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"A sensible mind is a
medium mind
which is neither too great
nor too little."
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

Come and rescue us, Lord, with
your mighty power.



Joseph
**DO NOT BE
AFRAID**
for it is through
the **HOLY
SPIRIT**
that the child
has been conceived.

You are to name him
JESUS
because he will
save his people from
their sins

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Confessions:

Monday to Friday
7:55 am to 8:10 am

Saturday

9:30 am to 10:00 am
4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office.
604-434-1328

Weekday Mass Schedule:

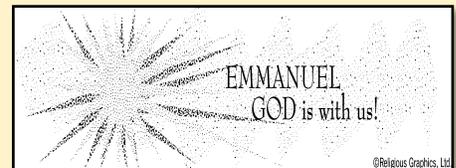
8:15 am Monday-Friday
9:00 am Saturdays & Holidays

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Mass of Anticipation
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Holy Hour:

Thursday mornings after Mass.
First Friday's at 6:00 pm



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Sunday, December 18 Matthew 1:18:24



When Joseph awoke, he...took his wife into his home. (Matthew 1:24)

Joseph was a "righteous man," a faithful Jew who knew the history of his people (Matthew 1:19). He knew that God had miraculously freed the Israelites from slavery and had recused them time and again over the centuries. He knew the many signs that God had performed and the many battles he had won for them.

So when an angel told Joseph that it was through the Holy Spirit that his wife, Mary, had conceived a child, he must have recalled the many great things God had done in the past. If God could do all that, then surely this was possible as well.

Joseph was able to trust because he believed in God's power and goodness. Though he probably considered himself an ordinary man. Joseph knew that God could act just as marvellously in his own life as he had in the lives of his forefathers. That helped him believe that God had brought him and Mary together, for a special purpose, one that would unfold day by day. So he agreed to take Mary into his home and prepare to be a father to her child.

Trust, this is our call as well. Its not easy, especially when there is no angel or dream to guide us! But unlike Joseph, we know the purpose behind God's great plan for us, Jesus, God incarnate, died and rose from the dead so that he could give us new life.

This knowledge can be our strong foundation when we are tempted to doubt. When we are walking in the dark, when we don't see a way forward or a way out, we can choose to believe that God will find a way for us. He has a good plan for us, and he will carry it out in his own perfect time. And when our trust is flagging, let's remember Joseph, the righteous man whose trust in God helped bring salvation to the world.

St. Joseph, pray for me to trust in God as you did."

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

† *Robert Swee K'hi Chia*

Passed away December 13, 2022

Predeceased by his wife

Mary Margaret Chiang Chia (2000)

Survived by wife, Chuan Jee Lim

Loving father of daughters Alicia & Amelia

& son in law Henry

Grandfather to Nathan & Caleb

Viewing at SFDS December 29, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Funeral Mass Thursday December 29, 11:30 am

at SFDS Parish

Reception following funeral in SFDS Church Hall

† *Susana Juan Melver*

Passed away December 7, 2022

in Los Angeles

Sister of Anita Pascua

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord



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⇒ **Donations can also be made in person or mailed to the parish office.**

If you would like your donation included in your 2022 Tax receipt please make your donation on or before December 31.

Baptisms in our Parish

We welcome and Congratulate

Caspian Eugen Kasaei Klein

Baptized in our parish this weekend



"The soul that is attached to anything however much good there may be in it, will not arrive at the liberty of divine union. For whether it be a strong wire rope or a slender and delicate thread that holds the bird, it matters not, if it really holds it fast, for until the cord be broken, the bird cannot fly." St. John of the Cross



Christmas & New Years' Schedule

- DEC 24 **Christmas Eve**
Masses:
• 6:00pm, 9:00pm, and Midnight
- DEC 25 **Christmas Day**
Masses:
• 9:00am and 11:00am
• **No** 7:00pm
- DEC 31 **The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
Mass:
• 5:00pm
Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
• From 11:00pm – Midnight
• Benediction at Midnight
- JAN 1 **The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**
Masses:
• 9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm



Stewardship Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

" MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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In Loving Memory

If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant in loving memory of your family and friends to help decorate the Church for Christmas, please drop it off at the Parish Office between **December 20 and 23**

Learning to Make Constructive Decisions- A PRH Workshop

This PRH Workshop is an effective method for personal discernment, which entails training in making good decisions. The four day workshop will be held over two weekends in January, the 7th and the 8th, and the 21st and the 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the JPII Pastoral Centre in Vancouver. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.



Making Sense of Adolescence

Crossing the bridge from childhood to adulthood has never been so daunting. The time of adolescence is longer than ever, yet society today offers little support in understanding or facilitating this transition. This course is designed to be used by parents, grandparents, teachers, administrators, professionals - anyone who desires to make sense of adolescence. Parents of all ages will find this course invaluable as preparation for what lies ahead. The event will be on Zoom weekly from Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, until Mar. 10, 2023. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org/events.

"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" Pope Francis

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 18, 2022



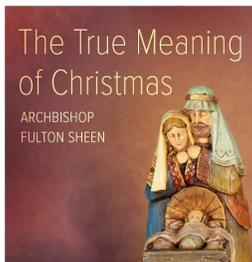
Christmas in Rome: A Celebration of the Nativity

Nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like Rome. This Christmas, marvel at the Holy City's festive celebration of the coming of the child Jesus.



The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent. Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.



The True Meaning of Christmas by Fulton Sheen

This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

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