

DECEMBER 3, 2017

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

THIS WEEK

Thurs. - Dec. 7 - 8:15am & 6:30pm Mass
40 yrs priestly ordination of Fr. Abundo
Friday - Dec. 8 - 8:15am & 7pm Mass
Feast of the Immaculate Conception

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Hope:

Advent is a good time to remember that God is the source of all we have accomplished or accumulated this past year. He is the source of all our gifts. Unending hope is one of the rewards of knowing that our good and generous God always provides for our needs.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Gail Krueger; Ruel Capili; Loreto Ciaccia; Jerry Schaab; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Ian Wilson; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Tom Luxford; Marie Connor; Dominga Carrion; William Tam; Gloria Peralta; Ernesto Hidalgo; Almira Steeds; Joanne McLeod; Vivian Tepoorten; Melody Carruthers; Brian Vint; John William; Kay D; Cliff & Marion Maxwell; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Don Kirkpatrick; Louella D’Penha; Gabriel Gamboa; Giuseppe Sabatini & Violet Marie.

If you have a relative who is sick in the hospital or at home, please let the rectory know so that we can arrange for a visit.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Joseph Fernandes & Adelina Ventanilla

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

2017

Thurs. Dec. 7 7:00pm - St. Bernadette
Tues. Dec. 12 7:00pm - Precious Blood
Thurs. Dec. 14 7:00pm - St. Matthew’s
Tues. Dec. 19 7:00pm - **Immaculate Conception
Parish (Delta)**
Wed. Dec. 20 7:00pm - Star of the Sea
Thurs. Dec. 21 7:30pm - Our Lady of Good
Counsel



Thank you for your contribution in today’s 2nd collection! Your support of youth ministry in our parish and in the Archdiocese is such a blessing!

Tonight: Sun., Dec. 3, 7pm: “Gym Night” Come prepared for another night of active fun in the gym! Wear your runners and bring a water bottle!

Next Sunday, Dec. 10, 7pm: “Minute to Win it” Come check your skills in our fun 1 minute games! There will be prizes!

IC Life Teen is for all high school aged teens!

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! (iclifeteen). For more information about Youth Ministry and Life Teen, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

General meeting is on Thursday Dec. 7 at 7:30pm in the Gathering Area.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study will be having a social gathering after morning Mass on Wednesday, December 6 from 8:45am to 11:15am. Come enjoy some fun, goodies and conversation with other women parishioners. Please bring along a gift valued at about \$10 if you wish to participate in a gift exchange. We look forward to welcoming all the women of our parish.

PARISH LIBRARY

It’s time now to come into the Library and borrow your Advent and Christmas reading and movies! The Library will be closed Dec. 23/24. Check out the website for new releases and special features at iclibrary.com.

BAPTISMAL COURSE

The baptismal course will be held on Sunday, **December 17, at 2 pm in rooms 2 & 3.**



CWL

CWL is having a Christmas party on Thursday, December 14 after the 5:30pm Mass. Tickets \$10 on sale after weekend Masses or by calling Pat at 604.597.7048.

DECEMBER 7

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF PRIESTHOOD

Congratulations to Father Abundo! We are celebrating this event in the morning after 8:15am Mass and in the evening after the 6:30pm Mass. Please come and celebrate with Father Abundo for serving the Lord and his people for 40 years.

Please bring refreshments to share after morning Mass in the Gathering Area. Evening potluck dinner will be held in the parish hall. All are welcome.

DECEMBER 8

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY



Come honour our Blessed Mother and celebrate with your Parish family.

Friday December 8th - 8:15am & 7pm Masses

Please bring snacks, finger food, fruits and goodies to share after 8:15am and 7pm Mass in the Gathering Area. Everyone is welcome.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

Sunday, December 17 after the 12noon Mass, we will be celebrating our First International Migrants Day event at IC Parish. May we request that you come to the Gathering Area after Mass today and register so that we can identify your country of origin. For more information please call 778.998.6747 or 778.319.4571.

ROSARY RALLY

All are invited to a final **Public Rosary** on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11:45am. Rosary will start at noon at Holland Park, corner of King George Blvd. and Old Yale Road (100 Ave), opposite the King George Sky Train Station in Surrey. Contact Inez Vincent 778.988.7465. Rain, snow, or shine!

STELLA MARIS CONCERT CHOIR

The concert will be held at Good Shepherd Church, 2250 150 St., Surrey on Sunday, December 17 at 3pm. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets: Adults \$10; Seniors/Students \$8; Family (2 adults+1 or more children) \$25.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2018

Contribution envelopes for 2018 are available in the Gathering Area. If you would like a box of envelopes and one is not available for you, please PRINT your name on the list provided or call the Parish Office (604.591.2271) and it will be ready for you to pick up the following Sunday. **These envelopes should be used effective January 1, 2018.** Thank you.

PROJECT ADVANCE 2017

Our participation rate is at 29.6% which is 534 families participating out of 1798 current registered families.

If you have not yet made a pledge this year, please consider doing so. Please contact our parish office or go online at www.rcav.org/giving and clicking on the 'Donate' button, to qualify for a 2017 tax receipt, donations need to be received by December 24th.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball Shooting Camp:

Who: Boys and Girls in Gr. 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross High School.

When: January 3-5 at 9am-12pm.

Where: St. Matthew's Elementary Gymnasium, Surrey

How: Email Head Coach/Teacher Matthew LeChasseur hcboysbasketball@gmail.com to confirm a spot in the camp. It is limited space and first come first serve. Download and fill out a registration form at www.holycross.bc.ca or www.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and form on the first day of the camp.

Cost: \$85 includes daily prizes and gatorade.

Holy Cross Alumni: The Holy Cross Alumni Association is up and running! Register on our website to gain access to our newsletter. To register please go to: <http://www.holycrossalumni.com/registercontact.html>

AN INVITATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Come join us in our annual "Simbang Gabi" - a nine-day celebration of Masses in preparation for the Birth of Jesus Christ - December 16-24, 2017 @ 5am. If you would like to be a novena Mass sponsor, sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or you can also call 778.319.4571 or 778.228.3816.

PERMANENT DIACONATE - RAUL SOLANO

Join us in congratulating Jose Raul Solano, on his ordination to the order of deacon. All are invited on Friday, December 8 at Holy Rosary Cathedral starting at 7pm. Reception to follow at Rosary Hall.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE

Christmas Turkey Dinner: Cost \$5/Adult, \$3/kids

New Year's Dinner Dance: Sunday, December 31, 2017
Tickets: \$40 per person (including dinner).

Dress: Formal. Doors: 7pm Dinner 7:30pm.

Buffet Dinner, DJ Music, 50/50 draw, spot prizes, Cash Bar, Midnight snack.

For tickets, call Godfrey: 604.592.9830 or Greg: 778.551.1627 or Parish office: 604.591.2271.