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RADIATING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL WITHIN OUR PARISH FAMILY AND BEYOND

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2nd Sunday of Advent—December 8, 2019

Next Sunday: Name Tag Sunday

*“But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have **called you by name**, you are mine.”*

—Isaiah 43:1

The Lord knows our names, so why shouldn't we know each others'?

We can all think of someone whose face we recognize from church when we see them in another context, but can't figure out their name! Or, when we wish to welcome a visitor but don't know where to start!

As part of our welcoming initiatives, **next Sunday** nametags will be given out before each Mass to everyone. Our Welcome Ministers will be available before Mass to set you up with a name tag. Please come **a few minutes early** to facilitate getting name tags.



We hope you use this opportunity to say hello to someone you haven't met before, reach out to a person you've met a few times but may have forgotten their name, or even just to create a personal connection by using your neighbour's name. Perhaps take it one step further and get to know them by chatting with them after Mass!



Every relationship begins with a simple **hello!**



A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

Monday	December 9	7:30 p.m.	Word of God Bible Study	Mallon Room
Tuesday	December 10	9:00 a.m.	CWL Parish Breakfast	Mallon Room
Wednesday	December 11	9:00 a.m.	School Mass	Church
		4:15 p.m.	P.R.E.P.	McCarthy Room
		7:00 p.m.	CWL Christmas Mass and Social	Church, Mallon
Thursday	December 12	9:00 a.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study — <i>Prophets</i>	McCarthy Room
		9:00 a.m.	Knitting for Charity	Mallon Room
Friday	December 13	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	Mallon Room
		1:00 p.m.	¡Quiero Conocer la Verdad!	McCarthy Room
		7:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Ministry Event	Gym
Sunday	December 15	All Masses	Name Tag Sunday	

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sun Dec 8	9:00 a.m.	Jocelyn Calderhead †	
	11:00 a.m.		
	5:00 p.m.		<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon Dec 9	8:15 a.m.	Russell Sheehan †	<i>Immaculate Conception</i>
Tues Dec 10	8:15 a.m.	Raymond Fontaine †	
Wed Dec 11	9:00 a.m.	Jane Smith †	<i>St. Damasus I</i>
Thu Dec 12	8:15 a.m.	Peter Fensslein †	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Fri Dec 13	8:15 a.m.	Fr. Basil Foote, OSB †	<i>St. Lucy</i>
Sat Dec 14	9:00 a.m.	James Goh †	<i>St. John of the Cross</i>
Sun Dec 15	9:00 a.m.		
	11:00 a.m.	Jane Smith †	
	5:00 p.m.		<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>

2nd Sunday of Advent—Peace

“In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound forever.”
— *Psalm 72:7*



CTR Welcome Centre

Come and check out the new Welcome Centre in the foyer of the church—the new place for everything CTR.

A parishioner will be there to help you with information, find forms for registration, Dedicated Giving, and sacraments; and also provide you with Mass guides, children's Sunday missals, and other materials to enhance the Sunday experience for you and your guests!

We Continue to Pray For

Kenneth Beesley, Ron Buziol, Veronica Chan, Leo Dy, Ted Ewbank, Mireille Farwagi, Hank Giefing, Gemma Konar, Annie Mackenzie, Margaret McCormick, Juanita Nazareth, Eduardo Peralta, Graham Ridsdale, Breda Sheehan, Theresa Sheehan, Linwood Trask, Molly Waechter, and Terry Zweng



Confession Schedule

Wednesdays 8:45—9:00 a.m.
Saturdays 9:30—10:00 a.m.
Sundays 4:15—4:45 p.m.

Advent Penitential Services

Christ the Redeemer **December 17** 7:00 p.m.
St. Stephen's (1360 24 St E) **December 18** 10:30 a.m.
St. Edmund's (545 Mahon Ave) **December 19** 7:00 p.m.



2019 Donations

There is still time to make your Project Advance donations in support of this year's campaign. To donate, please visit projectadvance.ca or come into the parish office.

If you would like to make a year-end donation to the parish, or top-off your annual contribution and have it included in your 2019 tax receipt, please make sure it is physically received by the parish office or placed in the collection before **December 31, 2019**. This is a requirement set by the Canada Revenue Agency. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish!



2020 Envelopes Available

Your 2020 Sunday Contribution envelopes are **now available for pickup** in the church foyer. Please contact the Parish Office if you have moved, or if you weren't assigned envelopes and would like to be.



Help the Homeless!

Can you help the men staying at the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel with donations of much-needed clothing? They need new winter jackets (any size), underwear and socks (bulk packages can be purchased inexpensively at Walmart or elsewhere). Gently used belts, toques, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, work boots (size 9 -12), pants (sizes 34 and up), and hoodies are also needed. You'll find a donation box in the foyer of the church.

Can you join us in serving a meal at the Men's Hostel, either on the afternoon of **Thursday, December 12**, or in future months? We will now providing meals for the shelter's guests every month. To join this outreach team, or for more information, contact Claudia Fraga at cfragai@gmail.com.

This year-round initiative replaces our former Christmas hampers project. But if you know of a family in particular need, please contact the parish office at **604-922-1371** or office@ctrwestvan.ca.



Youth Ministry

Calling all Grade 6 and 7s — we've got another event for you! Come out this **Friday, December 13** from 7 to 9 p.m. for our Advent event. We'll have praise and worship, a short talk, small group discussion, and of course snack and games! Please be sure to RSVP at bit.ly/rsvpdec13jym.

Great Adventure Bible Study



Deepen your faith by taking a Bible study! Our Great Adventure Bible Study is currently studying **The Prophets**, every **Thursday morning** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the McCarthy Room. All are welcome to join—no pre-registration is required!

Beginning February 6, we will begin the study of the **Letter to the Galatians**. Optional study books are available for purchase—contact Jane Curalli at njcuralli@telus.net to do so. Orders close **December 11!**



Parish Gift Shop

The Parish Gift Shop has stocked Advent candles, prayers, and calendars in preparation for the Advent season. The shop is open on Sundays after the **9 and 11 a.m. Mass**. After the **5 p.m. Mass**, please see the Welcome Centre. You can also purchase on weekdays through the Parish Office.



Catholic Women's League

All ladies are invited to join us for our Christmas Social, this **Wednesday, December 11**, beginning with Mass at **6:30 p.m.**, followed by the social with door prizes and 50/50! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more information contact Lorraine at lorraine.ma@shaw.ca.



St. Thomas Aquinas

All are invited to STA's annual **Christmas Concert and Art Show** tomorrow, **December 9**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **STA school gym** (541 West Keith Road, North Vancouver), featuring art work, Concert Bands, Jazz Ensembles and Choirs. Come out and see STA artists and musicians at work in the new school! Admission is free; refreshments will be served.



Fiat—Women's Discernment

Fiat, is hosting an Advent Day of Recollection on **Saturday, December 14** from **5 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist (2811 Venables Street, Vancouver). The event includes dinner, a talk, discussion, and adoration and night prayer. For more information, email womensvocations@rcav.org.



Prison Ministry Donations

We are seeking donations of **Christmas cards and envelopes** for prisoners. Blank Christmas cards are collected so inmates can send greetings to their loved ones. Please ensure donations are of a modest nature and appropriate for prisons (i.e. no sparkles or gold foil envelopes). Donations can be placed in the Prison Ministry box located to the left as you enter the church foyer. For more info contact **Anita Callahan** at **604-230-2612** or **Karen Magee** at **604-926-0904**.

Endow: Setting the World Ablaze

An Eight Week Faith Study for Women



Join Sr. Angela Marie, FSE and other women in the Archdiocese for an eight week faith study to pray, build community, and learn from the writings of St. Catherine of Siena. The study runs **Friday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m.** beginning January 10 at the **JPII Centre** (4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver), and materials costs \$35. For more info email Sr. Angela Marie at samcastellani@rcav.org.

Raising Children in a Digital World



The digital world is here to stay, changing society in a way that has far-reaching consequences our children. You are invited to a workshop by Dr. Deborah MacNamara, on

Wednesday, December 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

at St. Anthony's (2347 Inglewood Ave), to learn about harnessing the potential of technology while avoiding the pitfalls of technology gone awry.

White Mass



The Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Vancouver Archdiocese is hosting the annual **White Mass for Healthcare Workers and their Families**, celebrated by Archbishop Miller at **7 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2020 at St. Augustine's Church** (2028 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver).

For more information please contact Dr. Toni Parsons at drtoniparsons@telus.net.



FORMED

Our parish has a subscription on **FORMED**—an on-demand video service with Catholic films and faith formation for all ages. The subscription is available free to you—simply visit formed.org and enter our parish code **T86P8N** to make an account, and enjoy!



Guitar Donations

Apostleship of the Sea works with the crew members who come into Vancouver's ports on cargo ships from around the world. Many of the sailors are Catholic Filipinos. Music is an important part of their culture and we are looking for donations of gently used acoustic guitars for our two Seafarers Welfare Centres.

If you have an acoustic guitar gathering dust in your house, why not drop it off at the church rectory and bring joy to these guys while they are so far from home!

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