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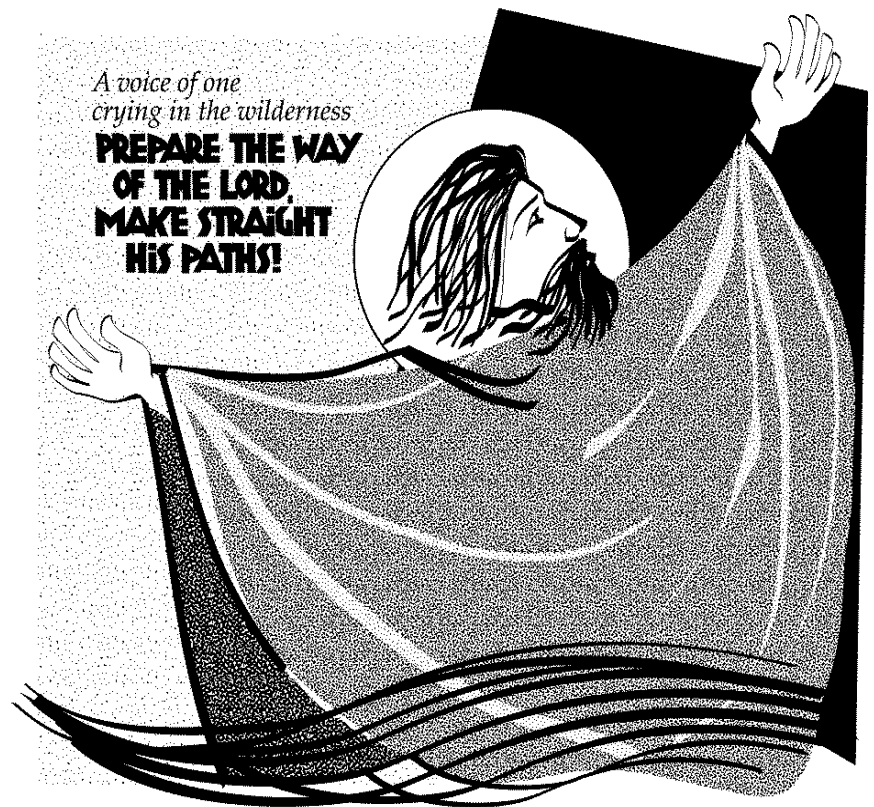
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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

We await new heavens
and a new earth!

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 – Friday 8:15 A.M.

School Mass- Friday, December 9 9:15 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”

**Stewardship Reflection – Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011**

There are so many joyful things to get ready for each Christmas. This is such a busy time of the year for us all. Are you able to hear God’s voice calling amid the ‘to do’ lists, the noise of the relentless advertisers, and all the spending? Being a good steward in these weeks before Christmas means setting aside time to make straight the path, to put God first. Try ‘spending’ some extra time in prayer this Advent Season.



Our Beloved Departed

☒ Francis Lee

Passed away November 25, 2011

Brother of Pius and Janet Lee of our parish. Prayer service will be held on Tuesday December 6 at 6:00 pm, funeral mass will on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 am.

☒ Clinton Kong Seng Yeow

Passed away last week. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 9 at 3:00 pm

Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord

Baptisms in Our Parish

We welcome and congratulate **Eleina Kartawidjaja** who was baptized in our parish this weekend.

Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

This Sunday Mass, we welcome the following members of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) who, having completed a period of inquiry, are now accepted into the Order of Catechumens: ***Bjorn Brekke, Jason Chew, Catherine Faye Kiemele, Sophia Schwan***

We also welcome those adults who are already baptized who wish to be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church: ***Robert Louie***

Light Up For Christ

Tuesday, December 6 everyone is invited to the **Knights of Columbus annual “Light up for Christ.”** Children, their parents and all members of the parish will gather to bless the tree on top of the church and sing carols for Advent. We will meet in the church for a short prayer service at **7:45 pm** and then Father will lead us outside to bless the tree, after which St. Nicholas will appear with his companions to give treats to the children. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies in the gym. **Please bring a donation of non-perishable food item for the Christmas Hampers.**

Decorating for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas starting at **10:00 am** on **Friday, December 23** and everyone is welcome to help. Please come to the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

CORRECTION: Sandwiches for the Homeless & Poor of Burnaby are prepared for December. Next date will be in January 2011.



In Loving Memory



Nadia Saunier	December 2, 1995
Caridad Santana	December 2, 2001
Chato Ballesteros	December 3, 2005
David Mason	December 4, 1987
John Andru Jr.	December 4, 1991
Milan Brenko	December 4, 2002
Francisca M. Macanas	December 4, 2007
Junuaria Paraiso	December 4, 2005
Salvador Preciado	December 5, 2006
Mary Lowe	December 5, 1999
Teofila Justo Cuison	December 6, 1998
Quirino Haban	December 6, 2008
Myrnalita Callanta	December 6, 2010
Salvador Preciado	December 7, 2006
Anna Maria Demchuk	December 9, 1978
Porferia Paler	December 11, 1959
Primitiva C. Galvez	December 11, 1996
Joy O’Connor	December 11, 2007
Nitz Cuison	December 11, 2000
Maureen Callanta Sulit	December 12, 2009
Nieves de Vera Bongato	December 12, 1999
Armand Roy	December 13, 2006
Francisco C. Galvez	December 15, 1965
Giovanni Marin	December 15, 1998
Sharon Heinrich	December 15, 2000
Helen Wong	December 15, 2004
Ine Wojtyniak	December 15, 2007
Tom Buchanan	December 16, 1997
Hepady Leoncio	December 16, 1998
John Gilles Talbot	December 17, 2001
Ettore Picco	December 18, 1979
Antonio Furtado	December 19, 1993
Walfredo Arboleda	December 19, 2007
Romeo S. Galvez	December 20, 1959
Judie Cohoon	December 21, 2004
Anna Zweng	December 21, 1983
Adel (Ike) Punzalan	December 21, 2009
Rose Cassidy	December 22, 2003
Serafia Catajan	December 22, 2006
Ana Deluna	December 23, 2001
Melissa Co	December 23, 2006
John Henderson	December 24, 2004
Emilio Pagnotta	December 24, 2007
W. A. “Bud” Murphie	December 25, 1997
Ponciano Billones	December 26, 2001
Connie Fung	December 26, 2010
Tomas C. Gayanilo	December 27, 1997
Lillian Rurak	December 27, 2000
Peter Bertoia	December 28, 1983
John Munro	December 29, 1995
Evaristo Navarro, Sr.	December 29, 1984
Lourdes Serpa	December 31, 2004

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.

Catholic Women's League

CWL CHRISTMAS DINNER - Thursday, December 8
Ham, scalloped potatoes, etc., desserts and punch. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm. Gifts, door prizes and more! Husband/friend of a CWL member is also welcome. Cost **\$15.00** per person. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and from the church office. No tickets will be sold at the door as we need to know the number attending in advance for catering purposes. For more information, call Marg at 604-434-8027.

Memberships

Just to remind the CWL ladies that the Christmas dinner is a great opportunity to pay your 2012 Membership fee of \$25.00. We welcome a cheque or cash (receipt given). The Membership contact is Ruth (604) 520-3121.

Morning of Reflection for Advent

The Catholic Women's League invites members of our parish community to join us for a morning of reflection on **Saturday, December 10, we will meet for 9:00 am Mass**. Then we will join Father Nixon, in the parish hall, where he will speak to us on the topic, "*The Word Became Flesh*". The morning will also include fellowship and refreshments. We look forward to parishioners joining us for this occasion during the Advent season.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring good news to the poor.*



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Youth Ministry Events

Youth Ministry Sunday – December 4

The purpose of this archdiocesan collection is to assist the work of Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry ("OYYAM") in providing formation, training and support for youth and young adult ministry. Parishes with active youth ministry programming will receive a rebate from this collection. Please be generous in supporting the youth of our parish and archdiocese.

Jr. Youth Christmas Party - Friday, December 9

All grades 6s & 7s from PREP, SFDS School and surrounding communities are invited to our annual Christmas Party! Entrance tickets are **\$4** and they will be sold this weekend at the 5:00 pm, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm masses. A portion from ticket sales will be used to purchase a gift card for St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Hampers. We will also be selling tickets at PREP for the last time this Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Come out to this fun night and enjoy celebrating Jesus' birth. There will be games, snacks, Christmas karaoke and treats!

Bake Sale on Sunday, December 11

Youth Ministry will be holding a bake sale after the **9:00 & 11:00 am masses**. Please come support Youth Ministry by buying our baked goods or by baking something for us to sell. We encourage all youth to bake something for our bake sale. If you're in grade 6 or 7 and would like to help sell our baked goodies, please contact Mylene at the office.



St. Vincent de Paul – Christmas Hampers 2011 - One week left!

Please grab a TAG from the tree. There is a list of suggestions for Gift Cards at the tree in the entrance. Please drop your Gift Cards in the **collection basket** or the rectory during office hours. We are still collecting **food** so please bring an item(s) for the hampers this week.

Note: Hampers are delivered to our families on **December 10th** so they can prepare for their Christmas.

If you have questions or to sign up for a hamper, please call the St Vincent de Paul's confidential helpline 604-434-3699. Thank you and God bless.

Advent Penitential Services

Our Parish Penitential Service will take place on **December 20th at 7:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend please feel free to attend another service in our Deanery.

December 12 – St. Joseph's

December 13 – St. Patrick's

December 15 – Our Lady Mercy; St. Clare's; St. Peter's

December 16 – Our Lady of Lourdes

December 18 – St. Michael's

December 19 – Our Lady of Assumption; Holy Spirit

December 20 – St. Francis de Sales; St. Luke's

December 21 – All Saint's; Sts. Cyril & Methodius

December 22 – Our Lady of Fatima



Poinsettias for In Loving Memory

This year we will continue with the tradition of having poinsettias donated in Loving memory of your family and friends. If you would like to donate a plant to help decorate the church, please drop it off at the parish office between **December 19 & 22**.

Christmas Eve 'Pageant'

The **evening Mass at 6:00 pm** Christmas Eve is a special liturgy for families. The Children's Choir sings and other children of our parish are invited to take part in a dramatization of the Gospel. The children will take part in non-speaking roles as Joseph, Mary, Angel Gabriel, Angels, Shepherds, Innkeepers and Wise Men. Older children will be narrators and lectors. If your child would like to participate in the Gospel play on Christmas Eve at 6:00 pm, please pick up a form on the bulletin board and return it either to the school office or the parish office. The form will also be sent home with the school and PREP children. **Please return the form no later than December 12.**

Altar Servers

We need to update our altar servers' list. All new and current servers need to fill one out. If you have not yet filled in an information form, please pick one up on the table in the foyer or in the sacristy. For the Christmas Masses please sign up in the sacristy. Schedules will be out in the New Year.

Jerusalem Wood Carvings

To support the Christians of the Holy Land a representative from the Catholic Community in Jerusalem will be selling Wood Carvings from the Holy Land at St. Francis de Sales Parish on **December 17 and 18 at all Masses**.

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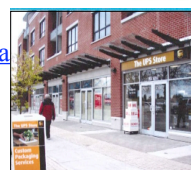


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