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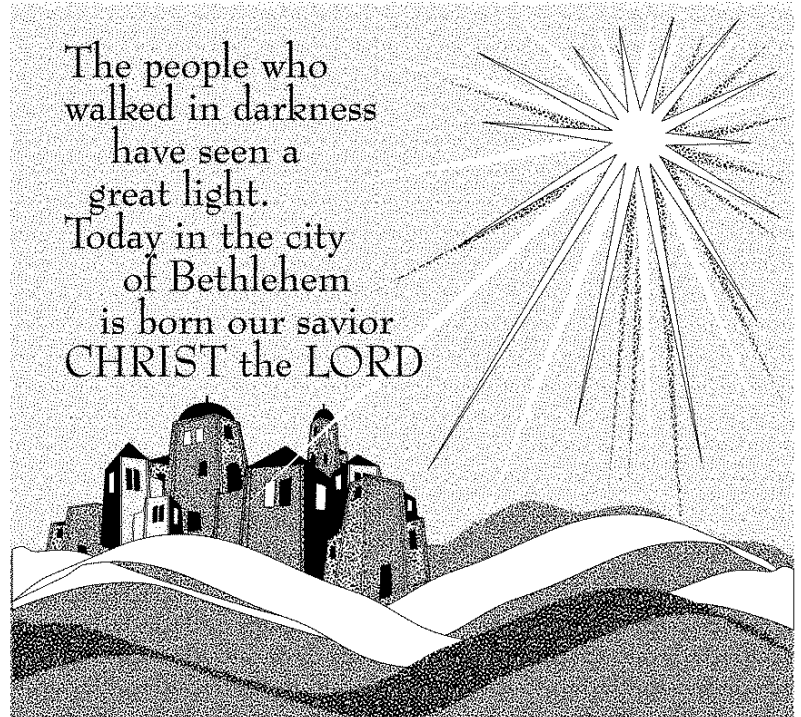
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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

Today is born the Savior,
Christ the Lord!

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M. (Mass of Anticipation)

SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 A.M.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

7:00 P.M.

De Sales Ministry for the Deaf

Signed Mass at 9:00 A.M. on Sundays

Sr. Glenys Symons, Pastoral Worker 604-434-7775

St. George's Melkite-Greek Catholic Mission

Byzantine Rite Mass at 1:00 P.M. on Sundays

Fr. Maximos Basha, Pastor: 604-431-0047

St. Vincent De Paul Society Help Line: 604-434-3699

Domestic Abuse Help Line: 604-640-7549

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26

9:00 A.M.

Tuesday – Friday

8:15 A.M.

Saturdays & Holidays

9:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 9:30 – 10:00 am and 4:00 – 4:45 pm
or by appointment

DEVOTIONS

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary:

7:30 am weekdays and 8:10 am Saturdays.

Liturgy of the Hours: Morning prayers will be said
Monday to Saturday after Mass.

Holy Hour: Thursdays after Mass

**“For all other Mass Times, Confession Times and
News & Events visit RCAV.ORG”**

The parish office will be closed
December 26 and 27 and will re-open
Wednesday, December 28.

From the Pastor ...

Christmas is the time of the year when we in a special way reflect on the presence of God dwelling amongst us and what that means for our lives. The joy and peace of knowing that God chose to become one of us, so that we would always be bonded to each other in a very special way, is the reality of our redemption. Consequently, the Christmas Season gives us the opportunity through the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, prayers of thanksgiving, and acts of charity to unite ourselves more closely to Him in order to experience this joy and peace in our lives more profoundly. My prayer for you this Christmas is that this joy and peace will pervade your lives this Christmas Season and throughout the whole year.



Peace on Earth

Catholic Women's League

Membership Drive in January (January 21-22 and January 28-29, 2012)

We look forward to new members and new ideas for another successful year! Mark your calendars for those 2 weekends.

Lunches for the Poor and Homeless of Burnaby

St Francis de Sales provides 50 bagged lunches once a month for the homeless and poor of Burnaby. The lunches for January will be prepared on **Wednesday January 4, 2012 at 1:00 pm** in the church hall and given out the next day Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Southside Community church. We are looking for both volunteers to help prepare the lunches and for donations of juice boxes, margarine, mayonnaise, sandwich meat both canned and freshly sliced, cheese, apple sauce,. If you would like to volunteer or donate contact the Church office at 604 434 1328.

New Bible Study on Mondays

Beginning a new Bible study - *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet To Come*. This group will meet on Monday afternoons at **2:30 pm, beginning January 9, 2012** in the SFDS church hall. If you are interested in attending, please call Jane at 604-299-2736 or Marguerite at 604-434-1328.

Catholic Health Association of BC

Bursary for Graduating Students

The board of directors of the Catholic Health Association of BC is pleased to announce that it will grant two bursaries in 2012 to graduating students who are enrolled in a Catholic secondary school or who are a member of a BC or Yukon parish. For more information see bulletin board.



Cobs Bread - no bread on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 as the bakery is closed on those Sundays.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00 am & 11:00 am

NO 7:00 pm Mass

Monday, December 26th

9:00 am - Morning Mass

Saturday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

9:00 am - Morning Mass

5:00 pm - Evening Mass

Holy Hour from 11:00 pm – midnight

Sunday, January 1, 2012

***New Year's Day the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God***

Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Masses

Monday, January 2, 2012

9:00 am - Morning Mass

Glory to God in the Highest

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2012 Sunday Envelope Boxes

The 2012 Sunday envelopes are at the church entrance ready for pick up. If you would like a box or need to make changes, please contact the parish office.

Christmas Celebrations at "The Door is Open"

There is "room at the inn" for all who come to The Door is Open – thanks to generous donations. A gift of \$40 funds the drop-in centre for one hour, \$25 will buy coffee for an entire day of welcome and safe shelter, \$15 will help serve a sit-down lunch to the weekly seniors' group. Contributions may be sent to The Door is Open, 150 Robson Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6B 2A7 or call: 604-443-3299 to charge your donation to Visa. More info: visit www.thedoorisopen.ca

In Loving Memory Column for January 2012

On the first Sunday of January, we will publish our "In Loving Memory" column. If you wish to have someone included in this column, please phone the parish office by **Wednesday, December 28.**

White Mass and Reception

A White Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, January 20 at 7:00 pm** at St. Augustine's Church – 2028 West 7th Avenue in Vancouver. The reception following Mass will be in the adjacent hall. This celebration is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow Catholic healthcare providers and their families.

Apostleship of the Sea

Thinking of the Seafarers during Christmas

Christmas is a special time. It gives us a chance to point our Seafarers to the true gift of Christmas, which is the gift of Jesus Christ to the world. The Apostleship of the Sea asks for your participation in providing a gift for our Seafarers who will be away from their loved ones. We ask you to enclose a Christmas card with your personal greeting. If you are unable to do your shopping, cash donations will be accepted. Tax receipts will be issued for cash donations of \$10 and over. Please address your gifts / donations to Rev. John Eason, Apostleship of the Sea, Holy Rosary Cathedral, 646, Richards St., Vancouver BC, V6B 3A3.

The Burnaby Extreme Weather Shelter is in need of food donations. The shelter provides a welcoming supportive refuge and comfort to our Burnaby neighbors living in extreme poverty and homelessness. To donate **prepared meals**, please contact Kevan Oxley at 604-515-2728 or email him at kevanoxley@hotmail.com. For additional information, please read the Burnaby Task Force on Homelessness notice posted on the board at the church entrance.

Life in The Spirit

Celebrating the 19th Life in the Spirit anniversary thanksgiving healing Mass on **January 13 at 7:30 pm** at Immaculate Conception, 8842-119th St., Delta, followed by a reception at the Parish Hall. Celebrant will be Abbot Rt. Rev. John Braganza, OSB with 12 other priests concelebrating.

50th Life in the Spirit Seminar from **January 20 to March 2, 2012** at Immaculate Conception. The seminar will be held for seven (7) consecutive Fridays and is composed of a series of talks by Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB and 6 other priests from the diocese. The talks are designed to lead people through the basic message of salvation and help them yield to the actions of the Holy Spirit in their lives, so they can begin to sense His presence and experience Him working in and through them. The **SEMINAR IS FREE** but it is necessary to pre-register for materials and books. To register, please phone Lennie at 604-597-8227, 604-583-5543 or email lenniept@telus.net or toniv@shaw.ca LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 15.



We offer a warm welcome to all visitors who are celebrating Christ's Birth with us this weekend!



His love fill your heart with gentle peace



Merry Christmas



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