPE TO ABUSERS: CONVERT, SURRENDER TO AUTHORITIES, PREPARE FOR GOD’S JUSTICE

The Holy Father delivered a powerful message to the Roman Curia, saying ‘never again’ must the Church’s authorities believe they avoid scandal by cloaking the truth of the evils committed by some of the Church’s members.

Courtney Grogan/CNA

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis strongly condemned clerical sex abuse in his annual Christmas speech to the Roman Curia on Friday, promising that the Church leadership will never again cover-up abuse or treat such cases lightly.

“Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whosoever has committed such crimes. The Church will never seek to hush up or not take seriously any case,” Pope Francis said in Vatican’s City’s Apostolic Palace Dec. 21.

“It is undeniable that some in the past, out of irresponsibility, disbelief, lack of training, inexperience, or spiritual and human short-sightedness, treated many cases without the seriousness and promptness that was due. That must never happen again. This is the choice and the decision of the whole Church,” he continued.

The 40 minute address to the cardinals and members of the Roman Curia largely focused on the “scourges of abuse and infidelity.”

The pope delivered a decisive message to those “consecrated men, ‘the Lord’s anointed’, who today “abuse the vulnerable, taking advantage of their position and their power of persuasion.”

With his hands visibly shaking as he read from his prepared text, the pope addressed abusive clergy directly, telling them to prepare to face justice.

For full article go to:

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-to-abusers-convert-surrender-to-authorities-prepare-for-gods-justice>



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Lifeteen resumes Sunday, Jan. 27th @7.30pm

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE Join us as we celebrate life on Friday, Dec. 28, at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. Rosary begins at 11:30am and Mass is at 12:10pm.

SAVE THE DATE- RESTORE THE BEAUTY: WOMEN’S CONFERENCE . A venue and location in Surrey makes it easily accessible for more women to attend and experience this beautiful event. Event will be Friday, May 3, 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, 9am- 9pm More details coming soon! www.liferestoration.ca/womensconference/

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Sat. Jan. 5 at 2pm - Sts. Joachim & Ann, Aldergrove, Sat. Jan. 5 at 7pm- St. Patrick’s (2881 Main St. Vancouver) Come and experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From the sounds of Palestrina and J.S. Bach to favourites by Sir David Willcocks and a new arrangement by Canadian composer Sarah MacDonald, join MOTET Chamber Choir as we celebrate this most wonderful time of the year and take you on a musical journey to Epiphany. Admission by donation. All ages warmly welcomed. www.motet.ca

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Lord’s Birth is at hand. With the words of the Prophet Micah, the Liturgy invites us to look at Bethlehem, the little town in Judea that witnessed the great event. Unfortunately, in our day, it does not represent an attained and stable peace, but rather a peace sought with effort and hope. Yet God is never resigned to this state of affairs, so that this year too, in Bethlehem and throughout the world, the mystery of Christmas will be renewed in the Church. Today, as in the times of Jesus, Christmas is not a fairy-tale for children but God’s response to the drama of humanity in search of true peace.

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 23	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29	Sunday 30
Micah 5: 2-5 Ps 80 Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45	2Sam 7: 1-16 Ps89 Lk 1: 67-79	Is 52: 7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18	Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59 Ps Ps 31 Mt 10: 17-22	1Jn 1: 1-4 Ps 97 Jn 20: 2-8	1Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124 Mt 2: 13-18	1Jn 2: 3-11 Ps 96 Lk 2: 22-35	1Sam 1: 20-28 Ps 84 1Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2: 41-52

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holy Mary presents Christ to the world

Christ gives us the gift of His Body and Blood in the Mass.

In our greeting “Merry” is another spelling for “Mary”. Christmas is a combination of two words: “Christ” and “Mass”. Hence our greeting literally means:

MARY CHRIST MASS

Our Christmas greeting is one of many similar in the English Language.

For example the Solemnity of St Michael is often times referred to as “Michelmas”, that is, Mass on the Feast of St Michael. Another example is “Candlemas”, that is, the Mass celebrated on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple before which takes place the blessing of candles.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: This year in support of the Pro-Life Movement the pastor has sent you his Christmas greetings using one of the cards produced as an annual fundraiser. The pastor would have loved to have written an individual greeting in each and every card, but it would have been an impossible task. Nonetheless he thanks each and every parishioner and prays that you and your loved ones have a most blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

STATIONAL CHURCHES OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — BASILICA OF THE HOLY CROSS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — BASILICA OF ST PETER

EMBER WEDNESDAY — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

EMBER FRIDAY — BASILICA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

EMBER SATURDAY — BASILICA OF ST PETER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — BASILICA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

CHRISTMAS DAY (MIDNIGHT) — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR AT THE MANGER

CHRISTMAS DAY DAWN — BASILICA OF ST ANASTASIA

CHRISTMAS DAY — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

26 DECEMBER : FEAST OF ST STEPHEN — BASILICA OF ST STEPHEN IN MOUNT CAELIO

27 DECEMBER : FEAST OF ST JOHN THE APOSTLE — BASILICA OF ST MARY MAJOR

28 DECEMBER : FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS — BASILICA OF ST PAUL

1 JANUARY : OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS — BASILICA OF ST MARY ACROSS THE TIBER

6 JANUARY : FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY — BASILICA OF ST PETER

① ALMA REDEMPTORIS (11TH CENTURY) ADVENT (SAT. BEFORE FIRST SUN. OF ADVENT TO FEB. 1ST INCLUSIVE)

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia a cæli / porta manes, Et stella maris,
 Dear Redeemer's Mother, (you) who opens Heaven's gate (and) remains (Heaven's gate) And Star of-the-Sea,
 succurre cadenti / surgere qui curat pópulo: Tu quæ genuisti, / natúra miránte, tuum
 assist those-who-fall to-rise, (you) who care for-the-people: You who bore, (to) nature's wonder, your
 sanctum Genitórem: / Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore / sumens illud Ave
 holy Maker: Virgin before and after (the birth of Jesus), From-Gabriel's mouth, hearing that 'Ave'
 peccatórum miserére.
 on-sinners have-mercy.

COMPOSED BY BLESSED HERMAN THE CRIPPLE
--

Loving Mother of the Redeemer,
 Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea,
 assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again.
 To the wonderment of Nature you bore your Creator,
 Yet remained a virgin after as before.
 You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
 have pity on us poor sinners.

THE BURNING BABE

As I in hoary winter's night stood shivering in the snow,
 Surpris'd I was with sudden heat which made my heart to glow;
 And lifting up a fearful eye to view what fire was near,
 A pretty Babe all burning bright did in the air appear;
 Who, scorched with excessive heat, such floods of tears did shed
 As though his floods should quench his flames which with his tears were fed.
 "Alas!" quoth he, "but newly born, in fiery heats I fry,
 Yet none approach to warm their hearts or feel my fire but I!
 My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuel wounding thorns,
 Love is the fire, and sighs the smoke, the ashes shame and scorns;
 The fuel Justice layeth on, and Mercy blows the coals,
 The metal in this furnace wrought are men's defiled souls,
 For which, as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
 So will I melt into a bath to wash them in my blood."
 With this he vanish'd out of sight and swiftly shrunk away,
 And straight I called unto mind that it was Christmas day.



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