



CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

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

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1st Sunday of Advent—December 1, 2019

O Come, Redeemer of the Earth

St. Ambrose



O COME, Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth.

Let every age in wonder fall:
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will
but of the Spirit, Thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

The Virgin's womb that burden gained,
its virgin honor still unstained.
The banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

Proceeding from His chamber free
that royal home of purity
a giant in twofold substance one,
rejoicing now His course to run.

O equal to the Father, Thou!
gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
and darkness breathe a newer light
where endless faith shall shine serene
and twilight never intervene.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
whose advent sets Thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.
Amen.



A Glance at Our Parish Calendar

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| Today | December 1 | 10:00 a.m. | CWL Bake Sale (After 9 and 11 a.m. Mass) | Mallon Room |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Youth Ministry— <i>Anchor</i> | Mallon Room |
| Monday | December 2 | 7:30 p.m. | Word of God Bible Study | Mallon Room |
| Tuesday | December 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Alpha—Christmas Celebration | Gym |
| Wednesday | December 4 | 9:00 a.m. | School Mass | Church |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | P.R.E.P. | McCarthy Room |
| Thursday | December 5 | 9:00 a.m. | Great Adventure Bible Study — <i>Prophets</i> | McCarthy Room |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | Knitting for Charity | Mallon Room |
| Friday | December 6 | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group | Mallon Room |
| | | 9:00 a.m. | First Friday Adoration | Church |
| | | 2:30 p.m. | Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |
| | | 8:45 p.m. | Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament | Church |

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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| Sun Dec 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Jorge Dupouy & Ligia Fernandez † <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> |
| | 11:00 a.m. | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | |
| Mon Dec 2 | 8:15 a.m. | Jane Smith † |
| Tues Dec 3 | 8:15 a.m. | Alfred Kluck † <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> |
| Wed Dec 4 | 9:00 a.m. | Jane Smith † <i>St. John Damascene</i> |
| Thu Dec 5 | 8:15 a.m. | Richard Mayer † |
| Fri Dec 6 | 8:15 a.m. | Peter Fensslein † |
| Sat Dec 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Roger Fitzpatrick † <i>St. Ambrose</i> |
| Sun Dec 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Jocelyn Calderhead † <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> |
| | 11:00 a.m. | |
| | 5:00 p.m. | |

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

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

Advent Penitential Services

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| 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.

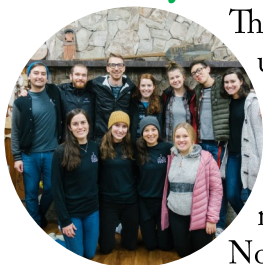
If you would like to make a year-end donation to the parish, or top-off your annual contribution, and have it included in your 2019 tax receipt, please make sure it is physically received by the parish office or placed in the collection before **December 31, 2019**.



Welcome, Gatares!

It is with great joy that the parish welcomes our refugee sponsorship family, the Gatares, who will be arriving in Vancouver on **December 19**. Thanks to the Refugee Committee's tireless work, along with our partner St. Augustine's Parish, everything is well-in-hand: the house is rented, furnished, and ready for their arrival!

Today—Youth Ministry Sunday



There will be a second collection taken up **today** to support youth ministry in the Archdiocese. A portion of the proceeds of this collection go directly to support our parish's youth ministry; the largest of its kind on the North Shore.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the young Church. For more information about the work Youth Ministry does at CTR, visit them on Instagram [@ctrwvyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ctrwvyouth), sign up for the newsletter on [Flocknote](https://www.flocknote.com), or email youthministry@ctrwestvan.ca.



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November 28, 2019

Dear brothers and sisters – dear friends,

I'm not in the parish this Sunday since I am in Toronto chairing the annual meeting of the board of Catholic Renewal Ministries Canada, the charitable organization that supports the missionary work of Ralph Martin and his fellow evangelists.

I had hoped to say something to you at Mass to express my deep appreciation for your tremendous support at the time of my mother's death and funeral liturgies. But I didn't trust myself to do that without getting emotional, so I am taking the easy way out by writing to you while I'm absent.

I need to begin by expressing my gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us for Vespers or the Funeral Mass. The large number who attended was a powerful sign of our unity in Christ, and the generous gift of your time meant the world to us. And to all who were involved with those consoling liturgies, including our wonderful choir members and musicians, ministers, dedicated sacristans, flower arrangers, and office staff I owe a great debt. The Mass and vigil prayers—and the church itself—were exceptionally beautiful.

The reception organized by the CWL was exactly what my Mom would have liked, right down to the proper percentage of egg salad sandwiches! The League members have faced an unusual number of funerals lately, yet remain gracious and hospitable in performing this important ministry.

As my mother would have expected of me, I am trying very hard to acknowledge as many of you as possible with a thank-you note. But I am still not close to finished and may have to surrender soon to pre-Christmas pressures. Please know that I am profoundly grateful for the many Masses, lovely cards, flowers, and thoughtful words, even if I don't succeed in writing to you personally.

My Mom was very blessed to be a member of this parish family, and so am I.

Sincerely in Christ,

(Greg.) Gregory Smith



First Friday Adoration

This **Friday, December 6**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration beginning after the 9 a.m. Mass until **9 p.m.** There will be Benediction at **2:30** and **8:45 p.m.** Sign up for a time slot in the foyer, or just drop in to pray.



CTR Welcome Booth

Come and check out the new Welcome Booth in the foyer of the church—the new center for everything CTR. Here you'll find information, find forms for registration, Dedicated Giving, and sacraments; and also pick up Mass guides, children's Sunday missals, and other materials to enhance the Sunday experience for you and your guests!

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**, and on weekdays through the Parish Office.



Outreach—Men's Hostel

On **December 12** our CTR Men's Hostel Ministry is going to host our first meal. We will be serving 122 guests at the downtown hostel and providing them some winter clothing.

If you would like to support this team with donations, prayers, and men's clothing, please leave donations in the coat room in the parish foyer labeled "Men's Hostel." We need winter jackets (any size), undergarments, belts, toques, gloves, scarfs, sweaters, work boots (size 9 -12), pants (sizes 34 and up), hoodies, and they very urgently need socks. For more information contact Claudia Fraga at cfragai@gmail.com.



Catholic Women's League

The CWL annual bake sale is **today** after the 9 and 11 a.m. Mass. Come and find treats for the whole family! All proceeds go to various charities and CWL sponsors. For more information contact Lorraine at lorraine.ma@shaw.ca.



Youth Ministry

Teens grades 8-12, join us **today** for **Anchor**, a monthly event with food, music, fellowship, and more! We'll begin with Mass at 5 p.m., dinner at 6, and end by 9 p.m.

And calling all Grade 6 and 7s - we've got another event for you! Come out on 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.



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.



Can You Hear Me Now?

CTR has a hearing loop sound system for hearing aids compatible with audio induction systems. The system provides a magnetic wireless audio signal of church sound system content for compatible hearing aids. Sit in the center two sections of the church for best sound quality.



Feast Day—Thank You!

A hearty "Thank You" to the entire CTR fleet of parishioners and friends who joined in the fun to celebrate our parish's feast day dinner this past Saturday!

We would also like to acknowledge the many, many volunteers and their dedication to ensure a tight ship and smooth sailing for the whole evening! It was literally "All Hands on Deck" from the beginning to the end of the evening! Thank you, thank you!

From the heart and God Bless,
Fisherman Fr. Jeff and his dedicated crew



Advent Retreat

You are invited to an Advent Retreat led by Fr. Nick Meisl on **Friday, December 6** from **6 to 9:30 p.m.** at the **JPII Pastoral Centre** (4885 Saint John Paul II Way, Vancouver). The retreat will explore how Jesus is "God with us". In preparation for Christmas, different ways to encounter Jesus will be explored and Scriptural reflections presented. You can register online at rcav.org/event/advent-retreat-2019.



Ordination Mass

Join our local Church in praise and thanksgiving to God at the **Ordination Mass** of our past summer seminarian, **Deacon Felix Min**, to the priesthood; and our parishioner, **Richard Conlin**, to the diaconate. The Mass is on **Saturday, December 7 at 12 p.m.** at **Holy Rosary Cathedral** (646 Richards Street, Vancouver).



Employment Opportunities

Work for the Catholic Church in Vancouver! There are many open positions for the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, the Men's Hostel, and various colleges and schools throughout the Archdiocese. View a list of all open positions at rcav.org/employment.



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!



Pro-Life Mass and Vigil

One of the fundamental answers to abortion is prayer. Join your voice at the monthly pro-life Mass and vigil, on **Saturday, December 7 at 9 a.m.** at **Our Lady of Mercy** (7455 10th Ave, Burnaby).

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