

DECEMBER 9, 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance.”

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 9 Advent Eucharistic Adoration at 7pm.
Wednesdays - Mass at 8:15am & 6:45pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help followed by Mass.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“That your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” Philippians 1:9-10 Glittery Christmas ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying, we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Creg Rosales; Ryan Lehwald; Kellie Marchak; Maria Amato; John Pollard; Edna Cachero; Almira Steeds; Melody Carruthers; Kay D; Shirley Papuc; Mike Peake; Louella D’Penha; Gloria & Cecilio Peralta; Darlene McHale; Helga & Bert Wolters; Dominga Carrion; Maria & Jose Santos; Jean Van Loo; Marie Connor; John William; Edward Chan; Nick Krueger; Jo-Anne MacLeod; Volga Vaz; Irene O’Flynn; Armando Ceniza; Andrea Schroeder; Celso Tria; Irene Chapman & Joy Jchonson.

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

SIMBANG GABI MASS TIMINGS

Everyone is invited to attend this year's Simbang Gabi for 9 consecutive days from December 15-23 at 5am (Tagalog) and English Masses in the evening at the following times:

Saturday, Dec. 15 & 22	5pm
Sunday, Dec. 16 & 23	4pm
December 17, 19, 20 & 21	7pm
Tuesday, Dec. 18	6pm

If you are interested in sponsoring one of the Masses, please sign-up your name and phone # in the Gathering Area.



SERRA CLUB

There will be no Serra Mass or meeting this month. Members will hold their annual Christmas get together. Next meeting is January 10, 2019. Wishing everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Life Teen (High School): Tonight, Sun., Dec. 9, 7:00pm-8:30pm “Advent XLT” Join us for a special talk on journeying through Advent joyfully by Fr. Lucio, praise & worship music and of course, time spent with Jesus! Bring your whole family to this Adoration event!

Sun., Dec. 16, 6:45pm – 8:30pm “Sock Shopping” We’re going on our annual sock shopping trip! You must fill out a permission form and bring it with you to the event. You can find the permission form online at icdelta.ca/lifeteen or pick one up at the Advent XLT. We will meet at the youth room at 6:45pm.

Follow us on Instagram, SnapChat, Twitter and Facebook! ([iclifeteen](https://www.instagram.com/iclifeteen) or [icdeltaedge](https://www.instagram.com/icdeltaedge))

For more information about Youth Ministry, please contact Faye p: 604.785.6729 or e: icyouthmin@gmail.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Collection of women’s winter clothing for Agape is until Dec. 15/16. Items needed are winter mitts, gloves, woollen scarves and toques. The Agape candy drive is over.

ADVENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Everyone is invited on December 9 at 7pm -8:30pm for a special Eucharistic Adoration event at our parish! Take some time off during the busy Advent season and join us for a joyful evening which will include a special talk, praise & worship music and of course, time spent with Jesus. For more information, visit icdelta.ca/lifeteen or email icyouthmin@gmail.com.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2018

Thurs. Dec. 13	7:00pm - Our Lady of Good Counsel
Thurs. Dec. 13	7:00pm - St. Matthew’s
Fri. Dec. 14	7:00pm - Precious Blood Parish
Tues. Dec. 18	7:00pm - Immaculate Conception Parish (Delta)
Wed. Dec. 19	7:00pm - St. Bernadette
Thurs. Dec. 20	7:00pm - Good Shepherd

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



IC Parish Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$7/Adult, \$5/Senior or children 10yrs and under. All donations should be in by Sunday, December 9. Please purchase your tickets by this weekend. Call Greg Hanna 778.551.1627 for further information.

GIVING TREE

(No food donations, Gift Cards only please)

To thank the Lord for all His blessings, we in turn wish to help those in need. The Giving Tree is set up with leaves printed with Gift Card specifications on it. You are requested to take a leaf or more (buy a card of any denomination of your choice), mark it "Giving Tree" and drop it at the Parish office or in the Sunday collection basket, **latest by December 10**. Gift cards can also be purchased in the Gathering Area through the Knights of Columbus. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE NEEDY

St. Martin's Guild will be organizing to deliver Christmas Hampers in December. Keeping in mind those in our community who are in need, if you know of anyone who's Christmas will be a little better if they receive a hamper, please call the parish office at 604.591.2271. This information will be kept confidential.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Meeting room #4 is being remodelled to become our Adoration Chapel. Adoration will be between 6am to 12midnight, daily. We encourage you to commit to adoration for one hour, twice a week, by signing up this weekend in the Gathering Area after all Masses.

PARISH LIBRARY

"Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets are available for \$5 in the Parish Library! These are colourful 6" diameter signs to help silently evangelize our neighbours. Only 18 left! Daily Advent reflections and Christmas movies, books and talks are waiting for you! Come in after Mass today! Library Catalogue: www.icparishlibrary.com Try Catholic radio at: www.relevantradio.com

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – 2019

Contribution envelopes for 2019 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, 2019.** Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER DANCE

Come join your fellow parishioners for a fun evening at the New Year's Dinner Dance, to bring in the New Year at the Immaculate Conception, Delta, on Monday, December 31. Tickets: \$40 per person.

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

DJ Music, 50/50 draw, spot prizes, Cash Bar.

For tickets, call Greg: 778.551.1627/Dior: 778.834.8292 or Parish office: 604.591.2271. Tickets also available after all weekend Masses in the Gathering Area.



PROJECT ADVANCE UPDATE

Our participation rate is at 32% which is 583 families participating out of 1821. Thank you for your support.

MOMS & TOTS

Tuesday, December 11 is our last gathering of 2018. We will meet again January 8, 2019.



CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS & SUNDAY MISSALS

We are selling Christmas cards, calendars and Sunday Missals in the Gathering Area. Christmas cards \$8, Sunday Missals \$4 and Calendars \$2. Cash only please.

DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

We at Discover Discipleship-IC Delta invite you to consider the Faith Study Series, starting with "Discover". Discover is a small-group study which is still ongoing, is meant for each of us to rediscover the essence of our faith. Contact 778.232.5953/email: faithstudies101@gmail.com.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE: On Thursday, January 31st, Holy Cross community invites prospective families to join us to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary unique. Spend your evening exploring our campus, talking with students and staff to observe what a remarkable education within a Catholic community looks like at the high school level. Applications for the 2019/2020 school year will be available at this event.

BASKETBALL CAMP:

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

When: January 2-4 from 9am-12noon.

Where: St. Matthew's Elementary Gymnasium, Surrey. 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.hcboysbasketball.com and bring a cheque and form on the first day of the camp.

Cost: \$85 includes daily prizes and gatorade.